

MINUTES
HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at the Annex, Committee Room #3
February 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Nancy McDuffe, Dorthy Rosenberg, Jean Hodgson, Marsha Henderson (SCAN)

Staff: Steve Meikle, Recreation Manager; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Absent: Jean Fraser, Franca LaBella, Nadia Rajan, Thomas Ward

Quorum was not met at today's meeting.

MINUTES

Adoption of the minutes will occur at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

BUSINESS ARISING

The Chair updated committee members on status of the Living Wage motion and facilitated a discussion regarding the Living Wage topic and the following was noted:

- Saanich taking a leadership role in the Living Wage movement was discussed.
- The Chair brought the Motion passed by the HSAC to the FAP committee and it was passed so the Director of Finance will explore the feasibility of becoming a Living Wage employer.
- The FAP felt that Saanich becoming a Living Wage employer will not be a massive additional cost to Saanich.
- Challenge is to inform employees as to the reason for unilateral increases.

HEALTHY SAANICH WORKSHOP DOCUMENT

The Chair facilitated a discussion of the social well-being section of the Healthy Saanich Workshop Document and the following was noted:

- Engagement of the public into becoming involved with what is happening in their community should be an on-going priority.
- Increasing community engagement is an opportunity for the HSAC to explore.
- Elizabeth May Town Hall style meetings should be considered for Saanich. SCAN could disseminate the information on the meetings to the community.
- Quarterly "Meet your Council" meetings would be an idea to help engage public.
- How to engage the public would be a good "Town Hall" topic.
- A presentation on the Saanich Public Participation Handbook should be given to the HSAC. SCAN could educate a larger audience on the public participation process.
- Engaging the public is a starting point for addressing other social issues.

SCAN UPDATE

An update on SCAN activities was provided and the following was noted:

- Vacancies on the SCAN executive have been filled. Marsha Henderson was appointed the SCAN representative to HSAC, Shawn Newbie appointed as Treasurer.
- Mayor Atwell attended the February SCAN meeting for a question and answer period.
- SCAN members advised the Mayor that Scan wishes to be involved with the governance review process.
- The guest speaker for the March meeting is Andy Laidlaw the new CAO of Saanich.

RECREATION UPDATE

A report dated February 4, 2015, from the Manager of Recreation Services, was circulated to committee members.

- A new partnership with the Diabetes Society and Cedar Hill Recreation Centre has been created. A “Walk the Talk” diabetes 10 week program will start in March.
- Work on the Youth Development Strategy and Five Year Implementation Plan is underway.
- The Project Team consists of four Parks and Recreation staff, five youth between the ages of 13-18 from across Saanich, representatives from School Districts 61 and 63, as well as two other adult community members, one from a community association and one with a public health background.
- Fitness Sampler week was well received.
- Osteofit programs at Pearkes Recreation Centre are full.
- The Pacific Cup Hockey Tournament will be held at Pearkes Recreation Centre with over 120 hockey teams participating.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2015.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary