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HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at the Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2
November 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair: Councillor Colin Plant

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

Staff: Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Catherine Mohoruk, Manager of Transportation and Development; Troy McKay, Engineering Technologist V; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk.

Guests: John Reilly, Regional Housing Trust Fund Program Administrator, CRD; Ryan Clayton, LGBTQ Sub-Committee member; Michelle..., Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee member; Ted Xuang, visiting Scholar, UVIC

MINUTES

MOVED by P. He and Seconded by J. Hodgson: "That the Minutes of the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee meeting held October 26, 2016, be adopted."

CARRIED

UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair updated the Committee on past items Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- Mayor has not yet assigned the Chairs for 2017.
- LGBTQ Committee will present a report to HSAC requesting that the LGBTQ sub-committee continue in 2017.
- The LGBTQ Sub-committee in 2017 could meet quarterly or as required by staff.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

The Engineering Technologist V, gave the Committee an update on the Active Transportation Plan and the highlights are noted:

- The branding for the Active Transportation Plan is "Moving Saanich Forward".
- The Active Transportation Plan is a Strategic Plan Initiative.
- Active transportation is any form of human powered transportation.
- The Plan will address policy, pedestrian and cycling networks, transit access, environmental considerations, regional connectivity, amenities and design characteristics to produce a complete Active Transportation program for Saanich.

- MetroQuest survey program was introduced to the Committee to demonstrate types of information that will be returned from the public.
- The consultation phase is the next stage of inquiry.

Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- MetroQuest appears to be a powerful tool for pin pointing areas in Saanich.
- MetroQuest is hosted in Vancouver, BC.
- A paper version of the survey will be made available.
- At community engagements a large vinyl map will be available for the public to make comments on areas of interest/concern.
- Saanich will go out into the community to reach citizens who may have mobility concerns.
- The survey will be open until January 24, 2017.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

J. Reilly, Regional Housing Trust Fund Program Administrator, CRD presented the Committee with information on housing, homelessness and health and well -being services within the CRD. The following was noted:

- Current initiatives: online GIS mapping of Census data and workshops on the determinants of health and best practices.
- Regional outcomes monitoring:
 - Multi stakeholder initiative
 - Monitoring of desired determinants of health and wellbeing
 - Identification of outcomes and metrics
 - Collect data and report on regional progress
- The Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC) Mission Statement “Develop and manage affordable housing with the capital region for low income households.”
- The CRHC has 45 communities in 7 municipalities. There are 21 communities within Saanich.
- Housing planning and programs:
 - Regional Housing Affordability Trust Fund-Update in 2017.
 - Homelessness Partnering Strategy
 - Regional Housing First Program
- Local housing needs assessments
- Community organization capacity building
- Potential avenues to increase affordable housing stock in the CRD:
 - Increased density through zoning
 - Expedited development processes
 - Policies to protect existing rental stock
 - Permitting garden and secondary suites
 - Municipal capital grants
 - Inclusionary zoning
 - Reduced or waived development costs
 - Permissive tax exemptions for non-profits
 - Reduced parking requirements
 - Leveraging publicly owned property

- A housing gap analysis has shown the largest gap to be in the low income through moderate income group.
- Trend in the CRD over the past 7 years is rental housing start are increasing.
- Saanich has 24% of renter households paying more than 50% of income on housing.
- Social housing units in Saanich is 22% (2,282 units).
- Saanich contains 32.1% of the co-op housing units in the CRD.

Committee discussion occurred and the following was noted:

- Adequate method of determining functional affordability needs to be developed.
- Looking at transportation costs and housing together could be a valuable metric.
- Saanich housing stock does not currently match income levels.
- Alarming to note how many children are in the homelessness counts.
- The CRD is experiencing homelessness and affordable housing issues at similar rates to other Canadian cities. These are national problems.
- Was Council clear on the intent of the social planner motion?

**** M. Henderson and M. Davie left the meeting at 6:50 pm****

LGBTQ REPORT

R. Clayton, LGBTQ Committee Member, presented the Committee with an overview and report of the activities undertaken by the LGBTQ Sub-Committee over the course of 2016. Committee discussion occurred and the highlights follow:

- The report is a good capture of all the activity of the LGBTQ Sub-Committee in 2016.
- Good capture of diverse stakeholders.

MOTION: Moved by N. Rajan and Seconded by D. Rosenberg: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee receive the LGBTQ Sub-Committee 2016 Report.”

CARRIED

SUB-COMMITTEE 2017

The Chair lead a discussion on potential sub-committees for 2017 and the following was noted:

- Sub-Committees are struck when Committee members do not have the breadth of knowledge to address a concern/issue.
- Working groups are informal groups of Committee members who wish to investigate an issue/concern that requires more time then is available at the regular Committee meeting.
- Possible working group/sub-committee groups:
 - Mobility
 - Homelessness
 - Multi-culturalism
 - Aboriginal concerns
- Multi-culturalism would be timely issue for HSAC to delve into more thoroughly.

- Terms of Reference for a Multi-culturalism working group would need to be developed.

MOTION: Moved by M. Beauchamp and Seconded by P. He: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee establish a working group to explore the creation of a Terms of Reference for a multi-culturalism working group.”

CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by J. Jawanda and Seconded by N. Rajan: “That the Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee authorize the expenditure of up to \$120.00 for refreshments for the multi-culturalism working group Terms of Reference meeting.”

CARRIED

SCAN UPDATE

Tabled

RECREATION UPDATE

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services presented a report of the Recreation Highlights for November, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2017.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary