

MINUTES
HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at the Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
November 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Dorthy Rosenberg, Jean Hodgson, Philip He, Jasmindra Jawanda, Peg Orcherton, School District #61 Representative

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; David Williams, Manager; Troy McKay; Cameron Scott, Manager of Community Planning; David Izard, Planning Technician; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Nadia Rajan, Marsha Henderson, Marlene Davie, Merie Beauchamp

MINUTES

MOVED by P. He and Seconded by D. Rosenberg: “That the Minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held September 27, 2017, be adopted.”

CARRIED

CHAIR’S REMARKS

The Chair provided the Committee with updates and the following highlights are noted:

- The October HSAC meeting was cancelled due to unavailability of staff and Swan Lake Nature Centre being booked.
- Movember motion was passed by Council.
- The Chair expressed thanks to the Committee members for their year of service.

SAANICH DEMOGRAPHICS

The working group has begun to look at several Saanich policies and procedures through a multicultural lens and the following was noted:

- The 2016 population of Saanich reached 114,148.
- Saanich saw a 4% increase in population since 2011.
- Aboriginal people in Saanich make up 3.1% of the 2016 Saanich population.
- One in five Saanich residents is represented by a visible minority (13.7%).
- Age characteristics for immigrants who landed between 2011-2016:
 - Seniors 6%
 - Children 15%
 - Young adults 15%
 - Adults 64%
- Planning is looking for ways to engage immigrant populations.
- Translating Saanich documents into immigrant primary languages could be considered.

Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- Saanich should consider an outreach person to introduce immigrants to the municipality.

- Saanich could formally support World Refugee Day.
- Updating the Strategic Plan to include more immigrant targeted supports/plans is an area that Saanich could explore.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Acting Manager of Transportation and Development Services updated the Committee on the Active Transportation Plan. Committee discussion occurred and the following highlights are noted:

- The framework for the ATP consists of three overarching themes:
 - Connections
 - Convenience
 - Culture.
- Sidewalk building from centres and villages outward.
- New bike networks-Spine network-for all ages and abilities through Saanich
- Accessibility at bus stops and improved displays for transit information
- Steps should be taken to ensure that new mixed use developments are designed to encourage active transportation.
- Ensure that land use supports active transportation.
- Easy access to information on AT routes.
- Promote trail etiquette.
- Build partnerships with Island Health Authority and other stakeholders.

Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- Shared roadways in place of complete streets could be considered going forward.
- The perception of “no cars” is perhaps a negative and Saanich could emphasize shared transportation modes.
- Messaging needs to be clear that it is not anti-car but supporting alternative mode share.
- Discussions should include future cars, for example the impact of electric cars on the municipality.

RECREATION UPDATE

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services presented a report of the Recreation Highlights for October and November, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January, 2018.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary