

MINUTES
HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
February 27, 2019 at 6:08 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Chambers

Members: Claire Attwell, Merie Beauchamp, Ryan Henderson, Zhongwhen He, Jean Hodgson (SCAN), Nadia Rajan and Teri VanWell (SD 63)

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation and Jeff Keays, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Ryan Clayton, Jasmindra Jawanda and Ryan Painter (SD 61)

MOTION

MOVED by N. Rajan and seconded by J. Hodgson: “That the minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held January 30, 2019 be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

CHAIR’S REMARKS

The Chair advised the committee that they had attended the Capital Region District’s environment committee meeting in their capacity as an alternate Saanich Director, and had participated in the discussion and debate regarding the motion to oppose any highway development in the Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park and watershed. The watershed is the majority source of the region’s water supply.

The motion was in response to the Province’s recent Vancouver Island Transportation Study, which includes a feasibility study on a potential emergency detour route in the event of a closure to the Malahat. The motion, which also called for a meeting with Premier Horgan, was passed by the committee.

DIVISION UPDATE – RECREATION

The Senior Manger Recreation provided an overview of the previously circulated, November Recreation Report, dated February 20, 2019. The following was highlighted:

- Cedar Hill Golf Course has re-opened 9 holes after the recent snow storms.
- Students enrolled at the ECO Nature Preschool located in the Beaver Lake Nature House are learning SENĆOŦEN, the language of the W̱SÁNEĆ People.
- Saanich Commonwealth Place initiated the installation of the biomass boiler system. The system will reduce the centre’s carbon footprint by 90%
 - The upgrade is being funded in part by a \$4M contribution from the federal gas tax.
- Saanich’s Recreation facilities are evenly spread out across the District providing a strong balance of programming and services.

The Senior Manager included a brief update on the Market Analysis. The following was highlighted:

- No recommendations for additional facilities.
- 88% of Saanich residents are satisfied with current level of service.
- The Citizen Satisfaction Survey polled 1000 residents with a 3% margin of error. The survey is considered to be statistically significant.

WORKING GROUP UPDATE – DRAFT REPORT

The Clerk advised the Committee that the Cultural Planner had sent regrets. The Senior Manager of Recreation and Clerk advised the committee on the process for advancing the report to Council for their consideration.

The Working Group circulated on table the minutes of their February 7, 2019 meeting. The Senior Manager of Recreation noted the following:

- The notion of cultural map is the purview of the Arts, Heritage and Cultural Advisory Committee.
- In accordance to the recommendations arising from the November 6, 2017 Report: Response to Truth and Reconciliation Commission's June 2015 "94 Calls to Action", Saanich has initiated formal government to government relationships with the District's neighbouring First Nations governments.
- Networks such as Creative Cities, arts exhibitions and events such as cultural fair would also fall under the mandate of the Arts, Heritage Culture Advisory Committee.
- Saanich contributes a significant amount the CRD's Arts Grant Program. Any future programming initiatives would seek out grants as appropriate.

MOTION

MOVED by R. Clayton and seconded by N. Rajan that: "The Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee direct the Cultural Planner to provide the draft report and executive summary, per the working group's recommendations arising from their February 7, 2019 working group meeting, by March 14, 2019 for the committee's review."

CARRIED

2019 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Committee undertook a visioning exercise facilitated by the Senior Manager of Recreation. The exercise was intended to identify and prioritize areas of interest to committee members within the context of the committee's mandate.

The Senior Manager of Recreation will bring forward a summary report to the March 27, 2019 meeting.

SCAN UPDATE

The SCAN representative provided a brief update on SCAN’s recent activities, the following was highlighted:

- Saturday governance workshops will continue.
- The network is developing increased capacity as a result of the workshops.
- SCAN will return as a standing item on the agenda.
- Developing and promoting Jane’s Walks could of benefit to Saanich residents. These could be explored further by the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2019.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary