District of Metchosin

Minutes
Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee Meeting
April 22, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.
Council Chamber
Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Shari Rourke, Sarah Anthony, Councillor Sharie Epp, Helen Fletcher, Shannon Carman, Stacey Weir, Chief Dunlop

Regrets: Jim MacPherson, Kathleen Sutherland

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Addition to Agenda by Shannon C, to add "Meeting with View Royal Talent Show Organizers" under 6 B)

Moved and Seconded by Stacey W. And Councillor Epp. that the Committee approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

2. **Presentations**
None.

3. **Public Participation**
None.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved and Seconded by Councillor Epp and Shannon C. that the Committee approve the minutes of the Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee meeting held on March 25, 2025.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes
None.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Open House/Talent Show event at the old School was explored as a possibility around the beginning of June, but no workable dates were available to book the gym. Possibility of combining with MACCA's Festivus on July 1st was explored, but set aside. Now thinking about the fall - First weekend in Oct as no Apple Festival this year? Harvest theme? Discussed options for a collaborative group performance. SRC could offer soup to highlight their soup program. We could also have a booth on Metchosin Day to amplify the event?

Could also get it into multiple Muses. Discussed having sport activities as part of the event for kids and families. Shari to reach out to MCA for sports equipment and to see about Island Equipment Owner grant opportunities for filling in holes in field, those grants have been used in Metchosin in the past, but unsure of rules around eligibility. Discussed toy and book swap/field games potentially in the gym this summer, Stacey W to investigate.

b) Informative conversation had with Chris and Jessica Fraser regarding their experiences organizing a successful community Talent Show in View Royal. Councillor Epp, Shari R and Shannon C met with them on April 10th at the old School and took them around the school, as well as showing them the gym and describing the staging and sound capacities there. Chris is the Vice President of the JDF Performing Arts Centre Society as well, so was interested to learn about the existence of a performance space. They expressed that the space and acoustics in the gymnasium were a good addition to the Westshore for booking options.

7. Reports

c) Two defibrillators have been purchased for the Old school - one to be placed by the gym, one on the MACCA side. Attended Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities conference, as well as a Health and Safety event where the importance of education was emphasized. A new Islands Trust Tiny Home report talks about how tiny homes can conform to the Building Code. Active Transport Network Plan report being presented in May.

d) New signage at the old school will say ENTRANCE and 4495 to denote the main entrances, in effort to clarify for visitors (the school has 21 external doors). The District received a $25,000 grant to install a ramp for the old schoolhouse and to pave part of Community House's parking lot. Wondering about making the school easier to navigate, Councillor Epp wondered if the rooms could be named after historical persons / families? Stacey W to talk to Museum Society to get some more suggestions, follow up at next meeting, Councillor Epp could take suggestion to council for consideration. The washrooms at the farmers market will soon be magnetically locked. BC Wildfire conference just completed, first brush fire of the season in Sooke. May 31 no more open burning. Working oil spill response plan with company at Beecher Bay. Disaster Risk Reduction Climate Adaptation grant in process The Consultant will be attending the May meeting. Public Notification & Evacuation Route Planning. May 4 Fire Smart BBQ, will also be the graduation of junior firefighters.

e) The SRC had been looking for a bus to purchase for months, but Pearson College has just confirmed that the SRC can utilize their bus twice a month as a pilot project to bring seniors to Quality Foods/Royal Bay. Pilot trips set for May 15 & 29. Parisian Cafe coming June 7.

f) Wrapping up the Poverty Reduction grant, Chief Dunlop will be reporting on it soon.

g) While First aid courses through WSPAR have not been filling up, courses offered directly through the firehall have been well attended. WSPAR are going to wait till the fall to offer more.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Adjourned at 5:44 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27 at 4:30 p.m.