



GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Conversion Therapy

Recommendation of the Committee

1. That the report of the City Solicitor dated April 20, 2020, be referred back to the Administration to complete the original recommendation with respect to stakeholder engagement;
2. That a bylaw be drafted to prohibit conversion therapy as a business in Saskatoon; and
3. That City Council write to other orders of government expressing Saskatoon's support for tabled Bill C-8, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (conversion therapy), indicating that we intend to align our business license practices with the direction of the Federal Government on this issue once Bill C-8 is in effect.

History

The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on April 20, 2020, considered a report of the City Solicitor regarding the above, along with correspondence received regarding the matter.

Attachments

1. Report of the City Solicitor dated April 20, 2020
2. Correspondence from the following:
 - Pastor Keith Pankratz, Pleasant Hill Church, dated February 18, 2020 and February 26, 2020;
 - Florence Paquette, dated February 18, 2020 and April 20, 2020;
 - Dr. Kristopher Wells, MacEwan University, dated February 20, 2020 and April 15, 2020;
 - Mary Riendeau, dated February 25, 2020
 - Edwin and Ann Ralph, dated February 26, 2020; and
 - Trisha Little, SSUC Saskatoon, dated March 16, 2020 and April 16, 2020;
 - Dr. Fran Forsberg, Grosvenor Park United Church, dated April 17, 2020;
 - James Komar, dated April 18, 2020;
 - Rev. Nobuko Iwai, submitted April 18, 2020; and
 - Hudson Byblow, dated April 20, 2020