

**Name of Group or Person(s) Being Represented (if applicable), Including the Person(s) Who Will Be Speaking and/or Present at the Meeting:**

Barrie Pride Jessie Lawson, Brodie Mears

1, Here is a bit of background from our perspective to help direct the nature of our request to you folks better.

Last June 1st 2024, I verbally mentioned to the Mayor at the International Pride day flag raising that we would like to streamline the special events applications and system for historical advocacy groups such as ourselves, TransQ, Barrie Native Friendship Centre, Camp-hill Communities etc The Mayor recommended that we speak to the finance committee and we have been speaking with Shawn through emails to attempt to have a proposal for the change before the necessary body or committee.

Could you please direct us to the appropriate place to have our proposal heard?

Thank you for your time and help. Take care Jessie and Brodi

**2. Brief Statement of Purpose of the Open Delegation:**

A request that Historical Advocacy groups like Barrie Pride, Barrie Native Friendship Centre, Camphill Communities and Uplift Black have static annual dates for their personal advocacy history. For Barrie Pride specifically we are requesting the first weekend in June to be a multi day Pride Celebration utilizing Meridian Square, multiple and various downtown streets, gathering areas and businesses and organizations. We as a grassroots 2SLGBTQAI+ organization have fought for the rights we have publicly and personally and will continue to fight for our rights and future rights to not only survive but thrive. With this changing world we are asking to be awarded consistency. Not only is this an empowerment for the community but also for the municipality to be a light of solidarity of civil rights in these dark times for Queer and especially Trans folk. The static date for the annual Barrie Pride Celebration may seem a small ask but the consistent date would speak volumes. The financially inclusive boost to the local economy, businesses, artisans and performers would draw people here in a celebration we can build annually with the first weekend in June being reserved. Thank you.