

Recruitment for LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee now open

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Welland, ON – Applications for the City of Welland's newly created LCBTQ2+ Advisory Committee are now open and accepted until Friday, March 11, no later than 4:30 p.m.

Five volunteer positions are available, and applicants should outline what assets they would bring to the committee. To be successful, applicants must be a resident/ratepayer in the City of Welland or a non-ratepayer (active in the Welland Community) to fill a vacancy on the committee.

"This committee creates greater representation in our growing city," said Mayor Frank Campion. "The committee will also help us break down barriers experienced by members of the LGBTQ2+ communities when it comes to accessing programs, services and more. It is not enough to say we're inclusive; we need to show that we're making good on that statement."

The committee reports to Council through the City Clerk. Administrative support to the committee is available by the Office of the City Clerk, which shall assign a secretary to the committee.

The committee is responsible for things such as, but not limited to:

- Promoting and enhancing Welland as a welcoming city; improving the quality of life for all.
- Position the city, its advisory committees and Council with knowledge and resources to encourage a range of perspectives, experiences and ideas in decision making.
- Advise Council on eliminating barriers experienced by members of LGBTQ2+ communities in accessing and participating in city-delivered programs, services, and spaces.
- Provide advice on and support the development, review and implementation of the city's public policies and programs related to the committee's mandate.
- Work with the community partners to organize civic events and recognize days or events significant to the LGBTQ2+ communities.
- Actively engage the community and provide public education on relevant programs, services and issues of interest.

To apply and read the committee's terms of reference, visit: <u>LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee (welland.ca)</u>

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