

**MINUTES**  
**HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2  
**January 15, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Chair: Councillor Paul Gerrard

Members: Jean Fraser, Fred Haynes (SCAN), Franca LaBella, Nancy McDuffe, Dorothy Rosenberg, Nadia Rajan, Shirley Woods

Staff: Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Guests: Sandra Richardson, CEO, Victoria Foundation; Leah Baade, Project Manager, Victoria Foundation

Absent: Jean Hodgson, Franca LaBella,

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by F. Haynes and seconded by J. Fraser, "That the minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held November 21, 2013 be adopted as circulated."**  
**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair welcomed new members and facilitated a discussion regarding areas of interest for the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee. The following was noted:

- Five core issues were identified:
  - Food Security
  - Affordable Housing
  - Transportation
  - Social well-being
  - Environment
- The Chair has arranged for several guest speakers to present to the Committee over the next few months.

**VITAL SIGNS**

The Chair introduced Sandra Richardson the CEO of the Victoria Foundation. Ms. Richardson presented an interactive overview of "Vital Signs", Greater Victoria's 2013 Annual Check-up and the following was noted:

- Victoria's Vital Signs is a research and survey report that measures the vitality of the region by highlighting relevant statistics, identifying significant trends, and assigning grades to subject areas critical to the quality of life.
- The report covers 12 subject areas including health, safety, transportation and housing.
- Close to 1,200 respondents participated in the 2013 grading survey.

- The natural environment, climate and air quality ranked as the top three things about Greater Victoria.
- Challenges remain most notably with the high cost of living which was again rated as the most important issue facing our community.
- By highlighting the successes and challenges the information is used to guide the Foundations granting decisions, inform their donors and engage with the community.

The committee asked questions of the CEO and the following was noted:

- Information about the projects needing support is typically disseminated through the Vital Signs and Pulse publications and by word of mouth.
- A wish list is sent out to donors.
- Donation/funding sources include philanthropy, matching grants from legacy funds, and a small discretionary fund.
- The eight high schools that participate with the Victoria Foundation have a monetary amount they can grant to areas that they have identified as needing attention.

The committee commended Ms. Richardson and the Victoria Foundation on an excellent publication and for doing such important work within the community.

## **JOINT WORKSHOP**

The Chair provided an update on the Healthy Community Joint Workshop. A document is being compiled from all the information that was gathered from the flip charts and will be presented to the committee in the spring 2014.

## **SCAN UPDATE**

The Chair of SCAN provided an update on SCAN activities. The Saanich Police Department will be discussing approaches to combat graffiti in the community at the next SCAN meeting. Mayor Frank Leonard is scheduled to present at the May 2014 SCAN meeting. SCAN is planning to conduct a series of community workshops. The workshops will be held in March, April and May.

## **RECREATION UPDATE**

A report dated January 9, 2014, from the Manager of Recreation Services, was circulated to committee members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2014.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary