

From the Editor



Unlike Antoine, I was not politically savvy enough at the time to note the coming and disheartening passing of Bill 167, but I do clearly remember the anticipation and

air of tension as the Liberal government tabled Bill C-38. I was working at Zelda's at the time and all the TVs were tuned into the momentous vote, everyone on the edge of their bar stools awaiting the final tally. And when it finally passed people cheered, embraced, kissed and ran up and down Church Street hooting and hollering. It was a very apt victory, just in time for Pride Week celebrations.

I also clearly remember how everyone felt shortly thereafter when the Conservative government under Stephen Harper vowed their religious right supporters that they would re-examine the recently passed bill on legalizing same-sex marriage and how the community bristled in anger and fear that our victory might be taken away from us. How could that be possible?

Now I've never planned my marriage, it was never really something that crossed my mind. I'm a huge romantic, sure, but the idea of throwing a big elaborate party to celebrate my love has never really been my style—I'd rather celebrate it lustily at a private chateau in some exotic locale. However, I've always believed that it's high time homo's, lesbians and transsexuals stop being treated as anything but equal with all the rights and privileges enjoyed by everyone else in society. After the harrowing possibility of a re-vote passed quietly into oblivion and our legal right

stayed, it became clear that Canada was finally outgrowing its outdated conservative views.

In this issue we look at lust, seduction, romance and marriage in all its myriad expressions. I love how our cover starts off with hot cruisy couples on the hunt and we end up following their conquests all the way through to matrimony.

We explore marriage, then and now, as Reverend Dr. Brent Hawkes shares his vivid memory of performing the first ever legal same-sex wedding in Canada and Scott reminds us of the narrow but oh-so-satisfying victory we won in finally attaining this basic human right of legally expressing our love for each other.

Skiping the wedding and going straight to the honeymoon, Daniella whisks you away to breath-taking Tasmania, where tantalizing cuisine and mind-blowing surroundings sound like the ultimate way to celebrate your love.

Adding to our lusty pulp fiction theme it gives me great pleasure to welcome award winning author Michael Rowe to our pages. He was kind enough to lend his pen in fleshing out a tale of carnal love to the Nth degree. In marriage they say 'til death do you part and those of us who have loved unconditionally know how powerful it can be. After all, what's Halloween without a little taste of the supernatural to chill the blood?

And so here we are with our first official quarterly issue. Just like a new relationship we're figuring out what works and what doesn't as we seek to get to know our community better. We'd like to know what you think and what issues you'd like to see explored. Take advantage of my email address below and share with me your thoughts and feelings. I'd like to get to know our readers better.

Have a Happy Halloween and we'll see you in the winter.

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