

**MINUTES**  
**HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2  
**June 27, 2018 at 6:00PM**

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Merie Beauchamp, Ryan Clayton, Zhongwen He, Jasmindra Jawanda, Nadia Rajan

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services, Chris Filler Programmer II Parks and Recreation and Jeff Keays, Committee Clerk

Absent: Marlene Davie, Jean Hodgson (SCAN), Wayne Hunter (SD63), Victoria Martin (SD63); Peg Orcherton (SD61), Dorothy Rosenberg

Guests: Judy Gaylord (BiPed)

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by Z. He and seconded by R. Clayton “That the minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held May 23, 2018 be adopted as circulated.”**

**CARRIED**

**CHAIR’S REMARKS**

The Chair welcomed the committee members, and guest to the meeting. The Chair noted that there would be no meeting’s over the summer, and that the committee would reconvene in September. The Chair provided a brief comment on the status of the Regina Park encampment, and reminded the committee of their 2016 work on homelessness and affordable housing, including the committee’s recommendation to fund the hiring of a Social Planner position.

**RECREATION MARKET ANALYSIS**

Kelli-Ann Armstrong, the Senior Manager - Recreation provided the committee with an overview of the recreation market analysis study’s process, intended goals and timelines. The following highlights were noted:

- Parks and Recreation is undertaking the market analysis in order to better understand the growing and changing demands of the community.
- The study will guide the actions of the Parks and Recreation for the next 10 years and will include recommendations on creating a healthy and thriving community; recommendations for programming and facility development; operational changes to improve service delivery and effectiveness and recommendations to the department’s business model and operations.
- The District has retained LEES+Associates to assist with the market analysis.
- The final report is targeted for Council in February 2019.
- A survey is available on the District’s website.
- The scope of the study does not include parks or playing fields as it is focused on

- services, programs and activities.
- Architects have undertaken a review and assessment of existing recreation facilities, as well as our partner's facilities. Their review does not include parks or greenspaces.
- The market analysis will be supported by a statistically significant phone survey of 300 households.

Committee discussion ensued, the following highlights are noted:

- Existing Saanich recreation facilities are in good shape.
- Staff will work in conjunction with the Strategic Facilities Master Plan and make recommendation as necessary.
- The market analysis is focused on programming, not necessarily the District's facilities.
- Room for improvement in facilities with regard to integration with active transportation (ATP) modes.
- ATP accessibility was discussed during the internal stakeholder meetings.
- Jason Jones is undertaking outreach efforts and workshops with multicultural and new immigrant communities.
- Culture norms resulted in some community members not being able to make public engagement events, staff working to include their voices.
- The market analysis will take a holistic look at recreation.

Following the overview, the Senior Manager of Recreation introduced Chris Filler, Programmer II, who led the committee through a facilitated discussion focusing on the following categories:

- Trends
- Needs
- Barriers

Upon conclusion of the facilitated discussion the Senior Manager of Recreation thanked the members and guest for their valuable input, and noted that staff, in conjunction with the consultants, will continue with public engagement throughout the summer. The data collected from these engagement activities will inform the draft report that will come back to advisory committees in the fall.

#### **WORKING GROUP UPDATE – EMBRACE SAANICH MONTHLY UPDATE**

J. Jawandra provided the committee with an update on Embrace Saanich project. The following highlights are noted:

- Information gathering continues.
- Informal interviews and outreach has occurred.
- Community consultation will occur throughout the summer.
- The project is on-track to meet the proposed timelines.

#### **WORKING GROUP UPDATE – UNITED NATIONS WORLD REFUGEE PLAY UPDATE**

J. Jawandra provided the committee with an update on the "Footsteps of our Immigrants," UN World Refugee Day Play. The following highlights are noted:

- The consultant thanked both staff and the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee members for their continued support of the project.

- The play was performed at three (3) locations: Claremont High School; Cedar Hill Recreation Centre and the City of Victoria.
- The performances were powerful experiences for both performers and the audience.
- Planning on making the World Refugee Day Play an annual event. The producers will seek future funding through the CRD's Arts Service.
- A video of the performance will be available at [oniontheatre.ca](http://oniontheatre.ca)

### **WORKING GROUP UPDATE – PARAGRAPH FOR HEALTHY SAANICH PAGE**

The Cultural planner will draft a paragraph for the website.

### **DIVISION UPDATE – RECREATION**

The Senior Manger Recreation provided an overview of the June Recreation Report, dated June 20, 2018. The following comments are noted:

- Maintaining youth liaison members has proven difficult.
- Saanich could look at ways to incentivize youth to participate.
- What could the Healthy Saanich do to help encourage and foster youth participation?

### **PRIDE UPDATE**

The Clerk provided an update on the status of this year's Pride events. The following highlights are noted:

- The committee will be supporting Saanich's entry into the annual Victoria Pride Parade, July 8, 2018.
- The entry will include the Saanich Pride Banner as well as the distribution of Saanich Pride stickers.
- The Pride and Trans flags will be flown from July 1 – 8, 2018.

### **FUTURE ITEMS**

- Youth outreach initiatives.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2018

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary