

AGENDA
HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attachment)
 - June 27, 2018
2. **SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM REPORT**
3. **WORKING GROUP UPDATE**
 - Verbal update J. Jawandra
4. **HEALTH AND RECREATION PARTNERSHIP REPORT**
5. **DIVISION UPDATE – RECREATION**
 - Presentation from Senior Manager of Recreation
6. **FUNDING REQUEST – NACHO NIGHT** (attachment)
 - Correspondence from The Chair in Transgender Studies - University of Victoria

* Adjournment *
Next Meeting: October 24, 2018

Please advise Jeff Keays the committee secretary at jeff.keays@saanich.ca
or 250-475-1775 local 3430 if you are unable to attend.

Go Green!
Members are encouraged to bring their own mug to the meeting.

MINUTES
HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
June 27, 2018 at 6:00PM

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

Members: Merie Beauchamp, Ryan Clayton, Zhongwen He, Jasmindra Jawanda, Nadia Rajan

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services, Chris Filler Programmer II Parks and Recreation and Jeff Keays, Committee Clerk

Absent: Marlene Davie, Jean Hodgson (SCAN), Wayne Hunter (SD63), Victoria Martin (SD63); Peg Orcherton (SD61), Dorthy Rosenberg

Guests: Judy Gaylord (BiPed)

MINUTES

MOVED by Z. He and seconded by R. Clayton "That the minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held June 27, 2018 be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed the committee members, and guest to the meeting. The Chair noted that there would be no meeting's over the summer, and that the committee would reconvene in September. The Chair provided a brief comment on the status of the Regina Park encampment, and reminded the committee of their 2016 work on homelessness and affordable housing, including the committee's recommendation to fund the hiring of a Social Planner position.

RECREATION MARKET ANALYSIS

Kelli-Ann Armstrong, the Senior Manager - Recreation provided the committee with an overview of the recreation market analysis study's process, intended goals and timelines. The following highlights were noted:

- Parks and Recreation is undertaking the market analysis in order to better understand the growing and changing demands of the community.
- The study will guide the actions of the Parks and Recreation for the next 10 years and will include recommendations on creating a healthy and thriving community; recommendations for programming and facility development; operational changes to improve service delivery and effectiveness and recommendations to the department's business model and operations.
- The District has retained LEES+Associates to assist with the market analysis.
- The final report is targeted for Council in February 2019.
- A survey is available on the District's website.
- The scope of the study does not include parks or playing fields as it is focused on

- services, programs and activities.
- Architects have undertaken a review and assessment of existing recreation facilities, as well as our partner's facilities. Their review does not include parks or greenspaces.
- The market analysis will be supported by a statistically significant phone survey of 300 households.

Committee discussion ensued, the following highlights are noted:

- Existing Saanich recreation facilities are in good shape.
- Staff will work in conjunction with the Strategic Facilities Master Plan and make recommendation as necessary.
- The market analysis is focused on programming, not necessarily the District's facilities.
- Room for improvement in facilities with regard to integration with active transportation (ATP) modes.
- ATP accessibility was discussed during the internal stakeholder meetings.
- Jason Jones is undertaking outreach efforts and workshops with multicultural and new immigrant communities.
- Culture norms resulted in some community members not being able to make public engagement events, staff working to include their voices.
- The market analysis will take a holistic look at recreation.

Following the overview, the Senior Manager of Recreation introduced Chris Filler, Programmer II, who led the committee through a facilitated discussion focusing on the following categories:

- Trends
- Needs
- Barriers

Upon conclusion of the facilitated discussion the Senior Manager of Recreation thanked the members and guest for their valuable input, and noted that staff, in conjunction with the consultants, will continue with public engagement throughout the summer. The data collected from these engagement activities will inform the draft report that will come back to advisory committees in the fall.

WORKING GROUP UPDATE – EMBRACE SAANICH MONTHLY UPDATE

J. Jawandra provided the committee with an update on Embrace Saanich project. The following highlights are noted:

- Information gathering continues.
- Informal interviews and outreach has occurred.
- Community consultation will occur throughout the summer.
- The project is on-track to meet the proposed timelines.

WORKING GROUP UPDATE – UNITED NATIONS WORLD REFUGEE PLAY UPDATE

J. Jawandra provided the committee with an update on the "Footsteps of our Immigrants," UN World Refugee Day Play. The following highlights are noted:

- The consultant thanked both staff and the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee members for their continued support of the project.

- The play was performed at three (3) locations: Claremont High School; Cedar Hill Recreation Centre and the City of Victoria.
- The performances were powerful experiences for both performers and the audience.
- Planning on making the World Refugee Day Play an annual event. The producers will seek future funding through the CRD's Arts Service.
- A video of the performance will be available at oniontheatre.ca

WORKING GROUP UPDATE – PARAGRAPH FOR HEALTHY SAANICH PAGE

The Cultural planner will draft a paragraph for the website.

DIVISION UPDATE – RECREATION

The Senior Manager Recreation provided an overview of the June Recreation Report, dated June 20, 2018. The following comments are noted:

- Maintaining youth liaison members has proven difficult.
- Saanich could look at ways to incentivize youth to participate.
- What could the Healthy Saanich do to help encourage and foster youth participation?

PRIDE UPDATE

The Clerk provided an update on the status of this year's Pride events. The following highlights are noted:

- The committee will be supporting Saanich's entry into the annual Victoria Pride Parade, July 8, 2018.
- The entry will include the Saanich Pride Banner as well as the distribution of Saanich Pride stickers.
- The Pride and Trans flags will be flown from July 1 – 8, 2018.

FUTURE ITEMS

- Youth outreach initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2018

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary



The Corporation of the District of Saanich

Report

To: Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee
Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee

From: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager - Recreation

Date: 9/20/2018

Subject: September 2018 Monthly Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation and Healthy Saanich Advisory Committees receive this report as information.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committees with an overview of recent Recreation Division activities.

DISCUSSION

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

In the spring of 2018, the Saanich Tennis Program delivered in-school tennis classes to over 700 students in the Municipality at Doncaster Elementary, Frank Hobbs Elementary, Colquitz Middle School, Glanford Middle School, Lansdowne Middle School, Cedar Hill Middle School, and Arbutus Middle School. We received excellent feedback from the teachers and many schools are looking forward to participating in the program next Winter/Spring

Cedar Hill also supported the South Vancouver Island Tennis League Society by providing outdoor court time, registration and meeting space for the 2018 League. The league uses public courts across the Capital Region and consists of men's and women's teams playing at all levels, from novice to elite. Over 79,000 games were played by 464 players. Clearly, tennis is thriving on the South Island!

Community Services

In February 2018, we had 144 accepted Volunteers on file and by July 2018, we have grown to 193 accepted Volunteers. Dedicated volunteer, Emily, starts Medical School this month, having gained invaluable experience with the Take Heart Cardiac Program for the past 2 years. Her supervisor reported: "Four of our clients cried because she was going! It has been so special seeing her learn and grow with us, and move on to this next exciting phase of her life. She will be so missed." From the volunteer herself, "It means a great deal to have such a positive volunteer and work experience to look back on. It's been an absolute pleasure being with Saanich, so thank you for your hard work. I wouldn't be here without my time as a Saanich volunteer and employee!" This summer, 20 new Volunteer Shadow Guards for SCP were registered, trained and orientated.

July 21st was BC Parks Day. In celebration we partnered with the BC Parks Foundation and offered a family walk in Gowland Tod Park. 6 families attended.

July 28th was our latest Muslim Womens' swim at Gordon Head Recreation Centre. We expected less numbers as it is summer, so we were happy to have 75 swimmers enjoy themselves.

Gordon Head Recreation Centre

Early Childhood and School-Aged Camps: Summer 2018 was once again a huge success with 1400 plus participants taking part in camps at Gordon Head. Camps ran at an 81% fill rate and we only cancelled 1 of 92 programs. A 99% success rate! Summer always has its' challenges, but the instructors and programmers did a great job as usual. We had many new leaders this year, some who stepped up into more responsible roles, and received excellent coaching and mentoring from the programming team. One of the unique services we provide through Saanich Recreation, is that we 'grow' leaders. For example, our Skateboard Camp Program Assistant for the last two summer moved into the lead role as Program Leader 1 this summer, so his new Program Assistant was new to Saanich and the role. Each day these two young men brought so much to this very active group of boys and girls, and maintained their energy, interest and smiles throughout 8 weeks of Saanich camps. All our camps, particularly outside camps, dealt with the ongoing heat throughout the summer, and then finished up with two weeks affected by air quality issues in Victoria due to the BC Wildfires. Plans were quickly changed to ensure more indoor program time, and communication provided to all our families.

Aquatics was hopping at GHRC this summer. The fun, no cost Friday swims were well attended with over 1550 in attendance over the summer. Our inflatables are enjoyed by all ages and were programmed three times/week in the summer. Our Fun Leaders did a great job engaging kids of all ages and exploring games in and around our pool. Our Water Safety Instructor Courses were popular, offering both level 1 and level 2, while our free lessons at the end of August were bursting at the seams.

Fitness: Patrons appreciated the cleanliness and new layout in the weight room, after shut down. Additionally, we replaced the calf raise machine, satisfying many patrons. Our fitness classes maintained their numbers throughout the summer months. We welcomed new staff to Gordon Head.

June's Shut Down at GHRC: We had a successful shut down the last two weeks of June. We now have a brand new sauna, a new steam generator for the steam room, two new Tots Pool and Leisure Pool pumps, tile repair and grouting throughout all four pools, re-finished benches in the change rooms, re-grouting in the change rooms, replaced the underwater LED and overhead lighting in the main pool area, replaced the medea (silica sand) in all the filters, added a new filter to the shower system, installed a new air handling unit in the Dance Studio, replaced two accessible lifts in the change room and on the pool deck, added sound panels around the air-source heat pump, and general maintenance including valve replacements, replacing chlorine/acid lines and injectors, flush out solar system, stripped and waxed all the floors throughout the building, moved all the equipment in the weight room and scrubbed the floor, and painting and touch ups throughout the building. Whew! Our team worked efficiently to accomplish a great amount of work in a two week period.

G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre

Another successful round of summer camps and programs came to a close at GR Pearkes and Colquitz School. Registration remained high once again this season.

During the summer months, we were able to finish a fitness (upper level) and field-house shutdown for planned maintenance, deep cleaning, and general upkeep. On the upper level in the fitness centre, we completed a deep clean of the space, moving all the equipment, and repositioning the pieces. In our multipurpose rooms we focused on floors, painting and general maintenance of fixtures, while in the field-house, we completed a "rolling" shut-down of the space, (patching, painting and changing lights) to ensure rental groups and programs were unaffected.


As many are aware, we had a Police Incident at Pearkes on August 31. At approx 9PM a man called into Police from our pay-phone and stated he had a weapon. Police then called our front desk and spoke to our Receptionist, who initiated staff and patrons to go into lock-down. The incident was brought to a safe conclusion just after 10:30pm, with all unharmed, and the person in custody. As with any emergency, a debrief was conducted and in conjunction with Saanich Police, we are updating revising procedures.

Saanich Commonwealth Place

Summer continued to be above average drop-in attendance. Weekdays consistently saw numbers between 1200 and 1800 participants. Summer was quiet for High Performance Clubs who only hosted 2 swim meets and a water polo boot camp. SCP also played host to the annual Jewish Girls camp sleepover. Other highlights included the Filming of an ad for the Chicken Farmers of Canada featuring SCP Olympian Hillary Caldwell.

The annual shutdown occurred September 4 -16. Painting the dive tower and change rooms, re-grouting of the pool deck, installation of new pool sound system, replacement of front desk work stations and a complete top to bottom scrub were the big ticket work items this year. Staff were on site 24/7 during this time period to complete this work.

Infrastructure work has been ongoing through summer and into fall with replacement of telephone and data lines as well as discovery work for the boiler and air handling work beginning 2019.

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Councillor Colin Plant
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Dear Colin Plant and the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee,

My name is [Aaron Devor](#). I founded and hold the inaugural position as the world's only [Chair in Transgender Studies](#). The Chair, located at UVic, is a research leadership and community outreach office dedicated to building and sharing scholarship by and about trans, non-binary, and Two-Spirit people; educating the public; and sponsoring community-building events. We work to improve the well-being of trans, non-binary, and Two-Spirit people by conducting research, teaching, educating the public, and facilitating activities of interest to trans, non-binary, and Two-Spirit people and their allies.

Among these activities are our monthly community social events, [Nachos Nights](#). The Chair in Transgender Studies invites all self-identified trans, non-binary, and Two-Spirit people to a casual drop-in gathering at UVic. Averaging more 12-15 attendees each month, the Chair provides free food and drink. People engage in unstructured conversation and I learn from them more about the needs of the community and to let people know about upcoming events, initiatives, and opportunities. Events like this are important because even though the internet has been a tremendous boon allowing trans, non-binary, and Two-Spirit people to have a sense of virtual community, most remain isolated and suffer considerable social stigma. Opportunities to regularly engage in-person and face-to-face with peers who hold similar interests are rare. **Nachos Nights** fill this gap by providing a low-key, casual, and friendly space for people to physically come together as a community and to know that they are not alone.

I'd like to ask Healthy Saanich to become an annual sponsor of this community event. The Chair in Transgender Studies does not receive core funding from UVic. Instead, we rely on the generosity of individual donors – like Healthy Saanich – for the majority of our funding. Your \$2,000 sponsorship of the costs for the **2018/2019 Nachos Nights** (12 events) would greatly help in the building community, connection, and pride for trans, non-binary and Two-Spirit people. Your sponsorship would be verbally acknowledged at every event, your logo would appear on the event website and our social media ads, and we'd be happy to help promote any Saanich programming and opportunities relevant to trans, non-binary and Two-Spirit people.

Thank you.
Sincerely yours,

Aaron Devor, PhD, FSSS, FSTLHE
Chair in Transgender Studies
Founder & Academic Director, the Transgender Archives





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NACHOSNIGHT

@ UVIC'S UNIVERSITY CLUB



MONDAY
SEPT. 17th
4 - 6 PM
2018

MONDAY
OCT. 22nd
4 - 6 PM
2018

MONDAY
NOV. 19th
4 - 6 PM
2018

MONDAY
DEC. 17th
4 - 6 PM
2018

A casual drop-in hosted by the CHAIR IN TRANSGENDER STUDIES.
Open to all self-identified trans, non-binary & Two-Spirit folks.

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