PRESENT: Simon Lebrun, Deirdre Pike, Erin Fuller, Debbie Woolridge, Councillor Bob Bratina

REGRETS: Lyla Miklos

ABSENT: Brendan Wilson

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Lee, City of Hamilton

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   (Woolridge/Bratina)
   That the March 12, 2008 minutes of the GLBT Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Membership – Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition
   Deirdre Pike provided some background information on the Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition to the committee members. In the past, the advisory committee sponsored attendance at a conference in Gatineau, Quebec which spurred a wellness centre development in our community. She commented that there are so few things of this nature that we can belong to. In addition, they are a good source of information and have a very good poster campaign that the committee could tap into.

   (Pike/Fuller)
   That the GLBT Advisory Committee renew its membership in the Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition at the same membership amount as last year. CARRIED.
4.2 Pride Sponsorship

(Woolridge/Fuller)
That the GLBT Advisory Committee sponsor Hamilton Pride in the amount of $750.00 as was done last year.

This motion was withdrawn.

Following discussion, it was decided to confirm last year’s contribution amount, as well as the sponsorship levels, and make a decision at the next meeting.

4.3 International Day Against Homophobia – May 17, 2008
A press conference for International Day Against Homophobia will be held on Friday, May 16, 2008 at the Workers Arts & Heritage Centre. The press conference venue, podium and chairs are being provided at no cost to the committee.

What can we do to make this conference different?

A discussion took place about the focus for the event, and it was determined that there should be link with multi-cultural communities. It is hoped that members of various cultural communities could be in attendance.

Councillor Bratina is assisting with a poster on the theme of “The World is One, and will speak at the event.
Jane is to arrange to have 30 to 50 sets of “Outlive Homophobia” posters ordered, and to order refreshments for 30.
Deirdre will pull together an Invitation list, and will invite HCCI, Elementary School Teachers Federation, representatives of labour, and employers, as well as Vilma Rossi.
Simon will contact Azra to see if she would be willing to share her story, together with Renee, if possible.
Erin Fuller will design the poster. The poster will be sent out on Community Information Services.
Simon Lebrun will speak to Lyla Miklos regarding media release, press release, invitation.
Carolyn Bish will be requested to draft a check list for events.
Simon Lebrun to contact Ian, and will look for the banner.
There should also be a letter/invitation to the Mayor and Members of Council.
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

**GLBT Police Task Force**

It was noted that Lyla would probably not be able to attend these meetings at the present time. Debbie Woolridge is to contact Sandra Wilson about the need for a new member on the GLBT Police Task Force. Debbie can fill this role.

6. **INFORMATION SHARING**

Simon noted the Hate Crimes Advocacy Training he had been involved in for 9 weeks; and noted that he felt that it was great for the community.

Deirdre Pike informed the committee that a followup meeting to Needs Assessment Report will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Hamilton Central Police Station.

Councillor Bratina noted a new book recently published about the Brant Inn, which contains the story of John Murray Anderson. It was written by the Spectator’s Ian Brown. He noted that it might be of interest to the committee members.

A brief discussion took place about the Film festival on Sunday, which showed the TransAmerica movie. Debbie participated on the panel, and made a lot of connections.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

Several members were unable to attend the next regular meeting date on May 7th, so the meeting is to be re-scheduled.

The next meeting of the GLBT Advisory Committee will be on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.