

**MINUTES**  
**HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at the Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #1  
**March 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

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

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Guests: Colleen Hobson, Executive Director of Saanich Neighbourhood Place; Mia Yuel, Student; Dr. Neil Smith, Pacific Leadership Design; Marlene Bergstrum, SCAN

Absent: Thomas Ward

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by D. Rosenberg and seconded by M. Henderson, "That the minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held January 15, 2015 and February 11, 2015 be adopted as amended."**

**CARRIED**

**SAANICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE**

The Chair introduced Colleen Hobson, Executive Director of Saanich Neighbourhood Place (SNP) and Mia Yuel, Student. Ms. Hobson introduced the a concept plan being developed for building a child care centre in the northwest corner of the Pearkes Recreation Facility grounds and the following was noted:

- Saanich Neighbourhood Place is committed to addressing the shortage of regulated, quality child care spaces in the region by the creation of child care hub in the Tillicum neighbourhood.
- The Saanich Neighbourhood Place Concept plan would result in a 6600 square foot child care facility constructed on the northwest corner of the Pearkes Recreation property. Which would include 24 infant/toddler care and 25 spaces for 3-5 year olds.
- The proposed child care facility will be grounded in the natural surroundings and environment, supporting the belief that children and nature belong together.
- Space within the child care centre would be flexible and available to other service providers to offer additional services.
- A commercial kitchen is incorporated into the space and provides space for community use.
- The cost to build the proposed child care centre is estimated to be \$1.2 million. This capital will be raised through a combination of provincial grant money, a request to the Municipality of Saanich for a no-interest loan and Saanich Neighbourhood Place fund raising efforts.

Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- The proposed child care centre can be viewed as a community building tool.
- Currently 70% of the children enrolled at SNP are from streets addresses in close proximity to the Centre.
- Public participation has consisted of two open houses, flier delivery and an online survey. Once funding has been secured and a design finalized additional public participation opportunities will be undertaken.
- The proposed Centre will be a “Hub” model where half of the space is dedicated to childcare and the balance of the space can be rented.

The Chair thanked the speaker for her presentation.

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services introduced Dr. Neil Smith, Pacific Leadership Design. Dr. Smith is the consultant hired to develop the youth strategy for Saanich. The Senior Manager, Recreation Services updated the Committee with the background of the current Youth Development Strategy and the following was noted:

- The current Youth Development Strategy is from 2003.
- The 2003 Youth Development Strategy was created for Recreation. The update that is being done will encompass Parks in addition to Recreation.
- Implementation planning for a five year time frame.
- The target youth are 11-18 years of age.
- In 2013 the Parks and Recreation Master Plan identified the need for a Youth Development Strategy.
- Phase 1 is currently underway with systems in place, teams together and research on the current status of youth needs been done.
- Phase 2 will involve the engagement process.

Dr. Smith discussed the planned youth development strategy update and the following was noted:

- Youth needs and demographics have changed since the implementation of the 2003 Strategy.
- Generation Z have a different way of framing the world and their place in it.
- Question as to how to get youth engaged in self efficacy.
- Saanich has had successful youth groups.
- Parks primarily outdoor spaces.
- Recreation primarily indoor spaces.
- The project teams have been chosen:
  - Core Team
  - Project Team
  - Research Team
  - Consultant
- Advertisements were placed in the media to recruit the youth team members
- Attempts to reach out to the disengaged youth are being made and developed.
- Different options need to be available as there are many different types of youth.

Dr. Smith led the Committee through an Appreciative Inquiry exercise to explore youth programs, groups and other Saanich initiatives that Committee members felt are working well for the municipalities' youth.

The Committee thanked Dr. Smith for his presentation.

### **SCAN UPDATE**

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

- Attendance has been rising at the past three SCAN meetings.
- Email distribution list is being updated.
- Saanich CAO Andy Laidlaw attended the March 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 April meeting is Carmel Thomson to discuss Maltby Lake.

### **RECREATION UPDATE**

A report dated March 11, 2015, from the Senior Manager of Recreation Services, was circulated to committee members.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair asked the Committee members for items that they would like to bring forward for discussion at future Committee meetings. The following was noted:

- Safe routes to school program.
- Exploration of components of the Healthy Saanich Workshop Document, perhaps guest speakers relating to issues raised in the document.
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer issues.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2015.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary