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Capital Pride announced its festival theme to the public for 2011 at its Media Launch June 21. The theme of "Pride: The Courage to Be..." was selected as a reflection of the Ottawa-Gatineau's diverse GLBTTQ community and to allow each and every member of the community to come together and celebrate this.

The Grand Marshal for the Pride Parade this year is to be none other than Capital Pride's long-time friend and supporter Zelda Marshall. Zelda is a wonderful person who truly represents what it means to be proud of who you are and is not afraid to show the world her true colours.

The other major announcement was the development of a new festival layout. "Ottawa City Hall, in partnership with Mayor Jim Watson's office has worked hard with us over the past couple of weeks to ensure the smooth operation of the festival and the development of the Rink of Dreams project," said Doug Saunders-Riggins, Chair of the Capital Pride Festival.

Although the new Festival layout at City Hall will have a different look to it this year, it will expand the parade route slightly to incorporate the Human Rights Monument and give the festival grounds more character.

"We are excited about the new layout and are looking forward to continuing our fantastic working relationship with the City to ensure that the Capital Pride Festival will be one of the highlights of the summer in the Ottawa-Gatineau Region" says Saunders-Riggins.

"The City of Ottawa and Capital Pride have enjoyed a great relationship for many years, and we are pleased to make accommodations to host a successful festival in 2011," said Mayor Jim Watson.

The Capital Pride Festival will run from August 19-28, 2011 with the annual Pride Parade and Pride Day happening on August 28, 2011.

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