

**MINUTES**  
**HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at the Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2  
**June 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Dorthy Rosenberg, Marlene Davie, Jean Hodgson, Merie Beauchamp  
Marsha Henderson, Philip He, Peg Orcherton, School District #61  
Representative

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Troy  
McKay; Jason Jones, Programmer II Recreation; Elizabeth van den  
Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Nadia Rajan, Jasmindra Jawanda

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by D. Rosenberg and Seconded by M. Henderson: “That the Minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held May 24, 2017, be adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

**CHAIR’S REMARKS**

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

- The LGBTQ recommendations were passed by Council.
- PRIDE and Trans flags will be flown at the Municipal Hall annually.
- Older Adult Strategy received by Council.
- Saanich Sunday Farmers Market July and August from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

**AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY PLAN**

The Planner presented an update on the Agriculture and Food Security Plan, and the following was noted:

- The Agriculture and Food Security Plan (AFSP) will provide Saanich with a coordinated approach to enhance the viability and long term sustainability of Saanich agriculture and food systems.
- The AFSP contains high level actions that will guide the priorities.
- Issues related to household food insecurities and community food security will be addressed.
- Recommendations towards bridging gaps in the food system to strengthen and enhance local agriculture will be included.
- Currently staff are revising data from feedback received from the task force and public engagements.
- Opportunities for online comments until the end of July 2017.

- An Open House was held in January 2017 and two Open Houses are being planned for summer 2017.
- A draft of the Agriculture and Food Security Plan will be presented at Council following feedback at the second planned Open House.
- From the work done on the draft Plan to date seven themes and objectives have been identified.
- Seventy-one action items have been listed.

Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- Allowing home-based businesses to access commercial kitchens so that their products are able to be sold commercially should be considered.
- Saanich has a role in the regulations to address field to fork innovative farming opportunities.
- A community guide to help manage the process could be produced.
- The question was raised as to how will the action items be funded?

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

The Senior Manager of Recreation updated the Committee on the first year progress of the Youth Development Strategy. The following highlights are noted:

- Dramatic increase in Saanich Recreation presence in Saanich schools.
- 150 youth participate in noon hour and afterschool Saanich supported programs.
- Co-created programs between Saanich staff and youth.
- Focus for year 2 will be to increase staff from 2 persons to 4 persons.

## **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**

The Programmer gave the Committee an overview of Cultural Connections between the District of Saanich and residents. Highlights of the discussion are noted:

- Saanich hosts numerous programs to facilitate cultural connections such as SpeakWell Conversation Club, Chinese Community Drop in, Punjabi Women's Drop in and ABC Family Camping.
- Swimming lesson translations are available in Chinese and Punjabi.
- LIFE application available in simple Chinese.
- Saanich partner's with the Community Partner Network: Consists of 240 community organizations sharing ideas and information.
- Local Immigrant partnership which is a federal program for attracting and retaining refugees.
- The Vulnerable Immigrant Population Program with VIRCS- offering pottery and dance opportunities.
- Saanich hosts numerous cultural events: Moon Festival and Cultural Stage (Strawberry Festival and Family Day).
- Saanich supported events and programs include:
  - Komagata Maru Centennial Remembrance at SCP.
  - Vaisahi Celebration at Pearkes
  - Diwali Celebration at Pearkes and Cedar Hill
  - Syrian Refugee Welcome at Pearkes

- Youth Enable Program at Pearkes
- Community Kitchens at Saanich Middle Schools
- Staff training opportunities include:
  - Welcoming and Inclusive Workplace Training
  - Safe Harbour
  - We Speak Google Translate

## **WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Discussion of focus for the working group reflected a possible goal for producing a document listing all the support that Saanich offers for immigrants. The working group will meet over the summer to further clarify their goal. Suggestion was made to explore “piggy backing” on existing Saanich events with a cultural information table.

**MOTION:      MOVED by M. Beauchamp and Seconded by P. He: “That The Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee authorizes the expenditure of \$100.00 to provide refreshments for the working group summer meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

## **SCAN UPDATE**

The SCAN President update the Committee on the working group that is working with Saanich Planning to review development permit processes to identify areas that could be addressed to potentially improve the development permit process.

## **RECREATION UPDATE**

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services presented a report of the Recreation Highlights for June, 2017.

## **CHAIRS REMARKS**

The Chair updated the Committee on two items:

- 2017 Pride participation and a request for 1000 stickers to be purchased for distribution at the 2017 Pride Parade.
- A policy addressing inclusionary zoning with respect to housing affordability should be explored by Saanich.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2017.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary