

Supporting Trans\* Equality and an Inclusive Vancouver

Standing Committee of Council July 13<sup>th</sup> 2016



### **Agenda**



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#### **Council Motion July 21, 2015**



#### Staff directed to...

- Consult with LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee and Vancouver Park Board's Trans\* and Gender Variant Inclusion (TGVI) Steering Committee and
- Report back on how the City can build on the work of the Vancouver Park Board & Vancouver Board of Education to make civic facilities, operations and programs safe and inclusive spaces for Trans\* and Gender Variant communities, including:
  - a) Signage and Literature
  - b) Public Spaces
  - c) Human Resource Training and Staff Policies
  - d) Programming
  - e) Collaborative Public and Community Partnerships

## **Key Concepts and Terms**



## Transgender/ Trans\*

 Wide range of people whose gender identity differs from assigned sex at birth

#### Gender Variant

 Gender identity (innate sense) does not conform to traditional binary expectations

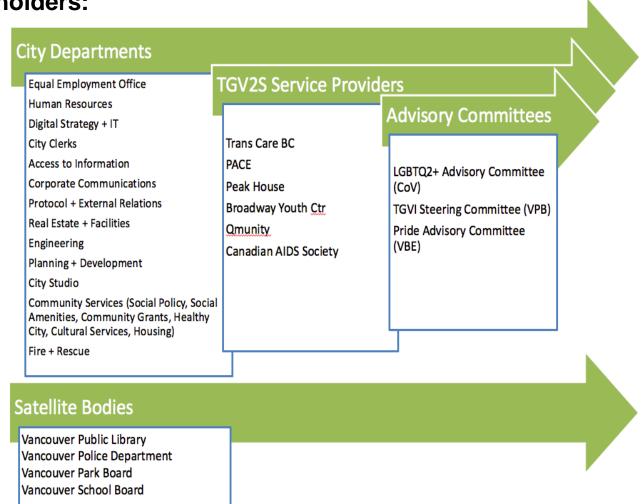
# Two Spirit

- A cultural and spiritual identity used by some Indigenous people to describe gender variance and sexuality
- Honours the First Nation's distinct experience of both gender identity and sexuality

#### **Process Undertaken**



#### Stakeholders:



# Stakeholder Group Participation



Stakeholder Group	Method Details	# Participants
City Staff	Staff from more than 20 departments, clustered within six stakeholder groups.	28
VPD Staff	Two-hour consultation meeting.	3
VPL Staff	Two-hour consultation meeting.	5
Vancouver Park Board	Staff joined by one Commissioner in two-hour consultation meeting.	3
Vancouver Board of Education Staff	Two-hour consultation meeting.	3
Advisory Committees	A three-hour charrette was conducted with members of all three advisory committees invited.	8
TGV2S Service Providers	Staff from 6 organizations participated in 6 two-hour interviews.	7
	Total # of Participants	57

#### **Council Report Recommendations**



- A. THAT Council receive the attached report, entitled "Trans\*, Gender Variant and Two-Spirit Inclusion at the City of Vancouver" for information;
- B. THAT Council direct staff to create an interdepartmental implementation team of staff to move forward with a Trans\*, Gender Variant and Two-Spirit Inclusion action plan for the City, liaising with the City's LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee and Parks TGVI Steering Committee on related actions as necessary;
- C. THAT Council direct staff to focus initially on the Quick Starts noted in Table 1 of this report;
- D. THAT Council direct staff to report back annually on progress to date; and
- E. THAT Council refer the report to the Vancouver Public Library Board and the Vancouver Police Board for review, as part of their ongoing progressive work in this area.

### **Quick Starts (complete by end 2017)**



Pillar	Recommendation	VPB/VBE Rec
Pillar 1: Public Spaces, Facilities + Signage	Update single-user washroom signage to reflect Universal, functions-based designation	<b>√</b>

### **Quick Start Recommendations**



Pillar	Recommendation	VPB/VBE Rec
Pillar 2: Programs + Services	Update grants priorities to reflect TGV2S inclusion	<b>√</b>

#### **Quick Start Recommendations**



Pillar	Recommendation	VPB/VBE Rec
Pillar 3: Human Resources	Ensure staff resources to lead implementation team and decide next steps, including associated budgets, to carry out TGV2S inclusion work	✓
	Provide TGV2S inclusion training to Corporate Management Team and General Managers	✓

### **Quick Start Recommendations**



Pillar	Recommendation	VPB/VBE Rec
Pillar 4: Communications + Data	Develop checklist for TGV2S inclusion in City of Vancouver Event protocols	<b>√</b>

#### **Summary**



- Create interdepartmental team
- Implement Quick Starts, develop plan
   Total recommendations = 14
   with 31 sub-recommendations
- Yearly report back to Council
- Continue good work already underway



#### **Work underway**



Vancouver Police Department video (2016)

"Walk with Me – Embracing the Transgender Community"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtwBgm8HEpM

#### **Comments/ Questions**







### Universal Single-User Washroom Signage





# Universal Single-User Washroom Signage with Changing Table



