

**MINUTES**  
**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER COMMITTEE**  
**(Sub-committee of Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee)**  
Held at the Gordon Head Recreation Centre  
**April 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Cynthia Reid, Cynthia Reid, Ryan Clayton, Eko Goldberg, Harvey Howse, Aaron Devor, Marcy Cook, Matthew Heinz, Sharon Doty, Stacey Piercey, James Gardner

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Charlene Parker, Manager Recreation Centre; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Absent: Lawrence Cooper

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by S. Doty and seconded by C. Reid, "That the minutes of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Committee meeting held March 3, 2016 be adopted."**  
**CARRIED**

**FACILITY TOUR**

**UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair updated the committee and the following was noted:

- Council has requested staff reports on the seven items moved by the Committee.
- The Chair thanked members M. Cook and R. Clayton for their work in creating the Trans Day of Visibility Proclamation.
- Tourism Victoria will present at the May LGBTQ Committee meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair facilitated a discussion and the following was noted:

- Committee consensus was to support an All Body Swim at a Saanich recreation centre.
- A suggestion to reach out to other groups who have experience with hosting All Body Swims could be beneficial for the planning of a Saanich All Body Swim.
- The proposed Saanich All Body Swim should be Trans positive.
- The blinds could be drawn for the swims to give participants privacy.
- Approximately 50 swimmers are required for Saanich to cost recover.
- Hosting a regular All Body Swim was discussed.
- Gender neutral signage will be on the May 2016 agenda.

- The Committee edited a letter to the Saanich Police Board.

**MOTION:** Moved by A. Devor and seconded by R. Clayton: “That the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Sub-Committee recommends the letter addressed to Chief Downie and the Saanich Police Board be forward as edited by the LGBTQ Committee, April 7, 2016.”

**CARRIED**

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

The Committee discussed the possibility of changing the name of the LGBTQ Committee to be more broadly inclusive.

### **RAINBOW SIDEWALKS**

The Chair facilitated a discussion and the following was noted:

- Symbols are important and a valuable tool in creating awareness. Symbols are an effective way to reach youth populations.
- If Saanich installs a rainbow sidewalk and community event should be planned for the “unveiling” of the sidewalk.
- A placard could be installed at the site of a rainbow sidewalk explaining the significance of the sidewalk.
- A rainbow sidewalk could be promoted as a community event and used as a starting point to other LGBTQ initiatives.
- The cost of rainbow sidewalks was discussed. The Committee should develop a priority list for assisting in determining funding for projects.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2016.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary