

MINUTES
HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held virtually from Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers
May 4, 2022 at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Ned Taylor.

Members: Carren Dujela, Basil Langevin, Kam Judge and Jasmine Noble.

Staff: Cristina Caravaca, Senior Manager of Community Services and Megan MacDonald, Senior Committee Clerk.

Absent: Liz Miller (SCAN), Clare Attwell, Silvia Mangué Alene and Ryan Henderson

MINUTES

MOVED by J. Noble and seconded by C. Dujela: “That the minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held April 12, 2022, be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Senior Manager of Community Services provided a verbal overview of the report titled Mental Health and Well-being programs in the District of Saanich, which was presented to Saanich Council at the April 25, 2022 meeting. The following was noted:

- The report provides an overview of the mental health initiatives being addressed by Saanich, similar to the new Provincial mental health initiative: A Pathway to Hope.

The following was noted during discussion with committee members:

- The report is a robust resource that could be used to identify areas that Saanich could implement or improve mental health support services at the local level.
- Comparing the Saanich report with that of the Province is important to find areas where current support is lacking or where opportunities for partnerships may exist.
- The City of Edmonton has a plan which includes the local and provincial governments working cohesively together to support mental health initiatives.
- There committee is able to put forward recommendations to Council for improvements at the local level where appropriate.

DISCUSSION OF COVID REGULATIONS

This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN COMMUNITY ART

Committee member C. Dujela brought forward a picture which was taken of a mural at Saanich Commonwealth Place (picture on file), which was displayed for committee members. The following was noted:

- The mural does not represent diversity or inclusion, as the children in the picture are all able-bodied Caucasian children. The lack of diversity in the mural is concerning.

MOVED by C. Dujela and seconded by K. Judge: “That Council direct staff to review the criteria used by the District of Saanich to select public art displays and advertisements; including those in community spaces and recreation centres to be more inclusive, representative, and better reflect the community; with a specific focus on diversity and inclusion including visible minorities, Indigenous people, aging populations, and disability representation.”

The following was noted during discussion with the committee:

- The purpose is to provide empowerment for staff and community partners by building a tool kit to ensure there is equitable and just representation in all public displays.

The Motion was then PUT and CARRIED

DIVISION REPORT – FOR INFORMATION

The Community Services division report was included with the agenda for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2022.

Councillor Ned Taylor, Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Megan MacDonald, Committee Secretary