



The Corporation of The Town of Cobourg
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
MINUTES

June 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation

Members Present: Frances Northeast
Beverley Shepherd
Anna Albouni
Terry Dillon
Marilou Martin
Ashley Bouman
Heidi Carisse
Shawn Levy
Boutheina Maraoui
Roger Ramkissoon, Chief Financial Officer, Cobourg Police Services

Members Absent: Councillor Adam Bureau

Staff Present: Jamie Kramer, Accessibility Coordinator
Brent Larmer, Municipal Clerk / Manager of Legislative Services
Emilio Ojedae, Northumberland County
Nicole Beatty

Staff Absent: Krystal Christopher, Deputy Clerk
Ashley Purdy
Emily Chorley

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Marilou Martin called the Meeting to Order at 6:04 P.M.

Shawn Levy joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Beverley Shepherd joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Heidi Carisse joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Roger Ramkissoo, Chief Financial Officer, Cobourg Police Services joined the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Nicole Beatty joined the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Boutheina Maraoui joined the meeting at 6:02 pm.

Anna Albouni joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

2. TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved by Beverley Shepherd

THAT the Agenda dated June 17, 2021 be approved as presented.

Carried

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared by Committee Members.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- Deferred to the next Regular Meeting

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

7. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Members at Large discussing Government Bill C-6 (House of Commons Second Reading).

- B. Shepherd: I do not agree when an MP who is supposed to represent all the people passing something that does not represent my voice.
- T. Dillon: Essentially, as members of the Church are saying that they are not professionals so they should not fall under the ban because to them they are providing counselling, not conversion therapy.
- E. Ojeda: It is a loop hole they are trying to use and go through.

- S. Levy: I believe they are just renaming something so they can continue to do what they are doing.
- T. Dillon: We make our position known and make a statement.
- Councillor Beatty put forward a motion to send a letter of support on behalf of Council.
- Councillor Beatty: Appreciate that as a Committee we can support the Bill in place and make it known that we are in support of this.
- T. Dillon: Think that we should make the distinction that we support it as put forward without the loop hole.
- T. Dillon put forward a motion to amend to include a distinction of how Bill C-6 has been presented without any amendments. This was seconded by Heidi Carisse.
- This motion for amendment was approved.

Ashley Bouman joined the meeting at 6:29 pm.

THAT the Equity Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee recommend Council write a letter of support to Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and David Lametti the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the Federal Government on behalf of Municipal Council in support of Bill C-6, being an act to amend the Criminal Code of Canada (Conversion Therapy); and

FURTHER THAT this motion and the letter of support be sent to all municipalities in the County of Northumberland, Phillip Lawrence Member of Federal Parliament for Northumberland—Peterborough South and David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and all other municipalities in Ontario.

Amended

Moved by Terry Dillon

THAT the Motion on the table be amended to:

THAT the Equity Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee recommend Council write a letter of support to Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and David Lametti the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the Federal Government on behalf of Municipal Council in support of

Bill C-6, being an act to amend the Criminal Code of Canada (Conversion Therapy) as it has been presented without any amendments; and

FURTHER THAT this motion and the letter of support be sent to all municipalities in the County of Northumberland, Phillip Lawrence Member of Federal Parliament for Northumberland—Peterborough South and David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and all other municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried