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Capitale
Pride

2018-2019 Annual Report

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Our mission is to create opportunities to celebrate, advocate, educate and connect people, respecting the full diversity of the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

In 2019 Capital Pride welcomed over 120,000 people to its pride celebrations during February and August thanks to a team of over 200 volunteers, board members and team leads, many community and corporate partners and the support of all levels of government.



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Welcome from the Chairperson

Bonjour/Hi,

2019 was an eventful year for Capital Pride and on behalf of the Board of Directors and entire team I am pleased to share our 2018-19 annual report. The report provides an overview of our events and activities and recognises the many volunteers, community groups, local businesses and corporates partners who support Capital Pride – to each of you, thank you!

In February 2019, we hosted our inaugural WinterPride festival in partnership with Winterlude, thanks to the support of our longtime partner, Canadian Heritage. Capital Pride is not afraid of ambitious goals: as we celebrated WinterPride, we also welcomed pride organizations from across the country to Ottawa, as we hosted the annual Fierté Canada Pride conference - which turned out to be the largest gathering of Canadian Pride organizers in Canada. These events were an important milestone for Capital Pride as we continue in our efforts to develop new year round programming, and strengthen the foundations of our young organization.

Our Summer Festival, which took place August 18-25, continued to reach new heights welcoming over 125,000 people from the National Capital Region, the rest of Canada and the world! Our theme was *"In the Spotlight"*, which shed light on individuals and organizations that reflect our community's rich diversity and contribute to building a more inclusive society for all, and on the many barriers that remain on the road toward true equality for all.

Although a huge success, an incident at the start of the Festival provided an important moment for the community to pause, reflect and organize when

a family drag story time event was confronted with violence and hate from a small group of anti-2SLGBTQ+ protestors. At the time, we issued a statement saying we will unite in our efforts to build a more inclusive community and that theme continued throughout the week as community members showed up to support the many events that took place throughout the festival.

In May we held consultations with community members both online and in-person to ensure that Pride was representing the community we serve. The consultation led to a number of commitments that were actualized during the summer festival and beyond.

Finally, I am honoured to welcome our first-ever Executive Director Osmel B. Guerra Maynes (Oz). He is an experienced non-profit executive with a background in event planning and a deep commitment to social justice and community organizing. Oz will manage the organization's day-to-day operations and lead our efforts to make a meaningful impact throughout the National Capital Region and beyond.

As we continue to build community, we remain committed as ever to our mission: to create opportunities to celebrate, advocate, educate and connect people, respecting the full diversity of the 2SLGTQ+ community.

Yours in Pride,



Davy Sabourin
Chairperson



2019 Honourees



Grand Marshal Dillon Black

Dillon Black, M.S.W. (they/them) is a gender-nonconforming feminist anti-violence & LGBTQ2IS+ rights advocate & current Ph.D. student in the Department of Criminology at the University of Ottawa. Dillon's Ph.D. research hopes to interrogate surveillance and resistance of queer and trans communities in Canada through the intersections of privacy, technology, and gendered violence. For the past 7 years Dillon has been working with the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women (OCTEVAW) on improving institutional accountability in responses to sexual violence to meet the needs of marginalized communities both locally and nationally. Dillon has served the last two years on the Minister on the Status of Women's Advisory Council to Help Shape the Federal Strategy on Gender-Based Violence, and more recently Dillon was appointed by Prime Minister Trudeau to the Gender Equality Advisory Council for Canada's G7 Presidency. In 2018, Dillon was named as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in Global Policy on Gender Equality.



Youth Marshal Bryan Quiñones

Bryan Quiñones identifies as a “bakla” or “bayot,” and also as a young nonbinary queer Filipino immigrant. Bryan immigrated to Ottawa, Canada from Cebu, Philippines in 2013. Since their arrival to Canada, Bryan attempts to explore what it means to be a nonbinary queer Filipino immigrant while existing in a white, Euro-centric, individualistic, somewhat open-minded queer society.

Bryan is a champion and a supporter of local community-based, grassroots-level organizing. Bryan has been involved with community organizations such as Ten Oaks Project, the AIDS Committee of Ottawa, Gay Zone, Kind Space, MAX Ottawa and many other organizations and groups. Bryan prioritize to support racialized and trans femme spaces, identities, and voices. Bryan is a community educator, an activist, a leader and a friend.

Bryan is loud and vivacious. They have a precious positive energy that will definitely light up the room. Bryan advocates for social equity and values anti-oppression in their social justice work. On their free time, Bryan enjoys criticizing how political institutions have prioritized white heterosexual cis men, and in turn, have failed black, indigenous, people of colour, 2SLGBTQ+ folks, immigrants, students, people with disabilities, low-income people, women, and many other marginalized folks.



Community Champion Roland Jones

RJ Jones is Saulteaux–Cree, originally from Treaty 1 territory in Saskatchewan and is currently living on Algonquin Territory in Ottawa. He is a Two-Spirit, Non-Binary and Queer multimedia artist, educator and full-spectrum Indigenous doula. RJ is an experienced facilitator and educator and has been invited to give workshops and keynotes across Canada. He also has a non-profit working experience of over 6 years and has worked alongside Indigenous and 2SLGBTQ+ communities and within sexual health. RJ’s facilitation practice is rooted in cultural safety, harm reduction, trauma-informedness and decolonizing stigma.

RJ works hard to indigenize his practice by bridging his cultural and facilitation knowledge and has been invited across Canada to give workshops and keynotes. RJ’s passion for learning, 2SLGBTQ+ advocacy and sexual health has led him to opportunities such as serving as the President of Kind Space, being a board member at Assembly of Seven Generations (A7G) and working with Planned Parenthood Ottawa as the Curriculum Developer.

WinterPride

February 4 - 9, 2019

Capital Pride Awards Gala

An evening to recognize local 2SLGBTQ+ leaders who make a difference in the community. Hosted at the Canadian Museum of History the evening included performances from local artists and a headlining show by Derrick Barry and Trinity the Tuck.

Sparks Street Main Stage

Mado, Montreal's most famous drag queen kicked off WinterPride weekend activities at this year's Sparks Street Winter Stage. On Saturday the entertainment continued with drag shows and an evening divas tribute show. To finish with a bang, it wrapped up Sunday following the parade with local DJs.

Come OUT and Play!

Daytime programming took place along Spark's Street including family friendly activities, a community ice mosaic and a fireside speakers series.

Saturday Night Divas

People came out in big numbers for Saturday Night Divas and took in a heavy dose of the region's best drag heating up the Winter Stage, ending with Toronto's Material Girls!

Let's MARCH and Make Noise: Standing Proud, Standing OUT!

Hundreds participated in the inaugural WinterPride parade to commemorate the important advances of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalization of homosexuality in Canada and the work that remains.

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Theme

50 years of partial decriminalization of homosexual acts in Canada

On December 21, 1967, then-Justice Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau introduced an amendment to criminal law, Bill C-195, famously declaring “there’s no place for the state in the bedrooms of the nation.” Nearly two years later, on June 27, 1969, the renamed Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1968–69, became law upon royal assent, introducing the partial decriminalization of homosexual acts in Canada.

While this was a watershed moment in the advancement of 2SLGBTQ+ rights in Canada, the following, among other facts, remained true in 2019:

- Some provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada still criminalize certain consensual intimate intercourses;
- Certain policies still forbid men and trans women from donating blood for engaging in same-sex sexual activities;
- LGBTQ2+ Conversion Therapy is a practice widely used; and
- Certain voices are still trying to instill homophobic and transphobic public policies and/or repeal others that would otherwise promote inclusion and afford our communities protection against oppression and violence.

For Capital Pride’s first edition of WinterPride, we invited our community and allies to come out into the cold at our signature events and to take to the streets for our march, both in commemoration and celebration of this 50-year milestone, while also continuing the fight for full equality in Canada and around the world.

Community Event Partners

We are pleased to acknowledge the following community groups, organizations and, businesses who hosted events during WinterPride:

AIDS Committee of Ottawa	Kind Space	Ottawa Senior Pride Network
Algonquin Students’ Association Pride Centre	Kinki Lounge	Sashay
Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity	Lesbian Outdoor Group	Siempre Tango Ottawa
Canadian Museum of History	MAX ottawa	T’s Pub
Downtown Bank Street	Ottawa Art Gallery	Venus Envy
	Ottawa Frontrunners	
	Ottawa Knights	



Summer Festival

August 18 - 25, 2019



Flag Raisings

Flag raisings at Ottawa City Hall and Gatineau City Hall officially kicked off pride celebrations across the National Capital Region. Local businesses and community groups, museums, tourist attractions, embassies and high commissions and sports teams all joined this year's efforts by raising pride flags throughout the community.

Family Picnic

The much anticipated family picnic was organised in partnership with community groups throughout Ottawa including the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa, Kind Space, MAX Ottawa, Mothercraft Ottawa, Ottawa Wolves RFC, SAEFTY - Support And Education For Trans Youth, Ten Oaks Project, and The Queer Mafia.



Speakers Series with Tiq Milan

Tiq Milan speaks and writes about intersectional leadership, transgender rights and racial justice. He shares stories of his life and how his transgender experience has informed his views on masculinity, race and the gender binary. A journalist for over a decade his work has appeared on MIC, BuzzFeed, NBC and CNN.

Human Rights Vigil

This year's Human Rights Vigil celebrated the theme In The Spotlight by shining a light on homophobia, transphobia, racism and mental health as ongoing challenges that the community faces and finished with a moment of silence to those who have lost their lives in the last year.



TD Block Party

Now in its second year the family friendly TD Block Party took over Aberdeen Square at Lansdowne Park for an evening of activities, entertainment and headlining performance by the PepTides.

Capital Pride Pageant

The best local drag performers competed in front of a sell-out crowd for the titles of Mx. Capital Pride, Ms. Capital Pride, and Mr. Capital Pride with a headlining performance by RuPau's Drag Race superstar Brooke Lynn Hytes.

This year's pageant crowned the following winners:

Ms. Capital Pride: Adrianna Exposéé

Mr. Capital Pride: Cyril Cinder

Mx. Capital Pride: Elle Faekwa

Nature Nocturne: Bursting with Pride

The Museum of Nature celebrated pride with a burst of colour at their monthly Nature Nocturne event featuring local drag queens and live entertainment.

Youth Events

Organized by and for 2SLGBTQ+ youth, Capital Pride's youth programming creates a safe space for community members 25 and under to celebrate Pride.

Annual Clothing Swap

Participants could attend to swap clothing for a brand-new wardrobe or bring paintings, photographs, sculptures or any other art project to the swap to trade with fellow artists.

Youth Art Showcase

An evening of art produced in partnership with the Ottawa Art Gallery. Local young 2SLGBTQ+ artists were provided an opportunity to showcase original artwork and perform throughout the event.

Pride Prom

Great DJs, a youth drag show and burlesque performers entertained the crowd all night with free food and pride-themed mocktails.



Theme

In the Spotlight

2019 is a milestone year for the Pride movement globally and here in Canada. It's been 50 years since the Stonewall riots shone light on how society oppressed sexual and gender diverse communities, and 50 years since Canada partially decriminalized homosexuality.

While these anniversaries prompt us to reflect on how far we have come, 2019 has shown there is still much work to be done.

In too many places, still today, hard-fought advances are being rolled back. Basic rights and human dignity are at risk. People are punished or persecuted for who they are and who they love.

In keeping with Capital Pride's mission to celebrate, advocate, educate and connect, we are shining our spotlight on individuals and organizations that reflect our community's rich diversity and contribute to building a more inclusive society for all, and on the many barriers that remain on the road toward true equality for all.

Festival Weekend

Street Fair

PRESENTED BY ROGERS

This year's Street Festival took over Bank Street (between Somerset Street and Gladstone Street) and Somerset Street (between Bank Street and O'Connor Street) on Saturday and Sunday. Over 70 2SLGBTQ+ groups, community organizations and partners joined the Street Festival.

Bank Street Stage

The Bank Street Stage located in the heart of the street festival celebrated local queer artists and performers. It included a Drag Showcase, music, fitness sessions and more.

TD Main Stage

The TD Main Stage featured two days of programming with a mix of music, dance and drag shows with headliners Allie X and Ria Mae and performances by DJ Sandy Duperval, Shawnee, Rae Spoon and more.

The hour and a half Drag Show Extravaganza featured more than 25 drag performers with headliner Aquaria.

Capital Pride Parade

The community showed up loud and proud for this year's Pride Parade! Over 190 groups joined the parade with more than 2,500 marchers with tens of thousands of spectators lining the streets.

For the first time, this year's parade was also broadcast live on RogersTV, online at RogersTV.com and on Facebook.

Family Pride

New for 2019, Family Pride took place at Dundonald Park following the Pride Parade. It featured family friendly activities including balloon making and a bouncy castle.



Party Safe Pilot Project

Supporting safer spaces for all is a priority for Capital Pride and in 2019 we partnered with Ottawa Public Health and Ottawa Festivals Network to raise awareness of potential health risks through the PartySafe campaign.

Print and electronic material providing education on safe partying were developed and distributed and an online advertising and social media campaign was ran during the Festival. In addition, community groups organising events were provided copies.



Community Event Partners

We are pleased to acknowledge the following community groups, organizations and, businesses who hosted events during the Festival:

AIDS Committee of Ottawa	Jeunesse Idem	Ottawa Podcast Festival	Swizzles Bar and Grill
ArQuives	Kind	Ottawa Police Service	Temple Israel
Asinabka Film & Media Arts Festival	LGBT YouthLine	Ottawa Public Library	Ten Oaks Project
Canadian Heritage	MAX Ottawa	Ottawa REDBLACKS	The Amazon Collective
Canadian Museum of Nature	Moov Ottawa Dance	Ottawa Senior Pride Network	The Children's Aid Society of Ottawa
Chalk Rainbow Project	Naked Boys Reading (Ottawa)	Ottawa Sport & Entertainment Group	The Queer Mafia
Egale Canada Human Rights Trust	National Arts Centre	Ottawa Wolves	THROB Underground Events
First United Church	Ottawa Art Gallery	Prospero Book Store	Vermouth & Sane Productions
GeekOUT! Ottawa	Ottawa Birth and Wellness Centre	Queer Ontario	Wabano Centre
Girls+ Rock Ottawa	Ottawa Date Squares	Queering613	Werking Gorls
Good Companions Seniors' Centre	Ottawa Dyke March	Rainbow Brick Road	Witch Prophet
Gourmet Cuisine	Ottawa Emergency and Protectice Services	SAEFTY	Youth Services Bureau
House of PainT	Ottawa Frontrunners	Sashay	
Institute for Canadian Citizenship	Ottawa Fury	SAW Video Media Art Centre	
		Snow Pride	

Community Project Fund Recipients

Capital Pride's Community Projects Fund supports community groups and individuals by providing funding to organize events during our Festival. Launched in 2018, the fund supports events that address one or more of Capital Pride's objectives of education, advocacy, connection and celebration.

Chalk Rainbow – Craie-en-ciel

Chalk Rainbow is a bilingual community event that celebrates the Gatineau LGBTQ2+ community, and welcomes the participation of families, friends and neighbors! The local community joined in the celebrations to break bread with members of the LGBTQ2+ community, and enjoy free refreshments and food. Several community-based groups and organizations participated in a community fair to engage participants in their services.

The Women's Dance

The tradition of the Women's Pride dance, always taking place the night before the Pride Festival parade, started by the now disbanded organization "LIXCHIX". Since then it has been organized by LOG (Lesbian Outdoor Group). This year, The Amazon Collective teamed up with LOG to revitalize the event with new artists and DJs and improved sound and lighting.

[Re]Building Community Panel

In recognition of 50 years since the decriminalization of some same sex activity in Canada, the Just/Act Committee (Ottawa Senior Pride Network) organized a panel discussion on what the work 'community' means in the future of Ottawa's LGBT movement. The panel facilitated a discussion on what issues of current and future importance our community faces, and what we can learn from the advocacy work of past activists.

Village Legacy Project

As part of an expansion of the docu-series of local LGBT history, the Village Legacy Project developed a new documentary on the history of Pride celebrations in Ottawa. Featuring interviews from Yvon Vaillant, Marion Steel and Gabriella Goliger and archival photos and video footage, the video covers the very first Pride Picnic in Strathcona Park in 1986 to the first parade three years later to what is has grown into today.

Two Spirit Extravaganza

The Two Spirit Extravaganza was a night to remember! The community was invited to celebrate pride with live music, entertainment, food and mocktails, games and prizes.

Workshop and Performance with Witch Prophet

Girls+ Rock Ottawa presented two events featuring Toronto-based artist Witch Prophet: a workshop focused on self-managing creative projects as an independent artist and an evening concert featuring Witch Prophet and local queer artists and alumni of the Ottawa Rock Camp for Girls+.

Sweet Tooth: Rainbow Brick Road Fundraising Event

A fundraiser for the local Rainbow Brick Road initiative and Capital Rainbow Refuge. The event was held at Babylon Nightclub and featured local DJs, themed decor and performances.

Review of Media Coverage

By the Numbers:

102

Media hits in August.

26

Different media sources

123m

Reach across all media exceed 123 million

90mins

Special Pride Parade Show on RogersTV



CBC NEWS

Thousands pack downtown streets for annual Pride parade

With 190 groups registered to participate, event was largest to date, organizers say

CBC News - Posted: Aug 25, 2019 11:17 AM ET | Last Updated: August 25



It was Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson's first Pride parade as an openly gay man. Also pictured (right) is Beauvillier Coun. Mathieu Fleury. (Jean-Sébastien Marien/CBC)

Rainbow flags, colourful outfits and messages of love were on vivid display Sunday afternoon in downtown Ottawa for the annual Capital Pride parade.

Mayor Jim Watson took part in the celebrations this year for the first time as an openly gay man, after revealing his sexual orientation last week in an op-ed in the Ottawa Citizen.



Capital Pride festival events

BRUCE DEACHMAN Updated: August 25, 2019



Ottawa's Capital Pride Festival is set to kick off this Sunday. AUSTIN FRASER / THE OTTAWA CITIZEN

Ottawa's Capital Pride Festival has grown a lot since its inauguration in 1986, when about 50 people gathered at Strathcona Park and held a picnic amid colourful pink balloons.

This year's eight-day edition of the festival, which officially kicks off with a drag brunch on Sunday, will include flag-raising ceremonies, films, workshops, drag shows, concerts, a block party and the ever-popular parade.

And, of course, a picnic.

According to festival director Toby Whitfield, about 50 events will be taking place. Fifteen of those, dubbed Signature events, are organized and staged by Capital Pride. The roughly 65 remaining events are ones organized and hosted by community groups, libraries, galleries, businesses, restaurants and the like, and all presented under the festival's umbrella.

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Inclusion et diversité au menu de la semaine de la Fierté à Ottawa

Julien Coderre Deachman | 17 août 2019



Pride on display

NEWS



Capital Pride Parade 2019

ROGERS tv

August 25, 2019

Live coverage of the 2019 Capital Pride Parade. Featuring Wendy Boomer, Robbin Reay and special guest host, China Doll.



FULCRUM

Capital Pride Parade draws record crowd with out and proud mayor

Jonathan Di Carlo | August 26, 2019

OTTAWA CITIZEN

Eighty events in lineup for this year's Pride fest

Bruce Deachman | August 15, 2019

Global NEWS

Ottawa mayor participates in Pride as openly gay man

David Akin | August 26, 2019

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson has made history at the Pride Parade in the nation's capital. He's walked in the event before, but not as an openly gay man, until today.



CBC NEWS

Capital Pride testing ground for safety campaign

Messages aimed at keeping festivalgoers safe tackle drug abuse, sexual violence

Sandra Abma - CBC News - Posted: Aug 20, 2019 3:57 PM ET | Last Updated: August 20

In a move to make sure the festival experience is a memorable one for all the right reasons, Ottawa Festivals has joined Ottawa Public Health to raise awareness about the risks of drug use and sexual violence at large gatherings.

Capital Pride, which kicked off on the weekend, is the testing ground for the new social media campaign aimed at keeping revellers safe.

OTTAWALIFE MAGAZINE

Ottawa shows its pride



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Parade, concerts, dance parties to close out Ottawa's Capital Pride

This year's parade is expected to be the largest one yet, with more than 190 groups participating.

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Statement of Revenue, Expenditure and Changes in Net Assets

Revenue	2019 At Oct. 31	2018 At Oct. 30
Sponsorships	142,927	121,118
Grants	294,729	159,704
In-Kind Contributions	80,973	146,407
Events	152,154	104,305
Media & Guide	17,557	14,067
Donations & Fundraising	3,356	1,475
	691,696	547,076
Expenses		
Advertising and Promotion	37,247	43,034
Bad Debt	2,840	-
Communications & security	40,392	29,998
Events	435,189	242,643
Insurance	2,230	4,079
In-kind expenditures	80,973	146,407
Office & Administration	16,820	15,982
Professional fees	8,900	8,500
Subcontractors	35,425	44,494
Wages and benefits	20,095	20,276
	680,111	555,413
Excess of revenue over expenditures (Expenditures over revenue)	11,585	(8,337)
Unrestricted net assets at beginning of year, as restated	7,609	15,946
Unrestricted nets assets at end of year	19,194	7,609

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