

MINUTES
HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at the Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
September 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Jean Hodgson, Marlene Bergstrom, Nancy McDuffe, Nadia Rajan
Marsha Henderson (SCAN), Philip He, Merie Beauchamp

Staff: Doug Henderson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelli-Ann
Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Elizabeth van den
Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Absent: Peg Orcheron, School District #61 Representative, Dorthy Rosenberg

MINUTES

MOVED by N. Rajan and seconded by P. He, "That the minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held June 17, 2015 be adopted."

CARRIED

WELCOME TO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Chair welcomed Ms. Merie Beauchamp and Mr. Philip He as new members on the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Chair requested that the meeting schedule be changed to the fourth Wednesday of the month due to a recent scheduling conflict. The Committee resolved as follows:

MOTION: Moved by M. Henderson and seconded by N. McDuffe: "That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month a 5:30 pm."

CARRIED

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-2018

The Director of Parks and Recreation gave an overview of the strategic planning process and the following was noted:

- Following a series of facilitated workshops, Council has prepared their draft strategic plan for the period covering 2015-2018.
- The document highlights intended areas of focus for Council across the three Official Community Plan themes of Environmental Integrity.
- Input from the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee is being requested on the Council Priorities that have been identified under the Social Well-Being corporate theme of Healthy Community in the Plan.

Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- Targets are identified and developed through Committee discussion.
- The targets are set so that they are attainable.
- Some of the metrics used in the document are from outside sources. When outside data is used these values are denoted in the footnotes.
- Community inputs from the Healthy Community Workshop, November 2014, should be incorporated in the strategic planning process.
- A community park wish-list spreadsheet could be compiled.
- Emergency Preparedness activities undertaken by Saanich citizens could be noted within the strategic plan.
- A strategy for young families should be developed.
- Community building should be emphasized. Community Associations may be a good partner to assist with community building.
- Encourage Saanich to re-work teen centres to include young family programming.
- Past initiative data should be noted within the document.
- Some past initiatives are being worked on, but do not necessarily appear in the strategic plan.
- The description around C2a. could be broadened to include a review of background work and consultations.
- The strategic plan document should appear on or be linked to the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee webpage.

MOTION: **Moved by M. Beauchamp and seconded by M. Henderson: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee requests Council consider asking staff to explore increasing drop-in opportunities at Saanich recreation facilities for young families.”**

CARRIED

MOTION: **Moved by M. Bergstrom and seconded by M. Henderson: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee supports the Social Well-Being component of the Draft Strategic Plan 2015-2018, however recognizes that there is a lack of reference to previous initiatives.”**

CARRIED

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The Committee reviewed the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee Terms of Reference. Members are encouraged to continue to review the document and discussion on the Committee TOR will continue at the October 2015 meeting.

****J. Hodgson left the meeting at 7:50 pm****

LESBIAN, GAY, BI-SEXUAL, TRANS-GENDER AND QUEER SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chair reviewed the background for the request to form a sub-committee to give voice to the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Trans-gender, and Queer community (LGBTQ). Committee discussion occurred and following was noted:

- While all are supportive of forming a sub-committee for groups in the community that need support, concern was raised that forming a sub-committee for one group is exclusionary towards other groups.
- Succession planning would need to be considered. When Committee re-appointments occur for 2016 the current Chair of Healthy Saanich may not chair the Committee in the next year. What would happen to the sub-committee if this were to occur?
- Finding a solution or process to support other marginalized groups through a sub-committee should be considered.
- An LGBTQ sub-committee could be the first opportunity to be proactive for a specific group. Providing this opportunity would be a positive outcome for this community.

MOTION: Moved by M. Beauchamp and seconded by N. Rajan: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee requests that Council consider forming a Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Trans-gender and Queer sub-committee for a one year trial.”

CARRIED

With N. McDuffe, M. Bergstrom and M. Henderson OPPOSED

RAINBOW SIDEWALK

- Item tabled

TOWN HALL REPORT

- Item tabled

RECREATION UPDATE

A report dated September 9, 2015, from the Senior Manager of Recreation Services, was circulated to committee members.

SCAN UPDATE

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

- Councillor Plant spoke at the SCAN meeting about Saanich’s updated public participation handbook and policy.
- Public participation at Saanich Council meetings not includes:
 - Delegations are invited to speak for ten minutes.
 - The public can comment for five minutes on any agenda item.
 - An open forum is held monthly after a Council Meeting. Residents are permitted to speak on any topic relevant to Saanich for up to three minutes.

- Consensus was that the Community Associations could play a greater role in the public participation process.

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- Item tabled

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2015.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary