

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Dominic Agostino**

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Please accept this official statement from Hamilton Pride Festival Inc. in regard to a letter in issue 241 in which T. Duncan wrote: “Agostino remained consistent – consistently absent from Hamilton’s fledgling gay community, where any political assistance, even his silent support or mere presence, would have helped.”

Hamilton Pride Festival Inc. would like to state that the comments made by T. Duncan are false. Dominic Agostino appeared at Hamilton Pride’s annual Rally and March almost every year. This year we will be celebrating our eighth annual Hamilton Pride Festival and our fifth annual Rally and March. “Dom” vocally and visibly supported our event almost every year by speaking at our Rally and by marching side by side with our queer brothers and sisters throughout the streets of downtown Hamilton.

We will greatly miss his presence at our event this year as the passion, enthusiasm and support he gave to us was greatly appreciated by the entire queer community.

***Jae Adams, Chair***

***Lyla Miklos, Vice-Chair***

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