

**MINUTES**  
**HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers  
**February 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Ned Taylor (Chair), Clare Attwell, Carren Dujela, Kam Judge, Nadia Rajan (via telephone), Silvia Mangué Alene (via telephone), Ryan Henderson (via telephone), Jasindra Jawanda (via telephone), Liz Miller (SCAN, via telephone), Jasmine Noble (via telephone).

Staff: Cristina Caravaca, Senior Manager, Community Services and Megan MacDonald, Committee Clerk.

Guest: Jake Enns.

Regrets: Abigail Toledo (Youth).

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by C. Attwell and seconded by C. Dujela “That the minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held January 6, 2021 be adopted as circulated.”**

**CARRIED**

**CHAIRS REMARKS**

The Chair will be using the brainstorming document to guide the agenda for future meetings.

**PRESENTATION – JAKE ENNS**

Jake Enns presented on ways to engage the public to reduce mental health issues and foster connections, the following was noted:

- To be human is to be amazing, we can enjoy the world with all senses. Engagement is more than a word, every viewpoint is essential for longevity and impact in what we do.
- Humans need to find common ground to overcome issues together. Many people are not equipped with communication skills to talk about what is important to them.
- The goal is to bring everyone together for meaningful connections in a collaborative way.
- If Saanich was to create a community dome for people to learn in, communicate, and foster a deeper connection, it would be beneficial to the community. The dome could be a hands on learning centre where residents could come together to heal from the ongoing mental health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**UPDATE ON OVERDOSE CRISIS**

The Chair verbally updated the committee on actions taken to address the overdose crisis, the following was noted:

- Councillor Ned Taylor and Councillor Karen Harper wrote a report on Actions to Address the Overdose Crisis, which recently went to Council. Council voted unanimously in favour of the recommendations on February 1, 2021.
- Actions are being taken to increase advocacy with senior levels of government.
- It is important to encourage other municipal governments and stakeholders to advocate for solutions to the overdose crisis with senior levels of government as well.

- The report will be sent to all other municipal councils in British Columbia.
- The committee would like to receive updates on the actions being taken to address the overdose crisis on a regular basis. Discussion occurred on ways in which Saanich can raise awareness, including sharing information with local organizations such as Greater Victoria Acting Together, the faith community, and resolutions through UBCM or AVICC.

**SAANICH STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Chair provided a brief overview of the goals of the Saanich Strategic Plan, which guide the initiatives and actions that are detailed in the plan. The following was noted:

- The Strategic Plan has been approved by Council. There is the opportunity for the committee to recommend that Council add items to the strategic plan.

**MOVED by C. Dujela and seconded by C. Attwell “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee consider the Strategic Plan at the next meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

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 J. Jawanda exited the meeting at 6:58 p.m.  
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**REVIEW OF 2020 HEALTHY SAANICH COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

The committee received details of the actions taken in 2020 by the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee for information.

**DIVISION REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

The committee received reports from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Divisions for information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:11.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 3, 2021.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary