

RESOLUTION: Implementation of guidelines and requirements for entry into Halifax Pride Society events.

WHEREAS Halifax Pride Society has excluded various LGBTQ+ community groups and rejected calls to remove the display of promotional materials that alienate and perpetuate harm against local LGBTQ+ community members, and

WHEREAS Queer Arabs of Halifax and the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project's Anti-Pinkwashing petition has the support of over 500 community members, and

WHEREAS Halifax Pride Society has allowed for Community Fair and Parade participants entry without ensuring that these organizations have LGBTQ+ inclusive policies and provide materials relevant to the LGBTQ+ community, and

WHEREAS Halifax Pride Society could be better using its unique position as curators of the Halifax Pride Festival to more strongly challenge governments, corporations, and community organizations to develop LGBTQ+ inclusive policies, materials, and procedures, and

WHEREAS Halifax Pride Society does not currently have guidelines in place for entry into the Society's festival events

BE IT RESOLVED that the Halifax Pride Society:

1. Will implement guidelines and requirements, in collaboration with LGBTQ+ community group stakeholders, for entry into Halifax Pride Festival events in order to ensure that all participants have demonstrated a commitment to deepening their LGBTQ+ inclusive practices and bring materials relevant to the LGBTQ+ community to the Festival;
2. Will prioritize and respond to the concerns of local LGBTQ+ community groups and community members without delay and over non-LGBTQ+ organizations, governments, and corporations; and
3. Will publicly acknowledge the state of its relationship with the Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) LGBTQ+ community in order to create a foundation from which positive relationships can be fostered between BIPOC LGBTQ+ community groups and Halifax Pride Society.