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HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at the Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
September 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Marlene Davie, Dorthy Rosenberg, Shawn Newby (SCAN), Nadia Rajan, Jasmindra Jawanda, Merie Beauchamp

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Shari Holmes-Saltzman, Senior Planner; Adam Flint, Graphic Technician; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Philip He, Marsha Henderson, Jean Hodgson, Peg Orcherton, School District #61 Representative

Guests: Lorna Curtis, Rotary Club of Victoria; Brenda Bolton, Coordinator, Food Share Network

MINUTES

MOVED by M. Beauchamp and Seconded by M. Henderson: “That the Minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meetings held April 27 and May 25, 2016, be adopted.”

CARRIED

UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair updated the Committee on past items and the following was noted:

- The two motions put forward to Council by HSAC on homelessness and affordable housing have been postponed.
- Council is requesting more information on homelessness and housing affordability.
- Homelessness and housing affordability will be topics in the November 2016 Strategic Planning sessions.
- The LGBTQ Sub- Committee would like to be established as an advisory committee going forward.

FOOD SHARE NETWORK

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services introduced the speakers from Rotary of Victoria and the Food Share Network. The speakers gave the committee an overview of the food rescue program that is being developed for the region, and the highlights are noted:

- Food will be donated by Thrifty Foods and the Mustard Seed will “clean and glean” the food prior to redistributing it to emergency/social- food providers.
- Thrifty Foods, Victoria Rotary Club and The Victoria Foundation are all key players in the Food Share Network.

- The amount of rescued food is between 500 and 600 pounds per Thrifty Foods per day.
- The Victoria Foundation brought in a Food Share Network Coordinator to assist in coordinating efforts among 40 plus non-profit agencies.
- The Mustard Seed Street Church is the legal entity for the Food Share Network.
- Attempts to reach the working poor will be made through the use of coolers distributed through 8 neighbourhood houses in the CRD.
- School District #61 is supportive of the Food Share Network and is hoping to develop a weekend back pack program.
- The target is to have the first pick-up of food at the end of October 2016.

The Committee thanked the speakers and congratulated them on this very important project.

UPTOWN DOUGLAS CORRIDOR UPDATE

The Senior Planner provided an update on the Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan and the highlights are noted:

- Planning is currently completing Phase 2 and is getting ready to start Phase 3 of the Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan (UDCP).
- The UDCP is a 30 year land use plan.
- 322 respondents were recorded on the on-line survey. To date approximately 600-700 respondents have participated in community consultation.
- Not all respondents are citizens of Saanich.
- Housing densification is seen as potentially desirable.
- There will be opportunities for all stakeholders in the plan area. Currently this area seems to have a “shopping/retail” focus.
- Planning will continue to update HSAC Committee with the progress of the Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan.

MOVEMBER

The Planning Graphic Technician presented an overview of the work done by the Movember Organization in promoting awareness of the health needs of men. Movember campaigns have raised significant funds for men’s cancer research and this year, in addition to men’s cancer research funding, a new focus on mental health care for men is being supported. Saanich staff have been very supportive of the Movember campaign.

MOTION: Moved by M. Davis and Seconded by N. Rajan: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee requests that Council approve the raising of the Movember flag at the Municipal Hall for the month of November 2016 in support of awareness for the Movember 2016 campaign.”

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TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Chair gave the Committee and update on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP), and requested feedback from the Committee. The following was noted:

- The TPP appears to be just representative of large corporations.
- With a large agreement like the TPP all stakeholders should have been invited to the table during discussions.

- Canada has agreed to the TPP but has not ratified the agreement yet.

MOTION: Moved by N. Rajan and Seconded by D. Rosenberg: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee requests that Council express opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and to send a letter to the federal government stating opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.”

CARRIED

POTENTIAL TOWNHALL MEETING TOPICS

- Postponed

SCAN UPDATE

The SCAN representative gave an update on the SCAN activities from summer 2016.

RECREATION UPDATE

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, supplemented the Recreation report with an update on the active and safe routes to school program.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Postponed

POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed potential agenda items and the following was noted:

- Review of the material on the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee web page.
- Syrian refugees and Saanich.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2016.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary

