

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

AT A MEETING OF COMMUNITY WELLNESS COMMITTEE
HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 9:00 AM

These are considered a draft rendering of the official minutes. Official minutes can be obtained through the Office of the City Clerk once approved.

Present: Councillor Andrew Stevens, in the Chair
Councillor John Findura (Videoconference)
Councillor Dan LeBlanc (Videoconference)
Councillor Terina Shaw (Videoconference)
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk (Videoconference)

Also in Attendance: Council Officer, Tracy Brezinski
City Manager, Chris Holden
City Solicitor, Byron Werry
Executive Director, City Planning & Community Development, Diana Hawryluk
Coordinator, Social Inclusion, Dave Slater (Videoconference)

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, as submitted, after adding CWC21-8, a communication from Sarah Dymund, respecting CWC21-6 Conversion Therapy Report, and that the delegations be heard in the order they are called by the Chairperson.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on March 10, 2021 be adopted, as circulated.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

CWC21-7 Age Friendly Cities

Recommendation

The Community Wellness Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Endorse the request of the Age Friendly Regina committee for the City of Regina to become an age friendly community by participating, supporting, promoting, and working to assess and improve inclusion and accessibility for individuals of all ages.

2. Remove item MN20-20 from the List of Outstanding Items for City Council.
3. Approve these recommendations at its meeting on April 28, 2021.

Andre Nogue, representing Age Friendly Regina Steering Committee, addressed the Committee.

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved that the recommendation contained in the report be concurred in.

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved, in amendment, that Administration prepare a report to the Community Wellness Committee in Q2 2022 that outlines the scope and needed resources to develop an Accessibility Plan for an Age Friendly Regina after a review of forthcoming provincial accessibility legislation.

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor Stadnichuk's amendment.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
	5	0

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

The Clerk called the vote on the main motion, as amended.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor John Findura	✓	
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
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The main motion, as amended, was put and declared CARRIED.

COMMUNICATION

CWC21-8 Sarah Dymund: Conversion Therapy Report

Recommendation

That Community Wellness Committee receive and file this communication.

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this communication be received and filed.

CWC21-6 Conversion Therapy Report

Recommendation

The Community Wellness Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Direct the Mayor to write to the Federal Government on behalf of Regina City Council in support of Bill C-6.
2. Approve this recommendation at its meeting on April 28, 2021.

The following addressed the Committee:

- Kent Peterson, representing Queen City for All;
- Russell Mitchell-Walker, representing Eastside United Church;
- Kevin Philip;
- Stewart Miller, representing Bread of Life Lutheran Church;
- Wayne Bernakevitch;
- Chris Kortright;
- Joy Cowan, representing Heritage United Church;
- Femi Ogunrinde;
- Emmanuel Sanchez;
- Jose Ruba, representing Free to Care;
- Teresa Pierre, representing Parents As First Educators; and
- Wilna van Beek, representing God Gazers Bridge Builders Ministry.

RECESS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 (13.1) of City Council's Procedure Bylaw No. 9004, a 15-minute recess was called.

The Committee recessed at 11:20 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

The following addressed the Committee:

- Barbara Wrishko;
- Sterling Bjorndahl; and
- Trina Hodgson.

RECESS

Councillor John Findura moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting recess to a date to be determined by the Secretary, after polling members of the Committee.

The Committee recessed at 12:05 p.m.

The Committee reconvened on April 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

The following addressed the Committee:

- Darlene Wurster;
- Nicholas Schiavo, representing No Conversion Canada;
- Jacq Brasseur;
- Crystal Elliott;
- Kent Stewart, representing Wesley United Church;
- Kristopher Wells, representing McEwen University;
- Cameron Fraser, Knox-Metropolitan United Church;
- Janet Bjorndahl;
- Colette Aikema;
- Nancy Yee, representing Immanuel Anglican Parish Regina; and
- Laura Sundberg and Gisela Stuhm, representing St. James United Church.

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved that the recommendation contained in the report be concurred in.

Councillor Dan LeBlanc moved, in amendment, that City Council:

- 3. Formally joins the Canadian Psychological Association in affirming "that all adolescent and adult persons have the right to define their own gender identity regardless of chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex, or initial gender role. Moreover, all adolescent and adult persons have the right to free expression of their self-defined gender identity." as outlined in their Policy Statement: 2010-1 Gender Identity in Adolescents and Adults.**
- 4. Formally joins the Canadian Psychiatric Association in opposing "the use of reparative or conversion therapy, given that such therapy is based on the assumption that LGBTQ identities indicate a mental disorder and (or) the assumption that the person could and should change their sexual orientation and (or) their gender identity and gender expression." as outlined in The Canadian Journal of Psychiatry, Vol 59, No. 11, Position Paper – Mental Health Care for People Who Identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and(or) Queer.**
- 5. Direct Administration to prepare a report to City Council in Q1 of 2022 with a report exploring the feasibility of a municipal bylaw prohibiting conversion therapy within city limits. The report shall pay particular attention to the impact of parallel bylaws throughout Western Canada, as well as consider the efficacy of withholding business licenses, summary prosecution for offenders, and other methods to deter the practice.**

The Clerk called the vote on Councillor LeBlanc's amendment.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor John Findura		✓
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
	4	1

The motion was put and declared **CARRIED**.

(Councillor Terina Shaw requested that Recommendation #1 be voted on separately.)

The Clerk called the vote on Recommendation #1.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw		✓
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor John Findura		✓
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
	3	2

The motion was put and declared **CARRIED**.

The Clerk called the vote on the main motion, as amended.

	In Favour	Against
Councillor Dan LeBlanc	✓	
Councillor Terina Shaw	✓	
Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk	✓	
Councillor John Findura		✓
Councillor Andrew Stevens	✓	
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The main motion, as amended, was put and declared **CARRIED**.

RESOLUTION FOR PRIVATE SESSION

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that in the interest of the public, the remaining items on the agenda be considered in private.

Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Committee recess for 5 minutes.

The Committee recessed at 11:38 a.m.

Chairperson

Secretary