

MINUTES
HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at the Saanich Recreation Annex, Learning Centre
February 24, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Merie Beauchamp, Jasmindra Jawanda, Jean Hodgson, Philip He, Marlene Bergstrom, Nadia Rajan, Dorthy Rosenberg
Peg Orcherton, School District #61 Representative, Shawn Newby (SCAN)

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Jane Evans, Planner; Cameron Scott, Planner; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Absent: Marsha Henderson (SCAN)

MINUTES

MOVED by J. Hodgson and Seconded by D. Hodgson: "That the Minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held January 27, 2016, be adopted as amended."

CARRIED

UPDATE AND COMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair reviewed the Seedy Saturday event and the committee discussed the revised motion. The following was noted:

MOVED by J. Hodgson and Seconded by N. Rajan: "That Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee authorizes the release of \$500.00 to the Horticulture Centre of the Pacific for the Seedy Saturday Event held on Saturday January 9, 2016."

CARRIED

AGRICULTURAL TASK FORCE

The Planner provided the Committee with an overview of the Agricultural Task Force. The following was noted:

- HSAC has discussed and addressed food security for many years within the Committee.
- In 2011 the HSAC recognized the need for a comprehensive agriculture and food security plan.
- Councillors Murdock and Derman submitted a report to Council requesting Saanich form an agricultural taskforce for the development of an agriculture and food security policy plan.
- The Terms of Reference for an Agricultural Taskforce were endorsed by Council in October 2014.

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- An RFP for a consultant was issued in September 2015. Upland Agriculture was selected and started work in January 2016.
 - A request for applications for the Agricultural Taskforce was made in October 2015.
 - The initial Agricultural Taskforce meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2016.
 - Three open-houses are planned throughout the year.
 - Feedback from HSAC will be requested at the three phases of the process.

MOTIONS FROM THE LGBTQ SUB-COMMITTEE

The Chair facilitated a discussion on the motions carried from the LGBTQ sub-committee. The following was noted:

LGBTQ Terms of Reference:

MOTION: Moved by J. Hodgson and seconded by D. Rosenberg: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee recommend that Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the LGBTQ Sub-Committee as amended at the February 10, 2016 meeting.”

CARRIED

Trans Day of Visibility, March 31, 2016 proclamation:

The Committee discussed the motion and the following was noted:

- A proclamation is a public document that would show Saanich support for Trans Day of Visibility.
- Important to have recognition of these days to help deepen public understanding to the challenges faced by members of our society.

MOTION: Moved by S. Newby and seconded by J. Jawanda: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee supports the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Sub-Committee drafting a Proclamation declaring March 31, 2016 as Trans Day of Visibility; and requests that Mayor Atwell consider having March 31, 2016 declared as Trans Day of Visibility.”

CARRIED

Pride and Trans flags at Saanich Municipal Hall:

The Committee discussed the motion and the following was noted:

- There are 5 flag poles at the Saanich Municipal Hall.
- The Pride and Trans flags would be purchased by Saanich. The initial cost of purchasing the flags would be offset by the years that the flags would be useable.
- When the City of Victoria flew the Pride and Trans flags there was significant support from both the local community and beyond.

MOTION: Moved by N. Rajan and seconded by P. He: “That Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee recommend that Council consider having the Pride and Trans Flags flown at the Saanich Municipal Hall during Pride week, July 1-10, 2016.”

CARRIED

Safe and welcoming signage at Saanich owned buildings:

The Committee discussed the motion and the following was noted:

- Small signs or decal that identify Saanich spaces as safe and welcoming for the LGBTQ community.
- Concern was expressed that if Saanich staff have not undergone sensitivity training then placing signage indicating building as safe and welcoming may be premature.

MOTION: Moved by M. Beauchamp and seconded by N. Rajan: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee requests that Council consider having staff install signage at Saanich buildings indicating that Saanich buildings are welcoming and safe for members of the LGBTQ community.”

CARRIED

****The Chair left at 6:35 pm.****

MOTION: Moved by D. Rosenberg and seconded by M. Beauchamp: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee appoint Nadia Rajan as acting chair.”

CARRIED

Sensitivity training:

The Committee discussed the motion and the following was noted:

- Saanich Recreation supervisory staff have received sensitivity training.
- The supervisors who have undergone sensitivity training are passing their knowledge on to their work units.

MOTION: Moved by M. Beauchamp and seconded by J. Hdgson: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee recommends that Council consider having all Saanich staff who interact with the public receive sensitivity training.”

CARRIED

All body swim:

The Committee discussed the motion and the following was noted:

MOTION: Moved by P. He and seconded by S. Newby: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee recommend that Council consider having staff organize an All Body Swim at a Saanich Recreation Facility.”

CARRIED

Saanich marketing and advertising materials:

The Committee discussed the motion and the following was noted:

MOTION: Moved by J. Hodgson and seconded by J. Jawanda: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee recommend that Council consider having marketing and advertising materials produced by Saanich to be more reflective of the diversity of Saanich citizens and utilize gender neutral language.”

CARRIED

SCAN

Shawn Newby gave an update from SCAN and following was noted:

- Rob Wickson presented information on the McKenzie Interchange Project.
- Veins of Life Water provided updates on the derelict boat issue.
- A survey has been circulated to the CA’s in Saanich to update CA information.
- Sargent Andy Stewart from the Safety and Security Division, stated that a Saanich Police liaison will be appointed to each CA.

****Shawn Newby left the meeting at 7:00 pm.****

2016 WORK PLANS AND GOALS

The Committee continued the discussion on work plans and goals for 2016. The following was noted:

- The Intercultural Association and the Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society could be approached to do presentations on immigrants and engagement in municipal government.
- Cultural differences need to be understood to assist in removing barriers to immigrant civic participation.
- Multi-cultural food fair for Saanich could be under an overall “Saanich celebration” theme.
- The Agricultural Taskforce will be requesting input from HSAC in the upcoming year.
- Other future topics returning to HSAC for further discussion include:
 - Uptown/Douglas Street Corridor updates
 - The Governance Review project
 - Older Adult Development Strategy
 - Shelbourne Valley Action Plan
- Use of the media to promote and educate the public about the roles of Saanich Advisory Committees.

RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

A report dated February, 2016, from the Senior Manager of Recreation Services, was circulated to committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2016.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary