

**MINUTES**  
**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER COMMITTEE**  
**(Sub-committee of Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee)**  
Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2  
**October 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Ryan Clayton, Stacey Piercey, Harvey Howse, Sharon Doty, Marceline Cook, Matthew Heinz

Staff: Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager of Recreation; Heather Belecky, Aquatics Programmer; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Absent: Cynthia Reid, James Gardner, Aaron Devor

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by R. Clayton and seconded by M. Heinz, "That the minutes of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Committee meeting held September 1, 2016 be adopted."**

**CARRIED**

**SAANICH ENGINEERING: CAPITAL PROJECTS**

The Director of Engineering discussed some of the procedure and policy around Saanich capital projects. Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- The washrooms at the Gorge pump station are unique as the washroom facilities were added to a pump station.
- Architects do the design work and look to building codes for signage requirements.
- The architect that was hired to plan the facility, designed the signage.
- Saanich staff do not have input into the signage that is installed in washroom facilities.
- The screening to soften the visual impact of the signage is not working as well as anticipated.
- Saanich followed existing policy for design and signage at the pump station washrooms.
- The LGBTQ committee could be consulted with respect to washroom design and signage.
- Saanich does not build many new washroom facilities.
- There is not a Saanich policy for accessibility, just the BC building code requirements.
- Retrofitting existing washrooms in Saanich will be more costly and complicated than improving the design of new facilities prior to their construction.
- The design work for the Gorge washrooms was done 4 years ago and there was less awareness of gender neutrality.
- It may not be necessary to retrofit to make the Gorge washrooms gender neutral. Inside adjustments may not be large.
- Saanich should look to assistance for the LGBTQ committee to create broad accessibility policy recommendations for Saanich facilities.

- The City of Vancouver has policy around gender neutral facilities.
- Davies Street rainbow sidewalk was an expensive project. The specialized paint is very expensive.
- For a rainbow intersection the costs are typically in the range of \$40,000-\$50,000.

### **ALL BODY SWIM**

The aquatic Programmer for Gordon Head Recreation Centre (GHRC) requested members of the LGBTQ Committee to form a working group to assist with the planning of an all body swim at GHRC. Some of the areas that need to be explored are how to set the pool and facilities up, advertising and staff training to help ensure a successful event.

### **NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Committee member M. Heinz, gave an overview of the coded summary from the Needs Assessment and suggested that pages 15 and 16 be disseminated. The Needs Assessment will be forwarded to Council in the form of a narrative summary with quantitative data attached.

\*\*\*\*Chair Left at 7:30 and the Committee appointed Ryan Clayton to be acting Chair\*\*\*\*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Saanich Police are working on their strategic plan and have requested representation from the LGBTQ Committee to provide input to their planning process.
- The LGBTQ Committee discussed the possibility of continuing in 2017 as an advisory committee to Council.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2016.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary