

AGENDA
HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
Wednesday May 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attached)
 - March 29, 2017 meeting
2. **CHAIR'S REMARKS**
3. **PRESENTATION FROM VICTORIA IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE CENTRE**
 - Presentation from the Executive Director of VIRCS
4. **PRESENTATION FROM SAANICH POLICE**
 - Presentation from Scott Treble and Niki Sundher
5. **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**
 - Presentation from Engineering
6. **OLDER ADULT STRATEGY**
 - Update from Manager of Community Services and Community Services Programmer
7. **WORKING GROUP UPDATE**
 - Committee discussion
8. **SCAN UPDATE**
 - Update from SCAN
9. **RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS** (attachment)
 - Update from the Senior Manager, Recreation Services
10. **CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

* Adjournment *
Next Meeting June 28, 2017

Please advise Elizabeth van den Hengel the committee secretary at
elizabeth.vandenhengel@saanich.ca or 475-1775 local 3430
if you are unable to attend.

Go Green!
Members are encouraged to bring their own mug to the meeting.

MINUTES
HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at the Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
March 29, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Marlene Davie, Jean Hodgson, Dorthy Rosenberg Merie Beauchamp, Nadia Rajan, Jasmindra Jawanda

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Shari Holmes-Saltzman, Senior Planner; Chuck Bell, Planning; Jason Jones, Programmer II Recreation; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Marsha Henderson, Philip He, Peg Orcherton, School District #61 Representative

Guests: Winne Lee, Director of Operations, Intercultural Association; Michelle Sealy

MINUTES

MOVED by J. Hodgson and Seconded by D. Rosenberg: "That the Minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held February 22, 2017, be adopted."

CARRIED

UPTOWN DOUGLAS CORRIDOR UPDATE

The Senior Planner updated the Committee on the proposed Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan. The following highlights are noted:

- The overall vision for the Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan is to create spaces for people, the heart of Saanich.
- Design workshop to discuss land use provided information to help develop a draft of strategies for the Uptown Douglas Corridor.
- The information from the design workshop has been integrated into themes/layers:
 - Green layer: Parks, open space, natural environment, green building, cultural/recreational connections and sustainability.
 - Mobility layer: recognizes the need for all transportation modalities.
 - Land-use layer: building form and character, economic vibrancy and place making.
- A "new idea" was raised regarding turning Blanchard Street back into a two way road and updating Vernon Avenue into a neighbourhood street. This proposed adjustment in the roadways would result in improvements for active transportation modes.
- Health of the watershed was highlighted as important with emphasis on future daylighting efforts for Cecelia Creek.

- Increasing the tree canopy using aggressive targets to shift the corridor from grey to green.
- A transit hub is being planned for this area.
- The Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan will be a guiding document with a 30 year timeline.

RADIO ANTENNAE UPDATE

The Planner updated the Committee on Saanich roles in radio antennae. The jurisdiction over radio antennae is federal. Saanich reviews antennae applications but does not charge a fee to the applicant. With the advancement in radio antennae technology, fewer applications have been coming to Planning for review.

PRESENTATION FROM THE INTERCULTURAL ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

The Director of Operations, Intercultural Association (ICA) gave a presentation on the role of the ICA in Saanich and the surrounding municipalities. The following highlights are noted:

- The ICA has been assisting members of the community for over 40 years.
- The ICA ran Folkfest for many years. Folkfest was suspended as the financial cost of hosting the event became too expensive for the association.
- The ICA assists newcomers with housing, English, employment, cultural bridging and resettling (refugees).
- The ICA is a sponsorship agreement holder and additionally there are private sponsorship groups that assist with ICA clients.
- Community partnerships are an integral part of the ICA network. Saanich has a long successful history of partnering with the ICA.
- Vancouver Island sees approximately 2500 newcomers annually.
- The CRD welcomed 415 government sponsored refugees in 2016. With half of the 2016 refugees being school aged children.
- The children will become vibrant contributing members of the community.
- Majority of the funding is provided by the government with some private donors contributing to the ICA.

WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Committee member D. Rosenberg facilitated a discussion on the working group. The following highlights are noted:

- The working group could be called Cultural Communities in Saanich.
- Several themes have emerged during the working group sessions:
 - How to encourage cultural communities to participate in public processes
 - HSAC hosting a summit/workshop on cultural communities within Saanich maybe premature. Conducting a needs assessment of the cultural community could be a preliminary step.
 - Hosting an intercultural event based on results of the needs assessment.
 - Investigating how cultural diverse groups/organizations communicate among themselves.

- Saanich Parks and Recreation and Saanich Police have a long history of supporting culturally diverse groups within Saanich. These two Saanich departments should be invited to update the Committee on work they have been doing.
- Welcome signs on Saanich buildings in different languages is a good idea.

RECREATION UPDATE

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services presented a report of the Recreation Highlights for March, 2017 and the newspaper article stating that The Food Share Network is now up and running.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2017.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary



The Corporation of the District of Saanich

Report

To: Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee
Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee

From: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager - Recreation

Date: 5/20/2017

Subject: May 2017 Monthly Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee receive this report as information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an overview of the previous month's Recreation Divisions activities.

DISCUSSION

Cedar Hill Campus

Junior Golf is thriving at Cedar Hill Golf Course! Due to a significant bequest, a new Junior golf programme has been established in partnership with the Cedar Hill Golf Club. Fourteen (14) youth ages 4-8 participate in 7 – 45 minute group lessons at a nominal cost of \$40. The Lleutwyler Junior Golf Fund supports this programme with about \$80 per child. There are 23 youth playing in the 9-17 year old category. Each pays \$250 for an annual golf pass and the fund provides group and private lessons, club storage, tournament entry fees and memberships to Golf Canada and the Cedar Hill Golf Club (total value approx. \$600 per junior). In previous years, we sold approximately 8 junior annual passes per year.

Limelight Youth Arts Festival (May 4 – 16)

This annual event organized by Saanich as part of National Youth Arts Week. Limelight is made possible through the collaborative efforts of youth artists, teachers, community volunteers, the Arts Centre at Cedar Hill and the Victoria Arts Council.

60 artists representing secondary and independent schools from across Greater Victoria were featured in the largest annual show of student work in the region. The opening reception welcomed over 250 people and featured talented youth music and spoken word performers by Oak Bay and Reynolds Secondary students. Chek 6 News stopped by to do a feature on the

exhibit and its aspiring young artists. <http://www.cheknews.ca/youth-art-from-across-greater-victoria-showcased-at-local-exhibit-312925/>

Youth Open Mic Nights

The second Queer Youth Open Mic Night for LGBTQ teens, family and friends is this Saturday, May 20. The first event hosted approximately 70 youth and supporters and was a great success. These events are organized by Saanich Recreation Youth Services in collaboration with the Youth Empowerment Society with support from The Victoria Foundation.

Community Services

The LIFE program continues to assist families living on a low to no income. With a consistent growing need in assisting families with the cost of recreation, we are working closely with the Canadian Jumpstart Charities program to assist more kids in Greater Victoria. The first third of this year is showing to be once again a record breaking funding year for our families; to date over \$20,000 has already been allocated in registration and equipment fees with the support of Jumpstart!

The Flipside Youth Activity Centre received a BCRPA Move for Health Day grant for our Wheel Jam on May 10. 25 participants attended with their BMX's, skateboards and scooters and played on our Fresh Park Mobile Park elements like rails, ramps and boxes. Food, music and prizes ensured a good time for the skaters and their champions, too.



The Flipside hosted a Cinco de Mayo Youth Mexican Fiesta and Patio Party with the financial and people-power assistance of RBC. Approximately 90 youth turned out including many international exchange students, some of whom are Mexican, and led a number of line dances engaging many of the participants. Two of our SPD Bike Officers were also in attendance in plainclothes for most of the evening playing with and engaging the youth. Despite the lack of tropical temperatures, youth enjoyed the festive food, Latin tunes, hot pepper-eating competition, sombrero games and piñata!

Saanich Cycling Festival

Dark ominous clouds lingered throughout the day which resulted in a much smaller crowd than anticipated for the annual Cycling Festival which took place on Sunday, April 23. An estimated 600 people braved the cool, breezy day to cycle to the Saanich Hall where a wide range of free family activities took place. Three live bands played on stage throughout the afternoon (Reynold R&B Band, Hung Jury, Bijoux de Bayou) to entertain the families that were participating in cycling activities, information displays, and Canada 150 themed games. A total 16 different organization participated in the 2017 event including;



Bike to Work Week	Bikemaps.org	BC Transit
Coast Capital Insurance	CRD Trail Ambassadors	Cycles West
Games 2U Victoria	Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition	Mac's Cycle Centre
North Park Bicycle Shop	Oak Bay Bicycles	Peddleheads
velofix	Saanich Environmental Services	Saanich Arts & Heritage
Saanich Fire Department	Saanich Engineering	Uptown

PISE - Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence

G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre

Pearkes has been experimenting and piloting a number of different drop in style fitness classes during this time frame in an effort to attract new participants and to enhance the options for our current pass holders. Of the 6 pilot classes, half of these "trial classes" had strong enough participation rates to warrant continuation of the programs. The others will be tried again in the Fall. The classes that will continue are: Tabata – a series of short duration high intensity moves and exercises; HIIT – high intensity interval training and Spintervals – short duration, higher intensity spin or stationary bike exercises. The common theme appears to be the need for shorter duration, higher intensity workouts that fit into the busy lives of people.

Spring skate lessons are underway with the majority of levels and age categories being full. We have some waitlists at the beginner levels or preschool age levels. We have also seen a rise in requests for private lessons, power skating lessons and for adult learn to skate lessons.

Events at Pearkes in the last month included a cross or multi denominational Good Friday Service which attract over 2500 people from around the region; a kickboxing event highlighting some of the elite Canadian talent in the sport and a Dodgeball tournament. Eclectic and diverse offerings for events by all standards!

Upcoming Events include:

May 19-22: Falcon Gymnastics Competition

May 26-28: Saanich Firefighters Benefit Association Car Show

June 16-18: Victoria Regional Pickleball Association Tournament

June 27: Spectrum High School Dry Grad Festivities



Pearkes has started a pilot program in partnership with Craigflower Elementary and Shoreline Middle School to offer introduction to Lacrosse session on the dry floor arena. With a couple of sessions underway we've averaged 45 students in each session. 4 more sessions are planned through May and June. In the first session with Craigflower students, only 10% of these students had even tried lacrosse before. This has provided some great exposure to one of our national sports and utilizes daytime dry floor space that is often underutilized.

Gordon Head Recreation Centre

The steam room reconstruction is now well underway and completion is set for June 23rd. The river pool motor has reached end of life, so it will require a replacement – there is a 4 week wait on the motor, so it will be installed just prior to shutdown. Shutdown will start June 19 and we reopen July 4th.

National Life-Jacket Day was Thursday, May 18th and we promoted life-jacket use and boating safety in our swimming lessons. The Red Cross mascot "Buckles" made an appearance.

Saanich Commonwealth Place

SCP hosted the VISHKHI Indian Dance Festival for women and children, where traditional food was served and dance performances were enjoyed by all attendees.

The weight room received new non-cardio equipment, which is being enjoyed by all patrons, as testified for a record number of visits on May 9th of 569!

The pool side hosted a number of events including the Beginner Triathlon for MS, on May 7. This event is geared to beginners, and is not a race, but more of a training experience for beginner triathletes, or those who want to experience a triathlon in a non-competitive and supportive atmosphere. This event is also an important fundraiser for the South and Central Island chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. This year's event raised over \$14,000 dollars.

The Pacific Coast Wavemakers Swim Meet was held the last weekend of April with 350 youth participating from all over the province, as well as participants from the Yukon and Alberta.

The Provincial Summer Diving Meet was held on May 12, 13 & 14 with about 200 athletes, and the Island Swimming Medley Challenge May 19, 20, and 21 hosted 375 local and provincial athletes.

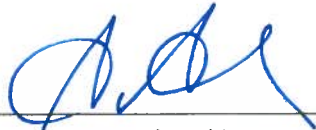
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