

**MINUTES**  
**HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at the Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2  
**September 27, 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; Adam Flint, Planning Graphic Technician; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk.

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

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by P. He and Seconded by D. Rosenberg: "That the Minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held June 28, 2017, be adopted."**

**CARRIED**

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

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

- Thank-you to the working group who meet over the summer.
- The focus of the HSAC for the balance of 2017 will be multiculturalism.
- The meetings will continue to have a start time of 6:00 pm.

**SCAN UPDATE**

Committee Member, J. Hodgson spoke to a presentation on restoring the board walk at Swan Lake that was given at the SCAN meeting. Active fund raising is underway to secure the necessary money for the board walk restoration.

**MOVEMBER**

The Planning Graphic Technician presented an update 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 for mental health care for men. Saanich staff have been very supportive of the Movember campaign.

**MOTION: Moved by N. Rajan and Seconded by M. Beauchamp: "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 in perpetuity to support the Movember campaign."**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RECREATION UPDATE**

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

- Moonfest will be held from 5:30-8:00 pm at Lambrick Park on September 30, 2017.
- World class diving events will be held at Saanich Commonwealth Place at the end of September.
- Gordon Head Recreation Centre is planning its next All Body Swim for November.
- The steam room at GHRC is nearing completion after numerous construction issues.

## **WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

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

- Very little on multiculturalism mentioned in the 2 documents that were reviewed.
- Little recognition given to diverse populations.
- The literacy level in the Public Policy Handbook is high, which can pose problems for citizens whose English is a second language.
- Saanich does not have clear definitions of diversity, multiculturalism and culture.
- Inclusionary practices should be expanded from the standard socio-economic definition to include cultural/diversity inclusiveness.
- Recreation Services have more references to diversity, multiculturalism and ethnicity.
- Consider creation of a “Social Planner” position within Saanich to facilitate multiculturalism.
- Next step could be to perform a gap analysis with respect to Saanich and multiculturalism.
- City of Victoria has a Cultural Master Plan.
- Creation of a Saanich demographics should be considered.
- Explore Saanich as a Sanctuary City as Saanich is ethnically diverse.
- How can definitions of culture, diversity and inclusiveness be included in Saanich policies?
- Planning Department staff will be invited to the next meeting to give a presentation to the Committee on Saanich demographics, specifically multicultural relevant statistics.
- The Committee requested additional information on OCP planning and how to include culturally significant data.

\*\*\*\* M. Davie left the meeting at 6:45 pm\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*N. Rajan left the meeting at 7:15 pm\*\*\*\*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2017.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary