

**AGENDA**  
**HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2  
Wednesday September 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

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1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attached)
  - May 25, 2016 meeting
2. **UPDATES AND COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**
  - Update from the Chair
3. **UPTOWN-DOUGLAS CORRIDOR PLAN**
  - Presentation from Planning
4. **FOOD SHARING NETWORK**
  - Presentation and information sharing
5. **MOVEMBER CAMPAIGN/MOVEMBER FLAG**
  - Presentation by Saanich Staff Member A. Flint
6. **FEDERAL TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT** (attachment)
  - Committee discussion
  - Please review the attached package as Council is expecting feedback and/or a recommendation from Advisory Committees
7. **POTENTIAL TOWNHALL MEETING**
  - Committee discussion to confirm topic: Homelessness and Housing Affordability
8. **SCAN UPDATE**
  - Update from SCAN
9. **RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS** (attachment)
  - Update from the Senior Manager, Recreation Services
10. **FUTURE SAANICH CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT POLICY**
  - Committee discussion and information sharing-M. Henderson
11. **CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

\* Adjournment \*  
Next Meeting October 26, 2016

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**MINUTES**  
**HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held at the Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2  
**June 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Philip He, Marlene Bergstrom, Dorthy Rosenberg, Marsha Henderson (SCAN), Nadia Rajan, Jasmindra Jawanda, Jean Hodgson, Merie Beauchamp, Peg Orcheron, School District #61 Representative

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

Guests: Colleen Hobson, Executive Director, Saanich Neighbourhood Place; Corinna Bays, Early Childhood Educator, Saanich Neighbourhood Place; Rob Wickson, President, Gorge Tillicum Community Association; Dr. Trevor Hancock, Professor and Senior Scholar, School of Public Health and Social Policy, University of Victoria

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by M. Beauchamp and Seconded by M. Henderson: "That the Minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meetings held April 27 and May 25, 2016, be adopted."**

**CARRIED**

**SAANICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE CHILDCARE CENTRE**

The Executive Director and Early Childhood Educator, Saanich Neighbourhood Place provided the Committee with updates on the proposed new childcare centre. The following was noted:

- Two rounds of public participation events have been held to date.
- Currently Saanich Neighbourhood Place has secured \$1.25 million in funding towards the construction of the new childcare facility.
- Currently 70 family are signed up on the interest list.
- The building has been repositioned into the parking lot area to reduce the impact on greenspace.
- This parking lot is currently not well utilized.
- The proposed childcare centre is approximately 7500 square feet. The building has been designed as a multiuse facility.
- An outdoor nature play space is planned for the children.
- The area for the proposed centre is currently zoned for health and recreation.

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## HOMELESSNESS IN SAANICH

The President of Gorge Tillicum Community Association along with Dr. Trevor Hancock presented the Committee with an overview of homelessness in Saanich and the highlights are noted:

- It is challenging to get an accurate picture of homelessness in Saanich.
- The CRD-wide annual 'one-night' counts from 2011 through 2014 (facilities only) have reported aggregate data rather than results reported by municipality.
- Researchers caution that facility counts underrepresent certain homeless populations.
- Saanich and other CRD municipalities often have homeless citizens camping in greenspaces.
- Housing is a right under Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Homelessness is seldom a choice. Most often people end up becoming homeless for a variety of reasons including; poverty, unemployment, low-wage employment, mental health, disability and addiction issues.
- Saanich has a responsibility to support those who are homeless within the municipality.
- Saanich has laid out targets within the Strategic Plan, which includes as part of its Vision of Social Well-Being, that "Housing, public services and amenities are affordable, accessible and inclusive". As a municipality we should be actively pursuing these goals.
- Currently the police are the front line workers with the homeless population in Saanich. Homelessness is not a criminal activity and an alternative liaison with the vulnerable community should be considered.
- The GTCA recommends the following:
  - Strategies be developed to ensure a coordinated, comprehensive community response to homelessness.
  - Increase the supply of safe, decent, affordable, permanent housing, including supported housing.
  - Reduce the risk of homelessness and assist those who are homeless.
  - Build public and political support to end homelessness.
- Planning at Saanich should be done through a social lens.
- At present there does not appear to be a policy in place requiring developers to provide affordable housing units in multifamily residential units.
- The Official Community Plan for Salt Spring Island directs policy for affordable housing.
- Currently in the Saanich OCP there is no language around affordability in any of the policies.
- Creation of a position within the Saanich Planning Department to specifically work on homelessness, affordable housing and poverty reduction in Saanich. This person would conduct environmental scans, gap analysis and have general responsibility for coordinating the action plan's development and implementation
- Fund an outreach/social inclusion worker to engage with people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Saanich.

- Establish a Community Task Force on homelessness and housing affordability with a mandate to develop and oversee a strategy to address these issues.

**MOTION: Moved by J. Hodgson and seconded by J. Jawanda: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee recommends Council fund the creation of a Social Planner position to work with the issue of homelessness and housing affordability in the 2017 fiscal year.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION: Moved by M. Henderson and seconded by D. Rosenberg: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee recommends Council establish a Community Task Force on homelessness and affordable housing by November 2016, with a mandate to develop and oversee a strategy to address these issues.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **POTENTIAL TOWNHALL MEETING TOPICS**

The Chair facilitated a discussion on potential topics for Townhall meetings and the following was noted:

- Housing affordability and homelessness.
- Syrian refugees in Saanich.
- Housing market in Saanich.
- Mental health support and related issues
- Food security
- Revitalization of Folk Festival.
- At the September HSAC meeting the Committee will create a schedule for potential Townhall meetings.

#### **UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair provided an update to Committee members and the following was noted:

- Councillor Plant made Notice of Motion at Council for Saanich participating in the 2016 PRIDE Parade. The motion was passed by Council.

**MOTION: Moved by J. Hodgson and seconded by D. Rosenberg: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee authorizes up to \$1500.00 for the LGBTQ Committee to purchase a banner, stickers and to pay the 2016 PRIDE Parade entry fee.”**

**CARRIED**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2016.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary

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**JOINT MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL AREAS,  
HEALTHY SAANICH & PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE  
FEDERAL TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (TPP)**

Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Council Chambers  
**Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor D. Murdock, Chair, Environment & Natural Areas Advisory Committee (ENA)

Councillor F. Haynes, Chair, Planning, Transportation & Economic Development Advisory Committee (PTED)

Councillor C. Plant, Chair, Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee (HSAC)

Staff: Sharon Froud, Deputy Legislative Manager and Lynn Merry, Senior Committee Clerk

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**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor Murdock called the meeting to order. He advised that he would be chairing the meeting and welcomed the members of the public and Advisory Committee members who were in attendance.

Councillor Murdock also advised that the purpose of the meeting was to receive a presentation from the Victoria Chapter of the Council of Canadians in relation to the TPP and hear public input on the matter. The notes from the meeting would be provided to the Advisory Committees to review and based on each committees' discussions, recommendations could be made to be forwarded to Council. Committee recommendations would be considered at the October 24, 2016 Council meeting and, at that time, members of the public would have another opportunity to provide input if they wished.

Councillor Plant introduced himself and advised that this meeting was a result of a Delegation that presented at the August 15, 2016 Council meeting. The Council Procedure Bylaw gives Council the ability to refer a Delegation to an Advisory Committee, therefore the item was referred to the Environment & Natural Areas, Healthy Saanich and Planning, Transportation & Economic Development Advisory Committees. It was decided that one joint informal meeting of the Advisory Committees was preferred rather than having three separate committee meetings. The input received from the public at this meeting would be brought back to the Advisory Committees for discussion. He indicated that while the decision to opt into the TPP is a Federal decision, it does have local ramifications and therefore it is not unreasonable to ask residents for feedback.

Councillor Haynes introduced himself. He advised that there is a history of Saanich standing up to protect the rights of residents at the federal level. He also advised that the notes from this meeting would be provided to the Advisory Committees and the public would have the opportunity to provide further input at the committee level.

## DELEGATION

T. Woynillowicz and N. Mussell, Victoria Chapter of the Council of Canadians, presented to Council and highlighted the following:

- TPP negotiations commenced in 2009; negotiations were held in secret.
- It is called a free trade agreement but has little to do with trade; it is a transfer of power away from local governments.
- The Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) replaces courts with rigged tribunals and no right to appeal.
- It poses a threat to municipalities in that corporations could sue local governments to change laws such as: local voting laws, environmental laws, laws that protect environmentally sensitive areas or that encourage sustainability laws; it could also affect food safety standards and local food production.
- It vaguely mentions climate change.
- The TPP undermines democratic authority of local governments; it benefits large corporations and individuals and could be seen as a corporate bill of rights.
- The Council of Canadians asks Saanich to pass a resolution requesting the Federal Government not ratify the TPP.
- Other countries have stated that if ISDS is part of the TPP, they would not take part.

## PUBLIC INPUT

J. Schmuck, Member of PTED, stated:

- He strongly supports food safety rules and buying local whenever possible.
- The TPP would open up markets tariff-free to Canadian producers and create environmental standards; it establishes fair labour standards that may not currently exist.
- Protectionism isolates economies and starves economic growth; agreements are regularly negotiated in secret.
- He wonders if making the request to the Federal Government is part of Saanich's mandate; dealing with current local issues are more important.

G. Holloway, Rosehill Road, stated:

- He is grateful that the topic is being discussed.
- The TPP has implications to all levels of government.
- It is appropriate to have the Advisory Committees consider the issue and is worthy of further discussion; the definition and the authority of the ISDS should be reviewed.
- Revisions cannot be made to the agreement; the risks of the TPP outweigh the benefits.
- It is appropriate to have Saanich pass a resolution requesting the Federal Government not support the TPP.

G. Klima, Member of ENA, stated:

- He is concerned with the fact that a municipality would be addressing an international trade agreement and wonders whether the Federal Government would have any reason to listen.
- If enough municipalities notify the Federal Government, they may listen.
- Municipalities may incur massive costs during a TPP proceeding, because they would have to hire lawyers who would know how to address themselves to the ISDS.
- The TPP would affect buying local purchasing decisions; the language in the TPP to protect the environment and for public consultation is weak.



- The idea that the municipality should oppose the TPP is supportable but it is important to frame the opposition in terms that are relevant to the municipality; some of the issues that may be relevant include regulations around pesticides, the EDPA, building permits, water and land use, and the integrity of our bylaws.

H. Wolf, Kincaid Street, stated:

- The TPP is not about free trade; most of the trade addressed in the TPP is already free.
- He thanks Saanich for the opportunity to provide feedback on this item; the ISDS process is a concern.
- A specific local issue that needs to be addressed is a proposed pipeline to process LNG in the Saanich inlet; this falls under Investor-State Protection under NAFTA.
- If TPP goes through we would not be able to stop oil tankers in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

H. Gibbard, Member of ENA, stated:

- Environmental issues and food security are concerns.
- Some of the words in the TPP are chilling; the TPP is not concerned about people, politics or the environment.
- It is important to look closely at the TPP; he is not sure if the municipality has the power to ask the Federal Government to oppose the TPP or if the Federal Government will listen.
- The Federal Government did not give residents the opportunity to provide feedback into the TPP.

R. Hasselgrave, Member of ENA, stated:

- The proposed resolution asks that local government autonomy be protected; if nothing further can be done to modify the TPP, that may not be possible.
- A lot of the initiatives that protect the environment and health come from the local levels of government; municipalities are leading the way in climate change initiatives.
- The TPP has the potential in putting a chilling effect on the local level of government and the initiatives that start at that level; the TPP may affect drug pricing controls.

J. Gaylord, Member of BIPED, stated:

- The TPP is extremely concerning; she appreciates the opportunity to provide input.
- Saanich is within its rights to make recommendations to the Federal Government on what may affect the municipality; the Federal Government has not given the public an opportunity to provide feedback.
- Trade protectionism can be a bad idea; this is not a trade agreement.
- As long as it has the ISDS clause in it, the TPP should not proceed.

N. Mussel, Victoria Chapter of the Council of Canadians, stated:

- The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the TPP have the same investor-state protectionisms and many of the same provisions.
- The town of Hudson, Quebec banned pesticide use in the city; the town was sued under Chapter 11 of the NAFTA Agreement and lost.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Councillor Haynes stated:

- He appreciated the comments and insight provided and invited members of the public to attend the upcoming Advisory Committee meetings.
- The TPP is a long and complicated document; the ISDS could mean the loss of local government authority.

Councillor Plant stated:

- He thanked the presenters and members of public for attending; he supports free trade, but not at the cost of democracy.
- The TPP as it exists, is not supportable; the ISDS is concerning and should be removed from the TPP.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- He thanked the audience for attending and providing feedback.
- He advised that the next step would be for each committee to deliberate and make a recommendation to Council; the item will be brought forward at the October 24, 2016 Council meeting and the public would have the opportunity to speak to the item or provide comments in writing.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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# Memo

File: 1410-02

**To:** Councillor Fred Haynes,  
Chair, Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee  
Councillor Dean Murdock,  
Chair, Environment and Natural Areas Advisory Committee  
Councillor Colin Plant,  
Chair, Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee

**From:** Donna Dupas, Legislative Manager

**Date:** August 17, 2016

**Subject:** **Federal Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement**

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This memorandum will confirm that Council, at their meeting on August 15, 2016, considered a presentation from the Victoria Chapter of the Council of Canadians further to the above, and resolved as follows:

*"That the topic of the Federal Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) be referred to Environment and Natural Areas, Healthy Saanich and the Planning and Transportation Economic Development Advisory Committees for further discussion and to forward recommendations to Council."*

A copy of the presentation materials and excerpt of the Council minutes are attached for your reference. Please place this item on your September meeting agendas.



Donna Dupas  
Legislative Manager

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cc: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services  
Elizabeth van den Hengel, Secretary, Planning, Transportation and Economic Development, Environment and Natural Areas, and Healthy Saanich Advisory Committees

1410-02  
Delegation

**VICTORIA CHAPTER OF THE COUNCIL OF CANADIANS**  
Subject: Federal Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP)

Mr. T. Woynillowicz and Mr. N. Mussell presented to Council and requested that Council pass a resolution requesting that the Federal Government not ratify the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. They advised that the TPP will adversely affect local governments in that foreign corporations could challenge zoning and environmental laws and laws that protect environmentally sensitive areas or that encourage sustainable development. They also advised that the TPP undermines democratic authority of local governments.

**MOVED by Councillor Plant and Seconded by Councillor Haynes: "That the topic of the Federal Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) be referred to Environment and Natural Areas, Healthy Saanich and the Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committees for further discussion and to forward recommendations to Council."**

Councillor Plant stated:

- Referring the item to the Advisory Committees would be appropriate; members of the public would be able to attend and provide feedback.
- The Advisory Committees would forward any recommendations that they may have to Council.

In response to a question, Mr. Woynillowicz stated that October 31, 2016 is the deadline for feedback from the public.

In response to a question from Council, the Legislative Manager stated:

- The item could be scheduled for the September meetings of the Advisory Committees and recommendations be forwarded to an October Council meeting; further discussion would be needed to coordinate a joint Advisory Committee meeting.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- She requests that the report in relation to the Canada-Europe Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement dated May 1, 2012 and the minutes of the May 7, 2012 Council meeting be forward to the Advisory Committees for reference.
- Staff are also requested to consult with Federation of Canadian Municipalities' joint working group for background information.

Councillor Derman stated:

- The TPP is not a trade agreement; it is a transfer of power to specific corporate interests.
- There is value in the Federal Government receiving letters from Canadian municipalities outlining concerns.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- This is an opportunity to discuss the effects the TPP may have on Saanich; a resolution may have an effect on federal decision makers.

**The Motion was then Put and CARRIED**

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**REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

1300-20  
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**CANADA-EUROPEAN UNION COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT**

Report from Councillor Brownoff dated May 1, 2012 recommending Council adopt the motion outlined regarding the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.

**MOVED BY Councillor Brownoff and Seconded by Councillor Derman;**  
**“That:**

- a) **Saanich Council endorse the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) seven Municipal principles for the Federal Government to apply to the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and future trade deals; and**
- b) **Saanich Council request the Government of Canada protect the powers of Saanich to create local jobs, protect the environment, and provide services and programs as it sees fit, from any restrictions to those powers in the CETA; and**
- c) **Saanich Council request the Government of Canada and the provinces and territories solicit comments from all the parties that will potentially be affected by the proposed trade agreement before finalizing any such agreement; and**
- d) **Saanich Council communicate its position to the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.”**

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- The potential impact of this agreement on municipalities is not clear due to the confidential negotiation process; however, municipal procurements are to be included and municipalities such as Saanich may be affected. Municipal procurement was excluded from previous trade agreements.
- Stringent rules will apply; the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will prohibit a “Buy Canadian” policy as an offset; local policies which promote local job creation and local foods are among those which may be affected.
- It appears the CETA provisions may not be consistent with our Saanich Vision.

Councillor Murdock stated:

- Local food security and production are written into Saanich’s Official Community Plan.
- He supports the seven municipal principles of free and fair trade but this agreement has implications unlike other trade agreements for local governments; we may not be able to look out for our own local interests.

Councillor Derman stated:

- All affected parties should be consulted during negotiations for such trade agreements.
- There could be unnecessary additional costs incurred by the municipality as a result.
- It would appear to put an unreasonable constraint on our ability to act for the citizens of our area.

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As details of the proposed agreement emerge, citizens and elected officials are beginning to have concerns with the TPP that they are communicating to the federal government.

Some of the concerns that have been raised include the following:

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- **The TPP will likely impact city planning, a major function of city government**
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Please find enclosed information that includes: the spring 2016 magazine Canadian Perspectives and two information sheets for your perusal.

You are also invited to visit our website for more information on the TPP:  
[www.canadians.org/tpp](http://www.canadians.org/tpp)

Additional information will be emailed to you by Tuesday, August 9th, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ted Woynilowicz, Co-chair Victoria Chapter of the Council of Canadians

Neil Mussell, Board Member, Victoria Chapter of The Council of Canadians

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# HOW WILL THE TPP AFFECT YOU?

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a "free" trade deal between Canada, the United States, Mexico and nine other countries, representing 40% of the global economy.



## diminished sovereignty

Corporations will have the right to sue governments for changes in policies that threaten profit.

## gold-plated corporate rights

Corporations are accorded privileged legal rights not given to citizens or states.

## unfair competition

Restrictions imposed on Crown corporations will not give them "preferential" treatment.

## local jobs at risk

Foreign companies have the same rights as local companies to government contracts, erasing any buy local programs.



## food insecurity

Our ability to protect our own production and markets will be significantly diminished.

## higher drug costs

Pharmaceutical patents will be extended, which means that some cheaper generic drugs will be less available.

## decreased wages

Corporations benefit from new rights while workers in all countries will see lower wages and job losses.



## environmental risks

Corporate lawsuits are often used to challenge policies that protect the environment. In these disputes, corporations almost always win.

## who benefits?

Studies show that trade deals like the TPP and their corporate lawsuits benefit very large corporations and wealthy individuals. Experts are now saying that the TPP will result in job losses and only minimal economic growth in Canada.



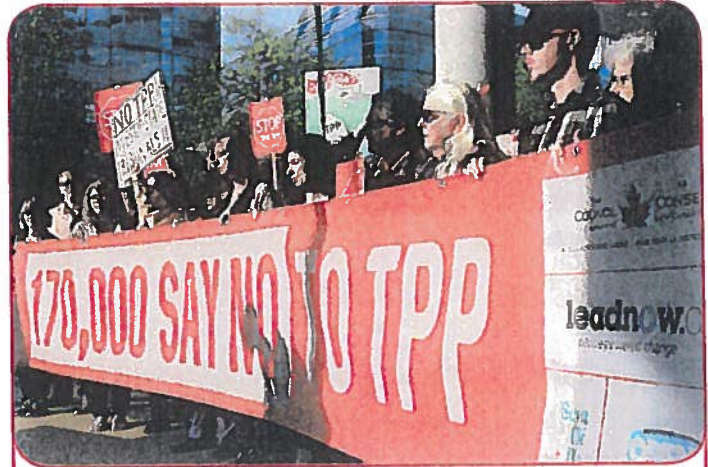
# The Trans-Pacific Partnership: Expanding the power of corporations

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a multilateral investment and corporate rights agreement involving 12 Pacific Rim countries. Canada joined the negotiations in 2012.

The text of the agreement was developed in secret. Parliamentarians were kept out of the loop. Corporate lobbyists, on the other hand, were given full access. The deal is now finalized and cannot be modified as it awaits ratification of the signatories. The countries involved (Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, United States of America and Vietnam) make up approximately 40 per cent of the global economy.

The TPP is a "docking" agreement, meaning that other countries can join the existing deal without negotiations, which is significant due to the failure of previous multilateral efforts. Countries, such as the Philippines, Thailand, South Korea, Colombia and Taiwan, are considering joining.

Of the 30 chapters in the TPP only six relate to trade issues. The TPP is not a "trade" agreement – it is about entrenching and expanding the rights of corporations.



## What's in the TPP?

The TPP will affect issues as wide ranging as internet freedoms, food sovereignty, health care costs, environmental standards and banking regulations. In all of these instances the rights of corporations are promoted at the expense of the rights of communities.

## Here are a few examples of what we can expect from the TPP:

- **Increases in some drug costs.** The TPP includes the expansion of patent regimes to support pharmaceutical companies. Consumers and public health care providers will see higher prices. For communities in the global South who rely on low-cost generic drugs, this can be a matter of life and death.
- **A global race to the bottom in wages.** Lax corporate rules will mean continuously lower wages everywhere. Union organizing will be undermined while the exploitation of more temporary foreign workers and of workers in the Global South will increase. Ultimately this leads to increased profits for corporations while many workers are paid less.
- **Softening country of origin rules.** This makes it easier for corporations to produce product components in countries outside of the TPP and still have preferential tariffs. These rules of origins are weaker than those in NAFTA.
- **Deregulation of financial institutions.** TPP rules would require domestic law to conform to the now-rejected model of deregulation. The TPP would undermine bans on particularly risky financial practices, such as the derivatives that led to big bank bailouts during the 2008 financial crisis.
- **Undermining community and government efforts to buy local.** Corporations in the TPP must have access to bid on most government contracts. This means a country cannot give preference to local suppliers or enact "buy local" policies.
- **Encouraging a carbon-intensive economy.** Trade agreements encourage the expansion of a shipping-based export economy. They also promote large, global transnational agriculture instead of locally produced food. These are important factors in creating climate change. The TPP text does not have a single reference to climate change.

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- **Reducing environmental protection and indigenous sovereignty.** The TPP includes special rules for corporations that allow them to take environmental policies and laws to court. Environmentally destructive companies, such as oil companies or mining companies, are particular users of these rules. Indigenous lands, which are on the front lines of mining and oil resources, are often impacted by these environmentally damaging projects.
- **Canadian dairy markets opened to more rBGH milk.** The TPP will open up the Canadian market to U.S. milk as part of harmonizing dairy standards. Canada has banned recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone, produced by Monsanto,

while the U.S. has not. Cows injected with rBGH, pushed to yield unnaturally large quantities of milk, suffer from more stress and a higher incidence of udder infections, reproductive disorders, swollen legs and premature death.

- **Restrictions on internet freedoms.** People's internet freedom would be restricted through expanded copyright terms, new rules for enforcement of the intellectual property rights of corporations online and the protection of digital locks, which prevent downloads. People will be limited in using and creating digital content and the protection of "trade secrets" could impede whistleblowers working in the public interest. Few privacy protections for users are provided.

### Investor state dispute settlement (ISDS) provisions

Investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) provisions are included in the TPP as well as many other international "trade" agreements. These provisions are the most obvious example of how trade deals are a corporate bill of rights. The ISDS provisions allow corporations to sue governments for policy decisions or regulations that cut into their corporate investments or profits.

Say, for example, a company invested in a mine or an oil field. The communities whose health and safety are affected could ask the government to stop the project to protect their health and safety. But if the government changes policy or rules that affect a TPP country's investment, the company can sue for lost profit – and not just what it invested, but also the "future profits" the company projects it would lose.

With ISDS provisions communities are likely to be bombarded with investment in resources extraction and infrastructure projects even though unresolved land claims, indigenous title and environmental opposition would otherwise be major risks to investment. These investments leave lands vulnerable to plunder and displacing people.

### Public resources as corporate insurance

It used to be corporations that assumed the risks of doing business in another country. Now, with ISDS provisions, corporations are ensuring that bad investments and questionable projects are compensated for by governments. The funds used to compensate these multinational corporations could otherwise be used for spending on housing, public health, education and other social services.

### The chill effect on public interest policy

Governments faced with continuous financial losses to ISDS claims may be discouraged to pass policies in the public interest that can impact the profits of multinational corporations. We have seen corporations challenge pesticide bans, public health labeling on cigarettes, the rejection of pipeline projects, fracking bans and much more. Governments will either continue to pay these corporations for their ISDS claims, or they will stop enacting policies and regulations in the public interest in order to save money. Either way people and the environment will suffer.

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# Trade Deals Give Corporations the Power to Sue



by Brent Patterson

**The Trans-Pacific Partnership contains the controversial investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) provision.**

In short, ISDS gives corporations the power to sue national governments for lost future profits related to public interest legislation, most commonly related to the protection of the environment. This provision is known as Chapter 11 in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). It is in the yet-to-be ratified Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and in the recently signed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), and it is the subject of debate and reform proposals in the United States-European Union Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

The Trudeau government is defending this provision in the TPP. Global Affairs Canada (Prime Minister Trudeau's department of foreign affairs and international trade) says, "With respect to ISDS, the TPP will not impair the ability of Canada or its partners to regulate and legislate in areas such as the environment, culture, safety, health and conservation. Our experience under NAFTA demonstrates that neither our investment protection rules nor the ISDS mechanism constrain any level of government from regulating in the public interest."

In fact, Canada's experience under NAFTA has been the complete opposite of that. Since NAFTA came into force on January 1, 1994, Canada has been subject to 35 NAFTA investor-state claims. Sixty-three per cent of those claims have involved challenges to environmental protection or resource management measures. A notable example includes the Delaware-registered, Calgary-based Lone Pine Resources' \$250-million Chapter 11 challenge against Canada over Quebec's moratorium on fracking for

oil and gas underneath the St. Lawrence River.

*Toronto Star* columnist Thomas Walkom has cautioned, "Ottawa says the TPP does not remove the right of governments to 'legislate and regulate in the public interest.' That's what was said about NAFTA originally. But those claims proved to be false. With the TPP, as with NAFTA, all will depend on how the final text is worded and how the dispute settlement panels interpret this wording. In the end, the new Trans-Pacific deal is essentially a renegotiated NAFTA with Japan and a couple of cheap-labour countries (Vietnam, Malaysia) thrown in."

The ISDS provision threatens both climate policy and Indigenous rights.

As Friends of the Earth highlights, "The ISDS mechanism included in the TPP investment chapter grants foreign investors access to a secret tribunal if they believe actions taken by a government will affect their future profits. This provision is a ticking time-bomb for climate policy because many government policies needed to address global warming are subject to suits brought before international investment tribunals. ... Other TPP chapters, like the one covering trade in goods, can be the basis for state-to-state suits challenging climate policies."

Council of Canadians National Chairperson Maude Barlow has called for a provision in global climate agreements that would protect government measures reducing greenhouse gas emissions from ISDS challenges. She stated, "The central problem is that many of the same countries pledging to take serious action on climate change are also party to, or are aggressively negotiating, trade and investment deals that contain a mechanism that gives large corporations the right to challenge any changes to the

current rules under which they operate." United Nations Special Rapporteur for Indigenous Rights Victoria Tauli-Corpuz has warned that "the clause of non-discrimination between a local and an international investor ... grants more rights to transnational firms, often at the expense of indigenous rights." She says this is a crucial issue because most remaining natural resources are located on Indigenous lands.

In a January 2016 op-ed published in the *Winnipeg Free Press*, Council of Canadians Regional Organizer Brigitte DePape and Winnipeg chapter activist Jobb Arnold wrote "[The ISDS provision] could affect the First Nations on Lelu Island, B.C. ... There, the battle is against Petronas, a company that wants to exploit liquefied natural gas. It's not just the land and water, but also the fishing economy at stake for future generations. Under the TPP, Petronas, a Malaysian company, could sue the Canadian government if it were to limit LNG exploitation on the island. In this way, the TPP gives multinational corporations more power and grassroots land-defenders less."

The Trans-Pacific Partnership includes the 12 countries that produce nearly 40 per cent of the monetary value of all the finished goods and services in the world. There is a mixture of countries within it, including G7 "major advanced economies" (the United States, Canada and Japan), G20 "major economies" (Australia and Mexico), relatively smaller economies (New Zealand and Singapore), and "developing economies" (Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, Peru and Vietnam).

Giving the transnational corporations that operate in these countries the power to sue government over public interest legislation is the wrong way to go.

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## TPP 'worst trade deal ever,' says Nobel-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz

Trans-Pacific Partnership should be revised to advance interests of citizens, not corporations, he says

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Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz says the Trans-Pacific Partnership may well be the worst trade agreement ever negotiated, and he recommends Canada insist on reworking it.

"I think what Canada should do is use its influence to begin a renegotiation of TPP to make it an agreement that advances the interests of Canadian citizens and not just the large corporations," he said in an interview with CBC's [The Exchange](#) on Thursday.

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Stiglitz, a professor at Columbia University in New York, was a keynote speaker at a conference at the University of Ottawa on Friday about the complex trade deal.

International Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland put Canada's signature on the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, but it has yet to be ratified here. The House of Commons trade committee is studying the TPP — a process that Freeland said could take up to nine months.

Stiglitz described Freeland as "old friend" in an interview with The Canadian Press and said he has explained some of the pitfalls of the TPP to her, among them its potential to reduce workers' rights.

Stiglitz takes issue with the TPP's investment-protection provisions, which he says could interfere with the ability of governments to regulate business or to move toward a low-carbon economy.

### Multinationals have right to sue

It's the "worst part of agreement," he says, because it allows large multinationals to sue the Canadian government.

"It used to be the basic principle was polluter pay," Stiglitz said. "If you damaged the environment, then you have to pay. Now if you pass a regulation that restricts ability to pollute or does something about climate change, you could be sued and could pay billions of dollars."

There were similar provisions in North American Free Trade Agreement that led to the Canadian government being sued, but the TPP goes even further.

He said the provision could be used to prevent raising of minimum wages or to overturn rules that prevent usury or predatory lending practices.

Stiglitz argues the deal, which is a 6,000-page mammoth and extremely complex, should have been negotiated openly.

"This deal was done in secret with corporate interests at the table," he said.

He also forecasts the deal will have little impact on trade volumes, especially in advanced countries like the U.S. and Canada, where mostly capital-intensive goods are exported and labour-intensive goods are imported.

## Rules of origin provisions

But it will change the basic legal framework that governs society, shifting power to corporations, he said.

Stiglitz said the "rules of origin" provisions have the ability to hurt North American employment, because they allow "very clever ways of hiding what's going on."

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"You could have an automobile where the vast majority of the automobile was actually made in China and Thailand [which did not sign the TPP] but it comes into Canada as a Japanese good," he said.

All the presidential candidates now are speaking out against the deal and it may never be passed in the U.S.

"I'm a little surprised that Canada would seriously consider going through the political fight that is associated with getting this agreement ratified until the U.S. adopts it," he said.

He recommended Canada work with the Europeans, who have also objected to the investment protection provisions, to rework the deal.

*With files from The Canadian Press*

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## THE COROPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

**TO:** HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**FROM:** KELLI-ANN ARMSTRONG, SENIOR MANAGER – RECREATION SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** RECREATION DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

**DATE:** September 22, 2016

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### Gordon Head Recreation Centre

“Extreme Caution” the team from Gordon Head placed second at the Provincial Lifeguarding Championship in August. The success is a testament to the strong leadership provided by our seasoned guarding staff and hours of practice doing water rescues, first aid simulations and fitness training.

A busy summer at Gordon Head with the installation of the new boilers and heat recovery system. In addition the west side of the building has undergone an envelope remediation. The work is scheduled to complete late November or early December.

During the last 3 weeks of summer, GH offered free public swims for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Moderate success with some increased sessions hosting an increase of 100 or more swimmers. This summer the most popular aquatics programs were Junior Lifeguard Camps and Swim Lessons.

Summer camps saw 1,455 registrations in school age and another 290 in preschool programs. Camp registration was very strong with an 87% fill rate and a 4% cancelation rate. A very busy summer with the break being 10 weeks this year.

GH also hosted a pool rental by the Transgender community. We had 30 people in attendance, but it was a great opportunity to work with this group in preparation for more swims in 2017.

We anticipate a busy fall as registrations have already been unusually busy.

### Community Services

#### **Youth Leadership**

Every summer, the desire for meaningful youth leadership opportunities with the District of Saanich grows and this summer was no exception. These programs are often the first step young people experience to build leadership skills and return as future volunteers or better yet, as staff members.

- Three Teens In Action programs were offered, two for Level 1 with 41 youth attending and 13 youth participating in Level 2.

- Nineteen successful Youth Interns were chosen to complete one month placements with the Saanich Neighbourhood Parks Program, and summer camp programs at the Recreation Centres. Interns are between the ages of 16-18 and participate in work experience based training throughout the program, culminating in the organization of an end of summer carnival for over 200 children. Training topics cover safety and emergency protocols, organizing and leading games and activities, and working effectively with groups of children, with a variety of backgrounds and abilities.

### **Summer Neighbourhood Playground Program (SNPP)**

SNPP hosted 1482 full week participants, in addition to the few hundred drop-ins. It is the most affordable program in the region, and the drop-in function and outdoor play component makes it highly attractive to parents and grandparents. Children learn a wide variety of play and social skills in the programs and our staff are what make this program so successful – from Program Leaders to Supervisors to Programmers, this is a socially worthwhile and active for life program assisting the health and wellbeing of so many school-aged children. This year the program expanded by offering an 8<sup>th</sup> program at Copley Park for 11-14 years olds called Copley Adventures with a focus on outdoor education with great success.

### **50th Anniversary of Saanich Strawberry Festival**

The 50th annual Saanich Strawberry Festival took place on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Over the past 50 years the theme of a "family picnic at the beach" has been maintained and adds to the tradition that makes this event unique, showcasing the beautiful setting in which it is held. The event has grown considerably over the past decade and now features two distinct areas:

- the traditional upper level that caters to a relaxed atmosphere and older crowd and,
- the ever growing Kids Zone that is in the lower level of Beaver Lake Park.

*In recognition of the 50th anniversary:*

1. For the first time, a second stage was set up in the lower level that featured a wide range of cultural performances, bringing out several families that may not have participated in past years.
2. To enhance the display on the upper level, local artist Fred Dobbs was hired to create a giant commemorative 50th anniversary sand sculpture next to the beach area. Fred used the 50th Strawberry Festival branding to compliment his giant bowl of strawberries and ice cream - a favourite part of the event for many families for many years.
3. Prior to the festival, a 4 page article in the Saanich News helped showcase some of the history of the event and was a great way to highlight some of the volunteers that have helped put this event together.

### **Music in the Park 2016**

2016 was the 10th anniversary of Music in the Park. With continued support from Saanich Legacy Foundation eight concerts series with six community associations and Goward House were hosted. Most of the locations saw an increase in attendance, although the weather was not as sunny as in previous years. This series is organized in partnership with the many community associations, whom are very committed to these neighbourhood events and were excellent to work with.

### **Cadboro Bay Festival Update**

The gray and unsettled skies did not discourage the approximate 4000 people from participating in the Cadboro Bay Festival at Gyro Park on Sunday, August 7th. Extensive radio, newsprint and social media coverage of the event proved to be successful in drawing residents down to the park. Gyro Park is one of the best locations in the CRD to enjoy a day the beach and what a better way to celebrate summer than to see the giant sand sculptures come to life. The new playground upgrades and picnic facilities were well used throughout the day and they added to the great atmosphere this venue provides.

Professional sand sculptors began working on their creations on Friday morning and finished their work Sunday afternoon at the festival. Local artist Fred Dobbs and his crew of sculptors have traveled the world honing their craft and we are lucky to have such skilled artists live right here in Saanich. The theme chosen by event sponsors for this year's sand display was a pirate marine theme with a giant octopus that centered the display. A time lapse camera was installed prior to the festival to capture all the events that took place and it should make for a very interesting marketing video for next year's festival. A total of 27 community partners, vendors or food trucks participated in the one day festival

### **Cedar Hill Recreation Centre**

In August, Cedar Hill and Oak Bay Recreation Centres partnered to offer a Tennis Camp Jamboree to camp participants and coaches from both Centres. Courtside Sports provided prizes and giveaways and 40 kids aged 6 – 16 participated.

NEW this Fall – The Gallery Café is pleased to introduce grilled Panini sandwiches, Monday through Friday. Be sure to stop by for a light meal and try the daily Panini special.

Summer was bustling at the arts centre. Our summer offerings for teens were very popular. Two sessions of Art Exploration – Open Studio, two sessions of Urban Art Revolution – Word Art Workshop, Wonderful Watercolour for teens, and the ever popular Teen Pottery Intensive had great registration. Many of our teen programs had wait lists and staff kept hearing from parents that they are hoping more teen programs will be offered in the region in the future. The Arts Centre is looking forward to having many of these artsy teens back this fall for the weekly Art Hive drop-in and the new program, Anime Drawing.



## Saanich Commonwealth Place

On the dry side, summer camps were packed for all ages with activities ranging from art and cooking to archery. SCP also partnered with the Boys & Girls Club to offer Wilderness Camps, for the first time this summer. New pre-school age offerings were also well received with a once a week Parent and Tot class and a Nature Camp that was full for all 5 weeks it was offered. A try out program, **Family** Outstanding Outing Day was offered as a 'Day at the Range' with archery in the morning, lunch at My Chosen Café, and the afternoon at a driving range. It was a great success with all families eager to participate again.

On the Aquatic side, summer was busy as usual with a number of large meets, including the SWIM BC AAA Championships and the Oak Bay ORCA Swim meet. SCP also hosted the Barnsley Provincial Lifeguard Competition. Eleven teams competed and 33 volunteers helped in a number of ways. New this summer was a 'Mermaid' Camp, where participants could swim in the pool with mermaid tails. One of the major aquatic highlights of the summer was the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. The pro-shop and community corner were decorated to celebrate Canadian athletes, particularly those who train out of SCP: Ryan Cochrane, Hilary Caldwell and Stephanie Horner. Also during the 2016 Paralympics, Stefan Daniel won silver in the para-triathlon (a first time Paralympic event), a testament to the value of legacy facilities.

## G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre

This summer Pearkes skate staff ran our first "learn to skate" week long day camps in a number of years. There was very good response to this camp with near full registration for the weeks it was offered. A great idea by staff and a good way for many families to continue their skate education and stay cool from the summer sun!

Pearkes also ran several "Tough Kidder" Camps modelled after the "Tough Mudder" style races, where kids aged 8-12 years got to "train" for this kind of race by playing strategy games and completing other outdoors tasks in nearby Cuthbert Holmes Park, as well as completing a number of "challenge" tasks in and around the building during the week. This was a very active camp that got youth into the outdoors participating in challenging activities in nature.

Over the summer Pearkes Maintenance staff completed the installation of 280 theatre seats recycled from the IMAX Theatre at the BC Museum. Staff did a great job fitting the pieces together to make the seats work in this space. These seats are very well cushioned and should help with the "cold" atmosphere and feeling in the arena.

Pearkes also had some roof repairs done around the near 50 year old Gold arena and the Fieldhouse. Crews were busy on these roofs through July and much of August. The job was completed by August 19<sup>th</sup>.

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Events hosted recently by Pearkes include the Gem and Mineral Show August 19-21<sup>st</sup>, the Bridal Fair on September 18<sup>th</sup> and the Baby Fair September 24, 25<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming events:

- Victoria Ultimate Toy and Hobby Show – October 2
- Kids Mega Sale – October 8
- Victoria Fall Home Expo – October 14-16
- Victoria Teen Fest – November 5

## **Active & Safe Routes to School Program Update – from Engineering Department**

The Active & Safe Routes to School Program offers a coordinated and strategic approach towards increasing the use of cycling, walking, rolling and public transit among children and families in Saanich. Recognizing that the school journey is the most common trip for children and youth, and merits specific attention for active travel planning efforts, Engineering is pleased to move forward with the Active & Safe Routes to School Program.

In 2015, as part of the Capital Program, Engineering started the program with the intention of completing Active and Safe Route to School Programming at all public schools in Saanich. Programming is currently underway at 5 schools in the Tillicum Carey Glanford area including:

- Tillicum Elementary
- McKenzie Elementary
- North Ridge Elementary
- Colquitz Middle School
- Glanford Middle School

These schools are enthusiastically participating in the program, providing lots of good input and ideas. Best Routes to School Maps as well as School Travel Plans are currently being finalized for these schools and will be distributed this fall once classes resume. Further engagement will occur at these schools over the next 12 months to encourage and monitor the use of Active Transportation modes. In addition outcomes from this process will be used to guide traffic and street infrastructure improvements within these school areas.

Moving forward we are excited to announce a new partnership with the CRD. The CRD's 2011 Pedestrian & Cycling Master Plan and the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan identified *school-based travel programs* as an important strategy to help achieve active transportation mode share targets. In fall 2015 the CRD Board of Directors confirmed its support for delivering this two year project as a part of its Strategic Priorities process.

For the 2016/2017 school year 7 new schools in Saanich will have Active & Safe Routes to School Programming conducted through this partnership with the CRD, including:

- Mount Douglas Secondary
- Landsdowne Middle School
- Cedar Hill Middle School
- Braefoot Elementary
- Cloverdale Elementary
- Doncaster Elementary
- Maria Montessori School

The CRD will be funding 3 of these schools and providing the administration for the program while Saanich will fund 4 schools. The CRD is able to offer this programming in partnership with the Victoria Foundation, the Real Estate Foundation of BC, and the CRD Traffic Safety Commission.

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