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HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at the Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
May 25, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Philip He, Marlene Bergstrom, Dorthy Rosenberg, Peg Orcherton,
School District #61 Representative

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Sandra
Pearson; Julie Wallace, Community Services; Elizabeth van den
Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Absent: Marsha Henderson (SCAN), Nadia Rajan, Jasmindra Jawanda, Jean
Hodgson, Merie Beauchamp

MINUTES

**The minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee
meeting held April 27, 2016, will be adopted at the next meeting when
quorum is present.**

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair provided the Committee with updates and the following was noted:

- The Mayor has indicated that the Committee Chairs may be reassigned to different Advisory Committees.
- The LGBTQ Committee has requested a Saanich presence in the 2016 Pride Parade.
- The needs assessment survey for LGBTQ residents and visitors to Saanich is well underway. The information collected from this survey will likely comprise the main work of the LGBTQ Committee for 2016.
- HSAC organizing and hosting a series of “Town Hall” style events at the Municipal Hall and at various venues around Saanich was supported by the Committee members
- The Chair asked the Committee members to submit a list of potential topics for the “Town Hall” meetings at the June meeting.
- The LGBTQ motions went before Council. Council requested more information and asked staff to report back with financial and long term impacts of the LGBTQ motions.
- A Needs Assessment is being developed by the LGBTQ Committee and will produce a list of needs to help support the LGBTQ Community in Saanich.
- Saanich participation in the 2016 Pride Parade was discussed.

SCAN

Item tabled

OLDER ADULT PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGY

The Senior Manager, Recreation, introduced the Community Services Manager and the Programmer II Recreation, Community Services. The Community Services Manager together with the Programmer II gave an overview of the Older Adult Parks and Recreation Strategy and the following was noted:

- The Older Adult Strategy is being developed by the same method that was used to create the Youth Development Strategy 2016. The consulting firm of Pacific Leadership Design has been selected to assist on the Older Adult Strategy.
- Information from Saanich residents and key stakeholders will be compiled using the appreciative inquiry format.
- A link to a website for submitting comments and feedback was provided: olderadultstrategy.weebly.com.

****The Chair left the meeting at 6:00 pm.****

**** D. Rosenberg was appointed Acting Chair****

The Committee participated in a world café exercise and the highlights are noted:

- Many older adults enjoy utilizing the trails in Saanich; not all activity should be targeted within a Saanich Recreation Centre/facility, outdoor experiences are valued opportunities for older adults in Saanich.
- Important to identify the “hook” that encourages the older adult to “get out of the house” and engage with peers and community.
- Suggestion to offer programming at seniors’ facilities was made.
- Opportunities for youth and seniors to participate in activities would be beneficial.
- Reducing costs for older adults to access programs and facilities could encourage increased participation.
- Efforts to reach non-computer users to make sure their voices are heard should be considered during the information collection phase of the strategy development.

RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

A report dated May 17, 2016, from the Senior Manager of Recreation Services, was circulated to committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2016.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary