- MINUTES -
GLBT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 10, 2007
5:00 p.m. – Room 264
City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Joe Whelan, Mike Des Jardins, Deirdre Pike
Also Present: Jane Lee – City of Hamilton  
Simon LeBrun

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 8, 2006
(Whelan/Des Jardins)
That the minutes of the November 8, 2006 meeting of the GLBT Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 Resignation – Francine Small
The committee received the resignation of Francine Small with regrets. Deirdre Pike will send an acknowledgment and thanks to Francine.

3.2 Pride Pages
It was announced that the Hamilton Pride Festival has taken over the production of the annual Pride Pages. They wished to continue with the partnership with the GLBT Advisory Committee in the production of the community listings.

Joe provided an update from the meeting that Hamilton Pride representatives had with Peter Fryns of Peartree Graphics.

The Committee agreed that they could play a role in enhancing the community listings by calling other agencies, in addition to continuing with financial support for the community listings. It was noted that the intent would be to highlight that the community listings were provided by the GLBT Advisory Committee.

It was noted that this work had to start now, in order to have the publication out early. Deirdre, Mike, and Simon agreed to work on checking the current listing and ensuring the listings are complete by May 1st. Joe will provide them with additional information by the next meeting.
Deirdre would also prepare the letter from the Committee for the publication by May 1st.

There will be a discussion at the next meeting about distribution, and how to get the Pride Pages out to the community.

3.3 Website
Simon led the discussion about the proposed GLBT Advisory Committee website. Discussion took place about what purpose the website serves. A discussion took place about the value of an anti-oppression section, and to consider the work being done by other groups, with content being developed. Specific note was made of work being done by the Well.

The current e-mail address is: glbt.hamilton@gmail.ca. Simon noted that it was possible to register the domain name of glbthamilton.ca.

(Whelan/Des Jardins)
That the GLBT Advisory Committee register the domain name glbthamilton.ca for $14.00. CARRIED

This item is to be a standing item on the agenda. Simon will bring back further information in March.

3.4 Presentation to Committee of the Whole
A discussion took place about the end of term presentation to the members of Council. It was agreed that the presentation should be made to the Committee of the Whole. (March 26, April 10th). Items considered to be included in the presentation were the Committee’s purpose, examples of what the committee has done, presentation of the Pride award plaque to the Chair, and an idea of current issues. The May 17th Press conference could also be announced.

Deirdre is to ask Mary Gallagher to get on March or April Committee of the Whole agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Canadian Blood Services
A recent article in Xtra was noted. A discussion took place about the questions on the Canadian Blood Services questionnaire. It was noted that gay men cannot give blood, but the same questions and denials are not made to others.

4.2 Recruitment of Members
A discussion took place about the need to recruit for new members for the next term, in order to generate additional interest. (Note: Clerks staff have indicated that the advertising will probably go out in March for April appointments.)
5. INFORMATION SHARING
   The AIDS gala – Escape to Oz – Oscar party will be held on Sat. Feb. 24, 2007 at the Hamilton Sheraton. Tickets are $50.00.

   (Des Jardins/Whelan)
   That the GLBT Advisory Committee sponsor 2 tickets to the AIDS Gala for PHAs. **CARRIED.**

   As part of the Award that the Committee received at 2006 Pride Festival, the committee won 4 return tickets for VIA in the Windsor-Quebec corridor. A discussion took place about how best to utilize the tickets.

   The Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition Annual General Meeting is to be held by teleconference this year. Deirdre will participate on behalf of the committee.

6. FOLLOW-UP

7. ADJOURNMENT