MINUTES: GLBT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 8, 2006 – 5:00 PM
Room 250, City Hall

PRESENT: Deirdre Pike, Francine Small, Joe Whelan, Suzanne Foreman,
Kaz Klonowski, Cole Gately

REGrets: Mike Desjardins (leave of absence)

1. DECLARATION OF “CONFLICT OF INTEREST”
None declared.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 8, 2006

(Klonowski/Small)
That the minutes for the GLBT Advisory Committee for February 8, 2006 be
approved as circulated. CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 New Members

The Committee welcomed Suzanne Foreman and Kazimierz Klonowski.
Members introduced themselves and indicated their reasons for interest in
this committee.

3.2 2006 Work Plan

Workplan recommendations were reviewed by committee members. Under
outcomes for recommendation 6, add June 1 – National Day to End
Homophobia; Pride Pages; and work subcommittees as they are identified
throughout the year.

Minor revisions may be necessary in future, however the Committee feels the
workplan is complete.

(Klonowski /Foreman)
That the 2006 Work Plan for the GLBT Advisory Committee be approved.
CARRIED.
3.3 LGBTQ Community Wellness Centre

Trillium granted $43,000 to start up the pilot project. Board applications have been distributed amongst the community and the Board will be selected soon. Please let your contacts know.

3.4 Outlive Homophobia Campaign

50 sets of 6 posters per set were ordered and received. A $100 donation was made towards the campaign.

Discussion took place about distribution of posters around the city. Posters will be distributed through committee members’ contacts and also advertised through CIS.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 LGBT Smoking Cessation Program

Deirdre advised that she met with Urmila Chandran of Public Health Services who is starting a smoking cessation program in our community. She would like to provide a training program for agencies and groups working with the LGBT and is interested in meeting with us to seek the Committee’s feedback on how she can gain access to member of the LGBT community.

The committee is in agreement to work with her on this project.

4.2 Trans Issues

Francine is looking for services for a young trans woman in Hamilton who also has a physical disability. Cole suggested she contact the Sherbourne Health Centre in Toronto as there are no resources in Hamilton.

There was discussion amongst the committee about the fact that there are no resources in Hamilton for trans people. Although we are a GLBT advisory committee and there are other LGBT groups in the city, we are actually only working actively on LGB issues. The committee feels there is a need to address this gap.

4.3 TEACH (Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia)

Date for this is April 25. They are looking for a space. Cole suggested Francine call Bob Wood at Housing Help Centre to enquire about a space.
4.4  Pride Pages

Joe is working on them and will provide an update on the distribution date, etc. at next meeting.

5.  INFORMATION SHARING

6.  FOLLOW-UP

7.  ADJOURNMENT