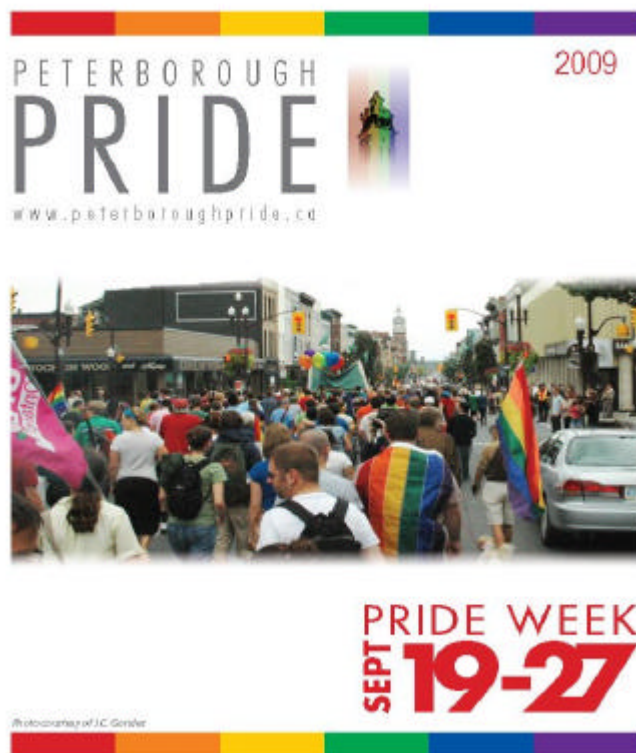




# Rainbow Newsletter

from the Rainbow Service Organization RSO  
[www.rainbowservice.org](http://www.rainbowservice.org)

Pride 2009 edition



## Pride Events in Brief *(Details on Website)*

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** 9pm – **Glitterball Dance Event** (all ages)  
@ the Gordon Best Theatre, 216 Hunter St. W.

**Wednesday 23<sup>th</sup>** 7pm - Free OPIRG **Screening of**  
"We are Dad" at Sadleir House, 751 George St. N

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

#### 6pm: Frontrunners Run/Walk

Meet outside Dreams of Beans 138 Hunter St.

#### 7pm: sign-up - **Poetry Slam**

@The Spill, 414 George St.

#### 7-9pm: **Women's Sexual Health Workshop**

@ PARN 159 King St., Suite 302

#### 9pm: **Drag Bingo**, 19+ event

Sapphire Room, 137 Hunter St. W.

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

#### 9pm: **Kate Reid in Concert**

@ the Spill, 414 George St.

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

**11am: PFLAG Brunch** 1841 Parkwood Circle, Ptbo

**2pm: Parade** from City Hall (500 George St. North)

**2 to 6pm: Community Fair/Stage**

Charlotte Street between Water and George St.

**8pm - 2am: Pride Follies and Dance**

(doors open 7:30)

Market Hall, 336 George St. N (all ages event)

Great Performances from 8:00 to 10:30

Dance with DJ Jen from 11-2

**9pm: Sapphire Club Night** (19+ event)

@ the Sapphire Room 137 Hunter St. West

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

**10am – "Show Your Love" Worship Service**

@ The Unitarian Fellowship of Peterborough  
775 Weller St.

**10am-3pm – Black Honey Pride Brunch**

@ Black Honey Café 221 Hunter St.

**2pm – Hike/Walk** starting at Millennium Park

This Year's theme is:

# Show me Love!

Details @

[www.peterboroughpride.ca](http://www.peterboroughpride.ca)

**The Pride Guide** is available at the website  
and in select downtown cafés and businesses.

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of Peterborough Pride  
New logo – more events than ever!

RSO is again happy to be involved in Pride  
and we hope that you join us and the other  
organizations and have a great time!

**Upcoming Events:** (event listing on [www.rainbowservice.org](http://www.rainbowservice.org). to add events email [rso@rainbowservice.org](mailto:rso@rainbowservice.org))

**Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life –  
Sunday September 20<sup>st</sup> from Millennium Park – Starts @2pm**

Register yourself or join a team to walk at [www.aidswalkforlife.ca/peterborough.htm](http://www.aidswalkforlife.ca/peterborough.htm) or at Millennium Park starting at 1pm. On-line pledging at the website is available. For more info call PARN at 749-9110



**RSO Halloween Dance at Market Hall  
Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> 9pm @ Market Hall, 336 George St. N**

You have been waiting to dig out your MJ costume and here is your chance! Details to come soon at [www.rainbowservice.org](http://www.rainbowservice.org)

## News in Brief

### RSO Wishes you a Happy Pride and so much more!

Rick Lambert, RSO Chair

I hope everyone had a nice summer (at least it arrived finally!) Welcome to all the students, new and returning. With Peterborough Pride starting there are lots of opportunities to connect with new and old friends and I hope you all have fun. The outdoor performance stage and beer tent are new this year and we have moved into the heart of downtown. I was asked lately why we need Pride celebrations. Pride is different things for each person but it certainly increases the visibility of the LGBT community, allows us to connect with each other, and reminds us that we are not alone.

We hope you drop by the RSO booth after the parade and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas for next year's celebration. As always, RSO continues to seek volunteers for our working committees and our Board of Directors with opportunities to get involved in public relations, advocacy, fundraising, and organizing events. For more info on volunteering opportunities email [rso@rainbowservice.org](mailto:rso@rainbowservice.org). To learn more about RSO or apply for membership, drop by our booth at Pride, or download our pamphlet: [http://www.rainbowservice.org/archives/RSO\\_Pamphlet.pdf](http://www.rainbowservice.org/archives/RSO_Pamphlet.pdf)

### Spencer J. Harrison Talk and Exhibit a Success

Following the business portion of RSO's Annual General Meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup> Spencer J. Harrison, accomplished artist, activist, and educator spoke about his exhibit at Artspace. The turnout was good for the event and many found that Spencer reflected their own experiences in his work.

A former Peterborough resident, Spencer is presently completing his PhD at OISE/ University of Toronto, focusing his research around growing up gay in rural Ontario.



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## **A message from the Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Liaison Committee**

John Lyons  
 Staff Sergeant, Investigative Services  
 Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Service  
 Posted on the PLC Facebook page

Greetings! I am John Lyons, a police officer and member of the Liaison Committee with the GLBT Communities. I will attempt to explain just exactly what the term "Hate Bias Crime" means. There is no such thing as a Hate Bias Crime in the Criminal Code of Canada.

Essentially, if an assault was committed upon a person and [in the process], derogatory comments were made to the victim regarding their sexuality for instance, the incident is determined to be a Hate Bias Crime and would be titled as such, but there is no distinct charge of "Hate Bias Assault". There would be a heading placed on the arrest report of "Hate Bias Crime" thus alerting the Crown Attorney to request a stiffer penalty at sentencing should the accused party be found guilty.

There is no guarantee that the penalty imposed would be more severe, it only gives the Crown the option to request [a more severe one] and the Judge has the final say at sentencing. Hopefully this explains Hate Bias Crime.

That said, the Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Service has developed report templates that capture information of all Hate Bias Crimes and Hate Bias Incidents. A "Hate Bias Incident" is where no actual crime has been committed. A prime example of this would be where a person addresses another person using derogatory terms about their sexuality. Although this type of incident can penetrate a person to the core, there is no crime in "name calling". The previously mentioned incidents are very disturbing and hateful. All of these types of "incidents" now require a report to be created and will assist in tracking problem areas in the city and problematic persons, should further incidents occur.

Staff Sergeant John Lyons can be reached at 500 Water St., P.O. Box 2050, Peterborough, ON. K9J 7Y4  
 PH (705) 876-1122 Ext. 233, FAX (705) 760-9429, email: [jlyons@peterborough.ca](mailto:jlyons@peterborough.ca).

### **What should I do if I am harassed or assaulted?**

**If a person is assaulted or harassed they should call 911 or the police main phone number (876-1122) and have the police dispatched. They may contact the victim services coordinator at the police station as well. Under police protocols, all victims of a hate biased crime will be contacted for follow up by "victim's services" following an assault. All incidents reported will be recorded and tracked and the information may assist in decisions regarding policing and future cases.**

### **What is the Police Liaison Committee's (PLC) role then?**

Info from Kevin Forrest and the PLC Facebook page

To learn more about the Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Liaison Program for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Communities and their terms of reference go to:

[http://www1.peterboroughpolice.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=75&Itemid=98](http://www1.peterboroughpolice.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=75&Itemid=98)

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The Police Liaison Committee cannot respond to emergencies/assaults or press charges on someone's behalf. You may contact a committee member and someone can support you in reporting. If a person has been assaulted they can contact the committee for support/advocacy. If they have questions about the incident or about how the police handled a situation they may contact a Police Liaison Committee Member and they will try and answer your questions. If the person wants to have a queer community member support them through the legal process, one of the committee members can support in that manner as well.

The email address for the PLC is [glt.police Liaison@gmail.com](mailto:glt.police Liaison@gmail.com) and the PLC facebook page is named "GLBT and Police Liaison Committee".

The phone number and email account listed on the PLC facebook page is for inquiries about what the committee does or to contact members of the committee. These calls and emails are forwarded to the PARN staff member who sits on the committee and then routed accordingly to committee members.

To learn more about the PLC and their work stop by their booth at the Peterborough Pride Community Fair on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>.

They continue to seek volunteers to form working groups to complete the identified goals and to fill vacant seats on the Liaison Committee. The committee meets monthly in Peterborough. If you have an interest in volunteering to assist the committee, email Kevin at [kevinforrest@rogers.com](mailto:kevinforrest@rogers.com).

### **PCVS Integrated Arts Program Students Get Civic Award for "Coming Out Proud"**

Barry Boyce, letter to RSO

In the spring of this year, the City of Peterborough sought annual nominations from the community for civic service recognition. I, on a number of occasions, had the opportunity to participate in a program developed, written, and rehearsed through the Integrated Arts Program at PCVS.



The presentation, entitled *Coming Out Proud*, addressed anti-homophobia, human rights and anti-bullying with a focus on supporting gay rights in our community. My nomination received support by a number a well known organizations, including the Rainbow Service Organization, PFLAG, PARN and Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Chief Murray Rodd.

**Congratulations to the students of the PCVS Integrated Arts Program for being awarded a Civic Award for Cultural Betterment for their hard work!**

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