

**MINUTES**  
**HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at the Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #1  
**April 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Nancy McDuffe, Dorthy Rosenberg, Marsha Henderson (SCAN),  
Marlene Bergstrom, Jean Fraser, Nadia Rajan, Thomas Ward, Tiffany  
Kuo, Saanich Youth Council Representative

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

Absent: Jean Hodgson

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by N. Rajan and seconded by M. Henderson, "That the minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held March 12, 2015 be adopted."**

**CARRIED**

**CONTINUED REVIEW OF THE HEALTHY SAANICH COMMUNITY WORKSHOP  
DOCUMENT-HOUSING AND OTHER SECTIONS**

The Chair facilitated a committee discussion and the following was noted:

- Supporting working partnerships with other groups/organizations to increase the number of affordable housing units.
- Ensure the updated Local Area Plans have a reference to affordable housing.
- Diverse affordable housing options that maintain public green space would be desirable.
- Involve Community Associations to assist with the development of affordable housing that address specific needs in their communities.
- Community collaboration to help ensure community support.
- The Municipality can support affordable housing by amending current zoning bylaws that allow for the construction and/or addition of affordable housing units.
- The Municipality could support a variety of housing options. For example, allowing rooming houses in the University of Victoria area.
- Provide support for aging homeowners to remain in their homes.
- A significant challenge to affordable housing is the high cost of land.
- Planning Staff will be invited to a future HSAC meeting to help committee members understand affordable housing from the perspective of the Saanich Planning Department.
- Lane-way housing could be considered for larger lot properties within Saanich.
- Encourage more infill housing.

**MOTION: Moved by M. Henderson and seconded by J. Fraser: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee;**

- a. Encourages Council to support creative ways of providing a variety of affordable housing options that support a broad range of citizens; and,**
- b. Recommends that when the Planning Department reviews the Local Area Plans the Planning Department include affordable housing considerations.”**

▪ **CARRIED**

### **SCAN UPDATE**

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

- Carmel Thomson was the guest speaker at the May meeting. Maltby Lake as a complete watershed was the topic of the presentation.
- Discussions for updating the SCAN Terms of Reference continue.
- Public Participation Policy and how can Community Associations encourage residents to participate in local government will be topics at the June meeting.

### **RECREATION UPDATE**

A report dated April 9, 2015, from the Senior Manager of Recreation Services, was circulated to committee members. The Youth Development Strategy website is now live. Committee members were invited to share their comments on the Youth Development Strategy by submitting comments to [www.youth dev.weebly.com/mar-26.html](http://www.youth.dev.weebly.com/mar-26.html).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair will be away for the May meeting so the Committee appointed Tomas Ward as interim Chair for the May 20, 2015 HSAC meeting. 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:

- A presentation on the Healthy Child and Youth Network could be considered for an upcoming meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary