

November 28, 2019

Dear members of the Board of Pride Toronto,

I submit the following letter regarding the actions of the Executive Director of Pride Toronto (ED).

I am a historian of the 1981 Toronto bathhouse raids, an event that directly inspired the formation of Pride Toronto. It is also an event that is part of a longer history of the criminalization of LGBTQ2+ people in the decades that followed the 1969 criminal code reform. This year, I helped form the Anti-69 Network, a group of academics and activists dedicated to resisting the mythologies of the 1969 criminal code reform. Namely, the myth that 1969 represents the decriminalization of homosexuality in Canada. The Anti-69 Network connected this myth to continuing restrictions on abortion access after 1969, the impact of family law on lesbians, and the 1969 White Paper attempt to extinguish Indigenous sovereignty.

My research on 1969 included an access to information request from the Department of Canadian Heritage. I decided to raise the issues in this letter based on the documents obtained through that request.

This matter is not based on an academic disagreement on the history of 1969. I believe the actions of the ED in this matter, which involve \$250,000 from Canadian Heritage, may raise concerns related to the transparency and credibility of Pride Toronto. I believe the Board has a duty to act in its oversight role to fully investigate the various problems raised in this letter.

I summarize the matter into four main points:

- The ED did not tell the truth to a member in good standing of Pride Toronto who made a direct enquiry about funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage.
- The ED manufactured history by claiming on the grant application that Canada was the “first country in the 1st world” to decriminalize homosexuality.
- The ED made police participation a central component of the grant application contrary to the explicit will of the membership.
- The events promised in the ED’s grant application did not occur.

The ED did not tell the truth to a member in good standing of Pride Toronto who made a direct enquiry about funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage.

1. On February 27, 2019, Pride Toronto sent a notice to all members with the subject heading, “Celebrating 50 Years Of Decriminalization Of Homosexuality In Canada.” That day, I contacted the ED requesting information regarding any funding granted to Pride Toronto toward the celebration of “decriminalization”. This initiated a string of emails in which the ED denied that Pride Toronto received any financial incentive to promote such a celebration.

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2. In the February 27, 2019 email exchange, the ED stated to me,

“Our theme is not the 50th year of decriminalization of homosexuality in Canada. It is actually ‘50th Year of the Stonewall Riots.’ Financial incentives are a moot point in this regard, there is no celebration happening in relation to Pride Toronto, so no lineup is being given for that purpose. Please do not rely on rumour or conjecture, in this case you have been totally misled.” [Appendix A page 2]

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3. I replied,

“I know for a fact that Canadian Heritage has sponsored several community organizations provided they incorporate, in some way, the 50th anniversary of the Criminal Code reform. Can you tell me, in clear/certain terms: has PrideTO received, or will PrideTO receive, any financial incentives related to the 50th anniversary of decriminalization? If the point is moot, I will drop it. But if the point is moot, you should easily be able to answer “no” to that question.” [Appendix A page 1]

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4. The ED replied, “‘No’ is the direct answer.” [Appendix A page 1]

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5. In May 2019 I completed an access to information request for a list of groups who received funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage to celebrate 1969 as “decriminalization.” The document release states, “here is a list of project initiative [sic] that has received a financial contribution from the Commemorate Canada Program, in order to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the decriminalization of homosexuality in 2019.” [Appendix B]

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6. This list indicates that Pride Toronto received \$250,000. The project title states, “Commemorating 50 years of the Criminal Law Amendment Act.” [Appendix B]

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7. In June 2019 I initiated a second access to information request. This request was for a copy of the application for each group who received funding under the Commemorate Canada Program. This included Pride Toronto’s application. [Appendix C]

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8. Pride Toronto’s grant application states,

“Our project is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Decriminalization

and it will launch during Pride Month. We will be highlighting notable figures in Canadian activism and politics that made legalization possible. We will hold a number of panels and other roundtables inviting notable figures to talk to our festival goers about this notable period in our history.” [Appendix C page 3]

9. The grant application was signed by the ED on November 7, 2018. [Appendix C page 7]

The ED manufactured history by claiming on the grant application that Canada was the “first country in the 1st world” to decriminalize homosexuality.

10. The grant application states,

“Enhance knowledge and understanding of the shared history and values of Canada. As Canadians we value diversity and inclusion and decriminalization marks a significant period in Canadian history. It was also the first country in the 1st world to decriminalize homosexuality and marks a significant period in Canada’s history when it took a step for which the rest of the developed world followed. We want to use LGBTQ2+ festivals to highlight why this period signified Canada as a truly diverse and inclusive country.” [Appendix C page 3]

11. The United Kingdom passed the Sexual Offences Act in 1967, two years prior to 1969. Various other countries in the “developed world” passed their “decriminalization” bills in the years and decades prior.

12. According to the Department of Canadian Heritage [website](#), grant applications are evaluated based on five criteria, including, “how it enhances knowledge and understanding of the shared history and values of Canada.”

13. The declarations and agreements page of the grant application, signed by the ED, states, “the information contained in this application is accurate and complete.” [Appendix C page 6]

The ED made police participation a central component of the grant application contrary to the explicit will of the membership.

14. On January 17, 2017, the membership at the AGM of Pride Toronto adopted a motion supporting 8 demands put forward by Black Lives Matter – Toronto. These demands were read

as part of the motion, these included a ban on police institutions participating in pride festivities.

15. At the November 21st, 2017, AGM, the membership sought a clarification of the minutes for the January 17, 2017 AGM. The membership sought to include in the minutes the demands of Black Lives Matter - Toronto as they were read and adopted at the meeting. The ED agreed to amend the minutes and to reaffirm Pride Toronto's commitment to the demands.

16. The grant application states,

“we are also working with law enforcement and will be working with forces that participate in Prides and are particularly targeting police services in celebration. Project beneficiaries are very broad, firstly we will be working with community organizations across each Pride to consult about how community safety strategies [sic]. We will be holding focus groups with service users across each organization, talking to people that use services about how we can further better relationships with police services.”
[Appendix C page 3]

17. On [November 24, 2018](#), the funding for this application was announced in conjunction with an additional grant of \$200,000 from the Department of Public Safety.

18. On [November 29, 2018](#), Pride Toronto posted a note on Facebook indicating that police had been invited to participate in Pride.

The events promised in the ED's application for funding did not occur.

19. The grant application states,

“This project is focused on the Decriminalization of Homosexuality. This is a 5-year project which has several components, which includes:

1. June 2019-June 2020 – Opening gala commemorating 50 years of decriminalization, the development of a website, the creation of an interactive educational tool available online, the launch of a national council made up of members of the Association of Police Chiefs, key LGBTQ2+ community organizations, and people with lived experience.

2. The project will develop key online tools including a website, and an interactive tool which can be accessed on line, printed material including a

guide and programming centered on commemorating this key milestone for LGBTQ2+ communities.

3. The project will also include nationwide focus groups, which will drill down to the experiences of LGBTQ2+ communities both on and off reserve.

4. The project will work with each Pride taking place in the summer of 2019 to launch and promote the project in their own communities.

5. On each festival site the project will develop and activation focused on the online tools we develop, encouraging festival goers to engage with the project, learn about the legacy of LGBTQ2+ communities in Canada, and learn about how to participate in the consultations and focus groups to be held across each city that the activation visits.

6. As a part of this project we will be developing an awareness raising campaign that will involve our national media partners, including commercial spots, radio and print media.” [Appendix C page 3]

20. The 2019 Toronto Pride Guide mentions decriminalization in two locations: 1) an advertisement placed by the Canadian Mint for a special edition coin, 2) an advertisement promoting the launch of a film developed by Egale Canada Human Rights Trust. There is no reference to an opening gala or of a project being launched by Pride Toronto to commemorate decriminalization.

My requests of the Board:

I am asking the Board to investigate the matters raised in this letter. I am asking the Board to determine if the actions of the ED have compromised the transparency and credibility of Pride Toronto.

Specifically, I am asking the Board:

- Provide written answers to my questions blow at least 48 hours prior to the announced mid-January Special General Meeting.
- Arrange an opportunity for me to present these issues to the Board, this ask may not be required depending on the written response of the Board to my questions below.
- Place the matter of “Transparency in Pride Toronto Grant Applications” as an agenda item at the upcoming Annual General Meeting, this ask may not be required depending on the written response of the Board to my questions below.

Questions for the Board:

- This matter involves \$250,000 in funding to Pride Toronto from the Department of Canadian Heritage.
 - Does the Board of Pride Toronto have the responsibility to conduct oversight regarding the actions of the ED in this matter?
- In the February 27, 2019 email exchange, I asked the ED for a direct answer whether Pride Toronto received financial incentives to celebrate decriminalization, the ED replied “‘No’ is the direct answer.”
 - Was the ED’s reply truthful?
 - Does the Board regard this as transparency?
- The grant application makes the claim that Canada was “the first country in the 1st world to decriminalize homosexuality” and that Canada “took a step for which the rest of the developed world followed.”
 - Does this claim threaten Pride Toronto’s credibility in future grant applications?
- The grant application connects financial incentives from the federal government to the participation of police in pride activities.
 - Does the Board regard this as a violation of the motion adopting the 8 demands of Black Lives Matter – Toronto at the January 17, 2017 AGM, reaffirmed into the minutes at the November 21st, 2017 AGM?
 - Was there pressure from the federal government to include the police in the proposed celebration of decriminalization? Did this pressure include financial incentives?
- The 2019 Pride Guide does not mention Pride Toronto activities related to decriminalization.
 - What happened to the events proposed in the Pride Toronto grant application to celebrate decriminalization?
 - What happened to the \$250,000 in federal government funding for this project to celebrate decriminalization?

I thank the Board in advance for considering this matter.

Dr. Tom Hooper
(he/him) – thooper@yorku.ca
Member of Pride Toronto

APPENDIX A

Tom Hooper

Subject: FW: Re[2]: Re[2]: Notice: 50 years since decriminalization?

From: Olivia Nuamah <olivia@pridetoronto.com>

Sent: February 27, 2019 3:09 PM

To: thooper@yorku.ca

Subject: Re: Re[2]: Re[2]: Notice: 50 years since decriminalization?

Hi Tom

No worries.

'No' is the direct answer.

Secondly, I don't question your expertise, I question your analysis.

A question to the membership is not enough to obtain their personal details. You must propose a question, the board must agree that a special meeting must be called based on the question you have proposed. Then a meeting is called (though the board must agree that the question requires a special meeting), with legal notice, then you request and will get the membership list.

You simply can't decide you don't like a decision, in this case, I suppose the decision you don't like is the heading of our newsletter, and then call on the board to call a meeting about it.

Thanks

Olivia

On Wed, Feb 27, 2019 at 2:59 PM <thooper@yorku.ca> wrote:

Hi Olivia,

I am not talking about the theme, you have clarified that. As indicated, I am talking about the subject heading and the first line of your message regarding the Pride theme, which clearly perpetuates the decriminalization myth. I have not been misled, I am an expert in the criminalization of LGBTQ2 people in Canada. I know for a fact that Canadian Heritage has sponsored several community organizations provided they incorporate, in some way, the 50th anniversary of the Criminal Code reform.

Can you tell me, in clear/certain terms: has PrideTO received, or will PrideTO receive, any financial incentives related to the 50th anniversary of decriminalization?

If the point is moot, I will drop it. But if the point is moot, you should easily be able to answer "no" to that question.

Thank you for clarifying the process for obtaining the members list. If I must proceed on this matter, I will submit an articulated question to put to the members.

Tom

From: Olivia Nuamah <olivia@pridetoronto.com>
Sent: February 27, 2019 2:41 PM
To: thooper@yorku.ca
Subject: Re: Re[2]: Re[2]: Notice: 50 years since decriminalization?

Hi Tom

Our theme is not 50th year of decriminalization of homosexuality in Canada. It is actually '50th Year of the Stonewall Riots.'

Financial incentives are a moot point in this regard, there is no celebration happening in relation to Pride Toronto, so no lineup is being given for that purpose. Please do not rely on rumour or conjecture, in this case you have been totally misled. You really should wait until we actually make an announcement on our theme before deciding to act.

As for access to the members list, the law specific and clear on this matter, it states that this may happen in relation to a meeting of the membership of a question being put to them in the context of a resolution / matter to be voted on. It can only be done in that specific context. It would be improper in this case.

Thanks

Olivia

APPENDIX B

Nouvelle demande d'accès / New access request A-2019-00048 / LB

A list of all individuals/groups/institutions that received or will receive funding from the Commemorate Canada program to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the decriminalization of homosexuality, as well as the amount of funding that has been provided or will be provided to each individual/group/institution to celebrate this event, and the total amount of funds that has been provided or will be provided by Commemorate Canada to celebrate this event.

RESPONSE:

Here is a list of project initiative that has received a financial contribution from the Commemorate Canada Program, in order to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the decriminalization of homosexuality in 2019.

ORGANIZATION NAME	PROJECT TITLE	APPROVED AMOUNT
EGALE CANADA HUMAN RIGHTS TRUST	Legalizing Love: The Road to June 27, 1969	\$771,240
BOOKMARK CANADA	Project Bookmark Canada: Commemorating Canada with Bookmarks on the Canlit Trail	\$45,000
1454119 ONTARIO LTD. - TEACH MAGAZINE	The Decriminalization of Homosexuals: 50th Anniversary	\$74,500
PRIDE TORONTO	Commemorating 50 years of the Criminal Law Amendment Act	\$250,000
CANADIAN CENTRE FOR GENDER AND SEXUAL DIVERSITY	Honouring the 50th anniversary of the years of decriminalization and activism of Pride in Canada	\$400,000
GRANDS ÉVÈNEMENTS CANADIENS	Célébration 2019 - 50 ans depuis la décriminalisation de l'homosexualité au Canada	\$474,067
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO	A play commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Decriminalization of Homosexuality	\$50,000
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	Theatrical plays on the Decriminalization of Homosexuality	\$50,000
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	Decriminalization of Homosexuality in Canada	\$50,000
LIEUTENANT-GOUVERNEUR DU QUÉBEC	Colloque portant sur le 50e anniversaire de la décriminalisation de l'homosexualité	\$12,386
	TOTAL	\$2,177,193

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Commemorate Canada General Application Form

*Received
Nov 7th 2018*

APPENDIX C

IMPORTANT

Please complete all sections of the application form. Once completed, please print and sign the form.

Part A – Applicant Information			
1. General Information			
Name of Organization (required) Pride Toronto			
Legal Name of Organization (required) Pride Toronto			
Former Name of Organization (if applicable)			
Telephone (required) [REDACTED]	Extension (optional)	Other Telephone (optional) [REDACTED]	Fax (optional)
Email (required) Olivia@pridetoronto.com		Website (optional) www.pridetoronto.com	
Social Media Accounts, e.g. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, etc. (if applicable) @prideto (across all of our social media the handle is the same)			
In which official language do you wish to communicate? (required)			
<input type="radio"/> English X <input type="radio"/> French			
2. Primary Address of the Organization			
Primary Address – Number, street, post office box (required) 55 Berkeley Street			
City (required) Toronto	Province or Territory (required) Ontario	Postal Code (required) M5A 2W5	
3. Mailing Address of the Organization			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as primary address			
Address – Number, street (required)			
City (required)	Province or Territory (required)	Postal Code (required)	
4. Person Authorized to Sign for the Organization			
Salutation (required) <input type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ms. <input type="radio"/> Other (specify) _____	First Name (required) Olivia	Initial (optional)	Last Name (required) Nuamah
Title (required) Executive Director			
Email (required) olivia@pridetoronto.com			
Telephone (required) [REDACTED]	Extension (optional)	Other Telephone (optional)	Fax (optional)

5. Contact Person for the Project			
X Same as the person authorized to sign for the organization			
Salutation (required) <input type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input type="radio"/> Ms. <input type="radio"/> Other (specify) _____	First Name (required)	Initial (optional)	Last Name (required)
Title (required)			
Telephone (required)	Extension (optional)	Other Telephone (optional)	Fax (optional)
Email (required)			
6. Structure and Governance of Organization			
Geographical area of operation of the organization (required) <input type="radio"/> International <input checked="" type="radio"/> National <input type="radio"/> Provincial/Territorial <input type="radio"/> Regional, Local/Municipal <input type="radio"/> Other (specify) _____			
7. Legal Status (required)			
Is the organization a non-profit entity? If so, a copy of the certificate of incorporation must be provided. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> X Federal <input type="radio"/> Provincial/Territorial <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> In process <input type="radio"/> Date applied : YYYY-MM-DD _____			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Registration Number _____ Date of Incorporation : YYYY-MM-DD 1981-06-01			
Is the organization a municipal, provincial/territorial government or institution, an Indigenous government or an educational institution? If so, please specify. (required) <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> Please specify _____ <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			
Has your organization previously received funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Name of Program _____ Festivals Program <input checked="" type="radio"/> Name of most recent project _____ Pride Toronto's Festival Weekend <input checked="" type="radio"/> Date of most recent funding _____ 01-05-2018			
Mandate of the organization (required) Pride Toronto is an annual event held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in June each year. A celebration of the diversity of the LGBT community in the Greater Toronto Area. It is one of the largest organized gay pride festivals in the world, featuring several stages with live performers and DJs, several licensed venues, a large Dyke March, a Trans March and the Pride Parade.			
Part B – Project Information			
Project Title (maximum 75 characters) (required) Commemorating 50 years of the Criminal Law Amendment Act (Bill C-150) (The Decriminalization of Homosexuality)			
Start Date: YYYY-MM-DD (required) 2018 - 06 - 01	Completion Date: YYYY-MM-DD (required) 2018 - 10 - 01 2019-12-31		
Total Project Cost (must correspond to the amount provided in the budget) (required) 1,250,000	Amount requested from <i>Commemorate Canada</i> (must correspond to the amount provided in the budget) (required) 250,000		

<p>Anticipated reach of the project (e.g. number of anticipated participants, number of publications distributed, number of website visits, other).</p> <p>The anticipated reach of the project will be as follows: 122 Prides across the country are partnering with us for this project. The total attendance across all Prides will be approximately 6 million people</p> <p>This project will also include 2 Spirit Indigenous communities across the country. We expect to undertake engagement and outreach activities to 25 reserves and expect to engage 6,000 people on reserve.</p> <p>The project will have its own website created with the educational, interactive tool we create and expect 150,000 visits over the 3 initial months of the project.</p> <p>Interactive digital platform, in addition to the website we will be creating an interactive digital tool for schools, we have developed relationships with schools' boards across the country linked to the Prides that we will be working with, we expect 8,000 students, and 60,000 people to use the tool.</p> <p>We will print a guide specific to decriminalization, 40,000 will be printed.</p> <p>We will also be promoting the commemoration across all Pride apps, we expect 30,000 app downloads.</p> <p>Across all of our social media platforms we expect 50 million engagements across all of our social media platforms</p>
<p>Briefly describe the targeted audience or project beneficiaries.</p> <p>This project is targeting both male and females, aged 14 to 35.</p> <p>Across all Prides in the country this project will target LGBTQ2+ communities, that is the main audience that attends Prides across the country. Second to that are non LGBTQ2+ communities, who make up 45% of attendance at our festivals.</p> <p>We are also working with law enforcement and will be working with forces that participate in Prides and are particularly targeting police services in celebration.</p> <p>Project beneficiaries are very broad, firstly we will be working with community organizations across each Pride to consult about how community safety strategies. We will be holding focus groups with service users across each organization, talking to people that use services about how we can further better relationships with police services. We expect to speak to at least 3,000 people through focus groups and consulting with community-based organizations.</p>
<p>Project description (maximum 250 words) (required).</p> <p>This project is focused on the Decriminalization of Homosexuality. This is a 5-year project which</p> <p>The project has several components, which includes,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. June 2019 – June 2020 – Opening gala commemorating 50 years of decriminalization, the development of a website, the creation of an interactive educational tool available online, the launch of a national council made up of members of the Association of Police Chiefs, key LGBTQ2+ community organizations, and people with lived experience.2. The project will develop key online tools including a website, and an interactive tool which can be accessed on line, printed material including a guide and programming centered on commemorating this key milestone for LGBTQ2+ communities.3. The project will also include nationwide focus groups, which will drill down to the experiences of LGBTQ2+ communities both on and off reserve.4. The project will work with each Pride taking place in the summer of 2019 to launch and promote the project in their own communities.5. On each festival site the project will develop an activation focused on the online tools we develop, encouraging festival goers to engage with the project, learn about the legacy of LGBTQ2+ communities in Canada, and learn about how to participate in the consultations and focus groups to be held across each city that the activation visits.6. As a part of this project we will be developing an awareness raising campaign that will involve our national media partners, including commercial spots, radio and print media.
<p>Choose applicable Program objective(s) that apply(ies) to your project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Enable Canadians to recognize Canada's diverse and exceptional figures, places and accomplishments.o Enhance knowledge and understanding of the shared history and values of Canada.o Increase opportunities for Canadians to participate in commemorative activities and celebrations. <p>Describe how your project will contribute to the applicable above-mentioned objective(s). (maximum 250 words) (required)</p> <p>Enable Canadians to recognize Canada's diverse and exceptional figures, places and accomplishments</p> <p>Our project is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Decriminalization and it will launch during Pride Month. We will be highlighting notable figures in Canadian activism and politics that made legalization possible. We will hold a number of panels and other roundtables inviting notable figures to talk to our festival goers about this notable period in our history.</p> <p>Enhance knowledge and understanding of the shared history and values of Canada.</p> <p>As Canadians we value diversity and inclusion and decriminalization marks a significant period in Canadian history. It was also the first country in the 1st world to decriminalize homosexuality and marks a significant period in Canada's history when it took a step for which the rest of the developed world followed. We want to use LGBTQ2+ festivals to highlight why this period signified Canada as a truly diverse and inclusive country.</p>

Increase opportunities for Canadians to participate in commemorative activities and celebrations.
We are targeting over 5 million Canadians through this project. Across Canada Pride Festivals are the most well attended events across festival season. Through our interactive tools and marketing, we will be engaging millions of Canadians in this narrative about Canada's journey from the criminalization of LGBTQ2+ communities to its decriminalization. Across all Canadian Prides we will be engaging people in the commemoration of 50 years of decriminalization.

Provide a list of the project's expected results. (e.g. impact of the project on Canadians)

Expected results will be the following:

1. Over 5 million Canadians engaged in consultation, awareness raising and information sharing on the Commemoration of decriminalization.
2. Increased awareness of LGBTQ2+ communities
3. Targeted engagement with indigenous 2 spirit communities – the interactive tool we will develop will include the history of 2 Spirit communities in Canada and the role they have played in the history of LGBTQ2+ communities in Canada.
4. Engagement with 2 Spirit youth who are developing Prides on reserve across the country. Our educational tool will seek to highlight the 2 Spirit community across the country.

Provide a list of the project's activities.

Year 1 – National Advisory Group created, website created, interactive tools in the form of both information sharing and education, outreach and engagement plan completed, launch of project, media and marketing tools created and delivered, agreements with 122 Prides completed.

25 reserves visited across the country with mobile interactive component

Focus groups developed and delivered across selected cities across the country (we will be targeting cities with the biggest Pride festivals).

Regional advisory groups developed and delivered across selected cities.

Provide a list of the performance measurement plan for each activity (e.g. number of participants, number of publications distributed, number of website visits, other).

National Advisory Group – developed and completed – 1 group created and implemented

Website created – with 50,000 visitors

Social Media Engagements – 50 million engagements

Interactive educational tool created – with 25,000 engagement

Printed material completed – 40,000 leaflets and information pamphlets created and distributed across the country.

Outreach and Engagement plan completed with partnerships formalized – 122 Prides visited with mobile interactive tool created

Commercial created and aired – with 50,000 audience target

National media advisory with press conference completed – 1 press launch

Tour of reserves – 25 reserves visited across the country.

Provide a list of the partners (financial and other) that will participate in the project and describe the type of partnership.

Public Safety – \$1,000,000

Pride Toronto – \$300,000

City of Toronto – \$60,000

The 519 Community Centre – the largest LGBTQ2+ community organization in the country

Montreal Pride

Vancouver Pride

Halifax Pride

Ottawa Pride

Edmonton Pride

Calgary Pride

Eskasoni Pride

2 Spirit Indigenous Community Associations of Canada

National Association of Police Chiefs

Toronto Police Services

15 community organizations across 6 Provinces

University of Toronto, Queens University, McGill University

Official Languages

English and French are the official languages of Canada. The Government of Canada is committed to enhancing the vitality and supporting the development of the official-language minority communities in Canada and to fostering the full recognition and use of both English and French in Canadian society.

Briefly describe how the project will create opportunities for participation by members of the official-language minority community? An official-language minority community is the English-language community in Quebec and the French-language community outside Quebec.

- Our partners include Prides and organizations across the English and French speaking Canada. We have included organizations and Prides across the country.

Briefly describe how the project will create opportunities for fostering the full recognition and use of both English and French in Canadian society?

- A part of commemorating the 50th year of decriminalization is that it will highlight how communities across the country experienced decriminalization including its variations across the country.

PART C – Project Budget

You must submit a budget in the template provided by the Department. For multi-year projects you must also submit a detailed budget covering each fiscal year.

A budget template as well as a list of eligible expense categories will be provided in separate documents.

Part D – Environmental Impact Assessment

The applicant shall ensure that all activities related to this application comply with all federal, provincial/territorial and municipal laws and regulations and related laws or guidelines with respect to environmental issues.

Activities to be carried out on federal lands may require an Environmental Impact Assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, prior to the start of the proposed project.

Will the proposed project be carried out, in whole or in part, on federal lands? Yes No

Specify the land ownership and indicate the sources used to answer the questions above.

Part E – Acknowledgement of Government of Canada Financial Support

Organizations that receive funding from Commemorate Canada must publicly acknowledge, in English and in French, the financial support received from the Government of Canada in all communication materials and promotional activities related to the Contribution Agreement, such as advertising, promotional and program materials, public announcements, speeches, website, social media, etc. The [Guide on the public acknowledgement of financial support - Canadian Heritage](#) will assist the Recipient in complying with the requirements stated in the Contribution Agreement.

Part F – Declarations and Agreements

All boxes must be checked.

- The information contained in this application is accurate and complete.
- This application is made on behalf of and with the approval of the organization whose name appears on page one.
- Departmental funding may be used only for the purposes specified in this application. Once the Department has approved financial assistance, no major change can be made to the project without departmental approval (in each case, the Department shall determine what constitutes a major change). Funds not used for these purposes must be returned to the Department.
- The organization bears full responsibility for its debts. The Department will not consider any application to pay debts.
- The organization must ensure that all activities for which it is requesting funding comply with all federal, provincial/territorial and municipal laws and regulations as well as related laws or guidelines with respect to environmental issues. If the activities will have an impact on the environment, an environmental assessment may be required by the organization to determine the environmental effects of the proposed activities.
- The Department's financial contribution will be explicitly acknowledged in both official languages. Public acknowledgement of Canadian Heritage financial assistance shall follow the instructions on the following website [Guide on the public acknowledgement of financial support](#).
- If financial assistance is awarded, the organization undertakes to provide financial statements and reports on results pursuant to the requirements of the Department of Canadian Heritage.
- With regard to the application for which funding is requested, the organization shall agree to comply with the spirit and intent of the *Official Languages Act* by implementing the appropriate linguistic measures.

- The organization authorizes the Department of Canadian Heritage to disclose any information received in this application within Canadian Heritage and the Government of Canada or to outside entities for the following purposes: to reach a decision on this application, to administer and monitor the implementation of the project, or to evaluate the results after completion. The disclosure of any information received in this application may also be used to reach a decision on any other application of the organization for funding under any other Canadian Heritage program.
- In the event of an access to information request regarding the present funding application or any other information about the organization in the Department's possession, the information provided to the Department will be treated in accordance with the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act. Where funding is approved, however, the amount of funding, the purpose for which the funds were granted and the name of the organization receiving the funding are considered public information.
- This organization has not paid or agreed to pay, directly or indirectly, and agrees that it shall not pay, directly or indirectly, any contingency fees for the solicitation, negotiation or acquisition of funding for the purposes of this application.
- I agree to provide disclosure of any involvement in the proposed project, of former public servants, subject to the Values and Ethics Code for the Public Sector and the Policy on Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment.
- I agree to provide assurances that any person lobbying on behalf of my interests as the applicant is registered pursuant to the Lobbying Act and that no actual and potential conflict of interest, or contingency fee arrangement exists.
- I will act in compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, orders, standards and guidelines governing the program from which funding is being sought.
- I commit to taking measures conducive to creating a workplace free from harassment, abuse and discrimination.

Name of the authorized signatory (required)

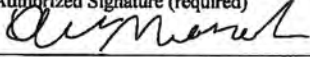
Title (required)

Olivia Nuamah

Executive Director

Authorized Signature (required)

Date : YYYY-MM-DD (required)



2018-11-07

Name of the authorized signatory (optional)

Title (optional)

Authorized Signature (optional)

Date : YYYY-MM-DD (optional)

Part G – Direct Deposit Enrollment Request

Direct Deposit is a Government of Canada initiative. The federal government is phasing out cheques in favour of direct deposit for all government payments. For further information on direct deposit, please consult the following website:

<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/recgen/bt/depot-deposit-eng.html>

Have you submitted a Direct Deposit Enrollment Request to the Department of Canadian Heritage in the past two years? (required)

- Yes (If yes, no need to complete parts A,B and C unless changes to your account are required)
 No

Part A

Please print clearly.

Please inform Canadian Heritage of any changes to your account (address or bank account).

Please note that providing your Direct Deposit information does not guarantee funding.

Name of Organization

Pride Toronto

Street Address, Suite No., R.R., or P.O. Box (required)

55 Berkeley Street

City (required)

Toronto

Province/Territory (required)

Ontario

Postal Code (required)

M5A 2W5

Authorized Representative (required)

Olivia Nuamah

Phone Number (required)

[Redacted]

Extension (optional)

[Redacted]

Email (required)

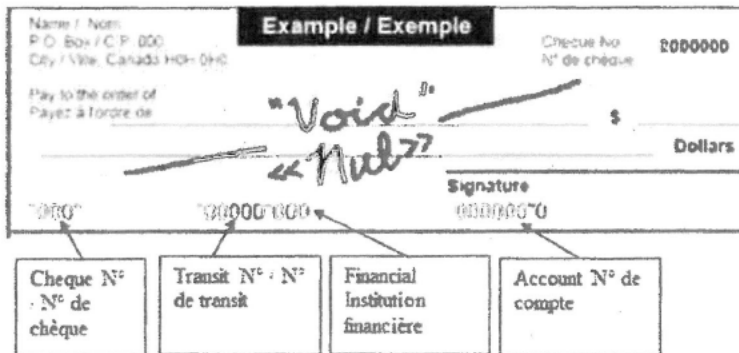
olivia@pridetoronto.com

Language Preference (required)

- English
 French

Will you be attaching an original cheque from your bank account with "VOID" written on it? (required)

- Yes
 No



Part B**You must ensure to have the original bank stamp on the form confirming the banking information entered in Part B of this form.**

Branch Number (required)

Institution Number (required)

Account Number (required)

Name of First Account Holder (required)

Pride Toronto

Name of Second Account Holder (required, if applicable)

Financial Institution Stamp Here

The information provided is protected under the *Privacy Act*.

I, as the person entitled to represent the above organization, authorize the Receiver General for Canada to deposit the payment(s) directly into the above account, unless I direct you otherwise.

Signature of Authorized Representative (please print)

Date of Signature (AAAA-MM-DD)

Olivia Nuamah

2018-11-19

Part C**For internal use only**

Vendor Code

Verified by

Submitting Your Direct Deposit Enrollment Request

If you print this form and complete it by hand, please send it by mail with a "VOID" cheque to Canadian Heritage along with the rest of your application.

To submit your form electronically, scan the original version of the "VOID" cheque and this form, and email the scanned documents to Canadian Heritage along with the rest of your application.

Please note that regardless of the method of submission, this document must be accompanied by an original "VOID" cheque, or have the original bank stamp on the form when it is submitted.

No Direct Deposit form sent by facsimile will be accepted.

PART H – Delegation of Signing Authority

The purpose of this Form is to identify the person from your organization who is authorized to sign for your activities. The form is only required if signing authority has been delegated and no other documentation has been received as proof of delegation. Due diligence requirements state that the person signing this form cannot be the same person who will sign the Funding Application Form.

Note: Please ensure to attach any supporting documents (e.g. Board of Directors' resolution, letter of authorization or other pertinent documents).

During the session of the Board of Directors
 Municipal Council
 Governing Authority

Signed on this, 15th November, 2018

From: Pride Toronto
Name of applicant (Organization)

It was resolved/moved that Olivia Nuamah
(Name of person signing the *Funding Application Form*)

be authorized to submit a funding request to the Department of Canadian Heritage in relation to the Commemorate Canada Program.

Signed in November this 15, 2019
by: Olivia Nuamah
Title: Executive Director

(SEAL)
if applicable

Part I – List of required documents

The following documents must be provided in order for your funding application to be considered complete. Please check the boxes below to confirm that these documents are attached to your completed, signed and dated General Application Form (required):

- Completed and signed project budget/cashflow for each fiscal year.
- Confirmation of the organization's authorization to submit an application to the Commemorate Canada program and to be represented by the person signing the General Application Form (e.g., motion from the Annual General Meeting, Resolution of the Board of Directors)
- A copy of your organization's Certificate of Incorporation, unless:
 - ▶ not applicable;
 - ▶ previously provided to the Department of Canadian Heritage.
- A copy of your organization's Constitution and Bylaws, unless:
 - ▶ not applicable;
 - ▶ previously provided to the Department of Canadian Heritage.
- Your organization's most recent annual report (where appropriate), unless:
 - ▶ not applicable.
 - ▶ previously provided to the Department of Canadian Heritage.
- A list of the members of your organization's Board of Directors, unless:
 - ▶ not applicable.
 - ▶ previously provided to the Department of Canadian Heritage.
- Your organization's financial statements for the last two fiscal years (audited, where appropriate) prepared by an independent accountant.
 - ▶ not applicable.
 - ▶ previously provided to the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Important: Financial statements include the organization's balance sheets, an income statement, a cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements.

Letters of support from the community and/or from other parties confirming their contribution to or participation in the project (if applicable).

Any additional information concerning your organization which could be relevant to the assessment of your project proposal. Specify: _____