

**MINUTES OF THE  
HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers  
**November 4, 2020 at 6:04 p.m.**

Present:           **In Person:**  
                          Councillor Ned Taylor (Chair), Clare Attwell, Carren Dujela, Silvia Mangué Alene, Holli Rockerbie

**Via Teleconference:**  
                          Rosie Croft, Ryan Henderson, Jasmindra Jawanda, Teale Phelps Bondaroff, Nadia Rajan, Abigail Toledo

Staff Present:     Cristina Caravaca, Senior Manager, Community Services and Lynn Merry, Senior Committee Clerk

Regrets:           Teri VanWell, School District 63 Liaison

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED by C. Dujela and Seconded by C. Attwell: “That the agenda for the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting of November 4, 2020 be amended to include Introductions.”**

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED by R. Croft and Seconded by C. Attwell: “That the minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting of October 7, 2020 be adopted, as amended.”**

**CARRIED**

**CHAIR’S REMARKS**

Councillor Taylor advised that the Mayor made changes to Advisory Committee Chairs and he is very excited that he has been appointed as Chair of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee. He also advised that Councillor Chambers passed on her thanks to the committee for their hard work.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Roundtable introductions of the Chair, committee members and staff took place.

**DIVISION REPORT – COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The Senior Manager of Community Services presented the Division Report and answered questions from the committee as follows:

- In terms of Dementia Friendly, Saanich partners with external agencies such as VIHA to

- provide services or host events; dementia work falls under the Older Adult Strategy.
- Saanich is an Age Friendly City.
- Saanich has received a “Plan H – Community Connectedness” grant; before COVID-19, the grant was to be used for community based dinners in an effort to find out areas that the community wished to explore or be supported on.
- The Victoria Native Friendship Centre has been capturing elder’s stories and languages.
- Staff has been tasked with broadening the scope of community arts and engaging the community; art has been expanded into existing programs and has been a component of the Cadboro Bay Festival and the HeArts Together Community Art Project.
- Community Services oversees the exhibitions at the Municipal Hall and the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre.
- Saanich does not have its own dedicated Arts Council but staff sit on regional arts committees.
- Saanich is always looking for ways to be more engaged with the community.

Committee members made the following comments:

- The knowledge base of elders and seniors of indigenous and new Canadians could be captured through food and stories.

## **REVIEW OF SUCCESSES AND PRIORITIZATION OF NEW ITEMS**

Roundtable discussion took place on the successes of the committee including:

- Work on the LGBTQ2+ and Embrace Saanich Reports and the Indigenous Interdepartmental Working Group which will inform the work of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan.
- Creation of the Temporary Equity and Inclusion Statement.
- Work of the Multicultural Subcommittee.
- Increasing diversity on committees and subcommittees.
- Creation of an environment that is welcoming to all.
- Creation of a safe space for building relationships.

The committee made the following suggestions for items to be discussed or learning opportunities for future committee meetings:

- Summary of recommendations of the committee to date and whether or not actions have been taken.
- Mobility/Accessibility.
- Sexual Health and Equity - increasing access to menstrual products and access to condoms in Saanich facilities.
- Period Project presentation to the committee.
- Reducing noise pollution.
- Social Purpose Real Estate Collaborative (SPRE) – creating communities that are resilient and working collaboratively.
- Health of non-profit organizations in the region.
- SCAN/Community Association updates.
- School District Liaison updates.
- Increasing access to mental health support.
- Mental health first aid training.
- Safe and secure housing and support systems available.

- Addressing the overdose crisis in BC.
- Palliative support/care for the homeless.
- One Planet Saanich goals.
- Greater Victoria Acting Together priorities.
- Climate Action Plan.
- What does climate change and land use planning mean to Indigenous groups.
- Welcoming/Sanctuary Cities – where is Saanich on this?
- Victoria’s Welcoming Cities Task Force could be invited to present.
- More information on a participatory budget process would be appreciated.
- Developing partnerships for youth sports and recreation.

The committee made the following comments:

- Shorter agendas would allow committee members to focus more and provide fulsome discussion on specific items.
- Having an action oriented agenda would be helpful.
- Climate change will have an impact on the health of the community.
- It would be helpful if a framework idea/recommendation could be provided to the committee in advance, where appropriate.
- There may be other committees that are doing some of the work listed in the prioritization list.
- There may be a need for subcommittees to look at specific, larger items.
- Councillor Taylor advised that he will send a questionnaire to committee members to have them provide ideas for items to be discussed at meetings or educational opportunities that might be appropriate; he would also like to meet one-on-one with each committee member.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by C. Attwell and Seconded by H. Rockerbie: “That the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 p.m.”**

**CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING**

January 6, 2021, 6 p.m. in Council Chambers

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Councillor Taylor, Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary