

District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, Municipal Hall**

Present: Councillor Sharie Epp, Shari Rourke (Chair), Chair Sarah Anthony, Ted White, Jane Hammond, Shannon Carman, Fire Chief Stephanie Dunlop

Regrets: Peter Havers, Chris Pratt

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Sharie, Metchosin School Gym updates and provincial accessibility grant
- Jane, checklist of healthy community components to discuss
- Stephanie, update on Sc'ianew emergency services
- Add "Updates from Liaisons" after Receipt of Minutes onto the permanent Agenda template. This would include updates from our Council Liaison, Fire Chief, and SIRC Liaison.

Moved and Seconded by Sharie and Ted that the Committee approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

2. Introductions

Ted and Chief Dunlop were introduced. No other introductions required.

3. Public Participation: None

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Sharie and Ted that the Committee approve the minutes of the Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee meeting held on May 24, 2023.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes: None

6. Updates from Liaisons

a) Fire Chief Dunlop

Emergency notifications to be sent out via text this Saturday, June 24, 2023. If people don't receive one, they can email firechief@metchosinfire.ca. Also, a barbeque will be held at the evacuation centre at St. Mary's from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday as part of the exercise, so families can practice evacuation protocols.

Due to recent events this year at Sc'ianew, the Coroners Office, BCEHS, the RCMP, Metchosin Firehall, and Sc'ianew are coming together to discuss how to optimize working together. Some excellent discussions are being had around collaboration, talking about all levels of management, as well as Metchosin being more effective advocates for our community members, including Sc'ianew.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes:

a) Incorporating Heritage matters into Committee Terms of Reference

It was hoped Chris Pratt would be present to speak on this subject, as he was previously a member of the Heritage Committee. There was general discussion around the fit of Heritage with Healthy Communities. Chief Dunlop and Ted both felt it was too awkward a fit, and not appropriate. Jane proposed to invite someone from the Museum Society to our next meeting, to discuss the possibility of their taking up the remit of the former Heritage Committee. It was noted that this was mentioned last month, and all agreed that minutes came out too late and that we want to get minutes out within a week to the Committee members.

Action: Shari to contact the Museum Society.

b) Discussion on ideas and priorities

Shari proposed that, given the current high rates of overdose in Greater Victoria, maybe Naloxone training and kits could be given out. Chief Dunlop proposed holding a workshop (perhaps a series of workshops) via the Fire Hall. There was discussion around when to hold it (during Addiction Awareness Month was proposed, which is November) or even to hold them regularly, twice in a month, on an afternoon and evening. Discussion took place around procuring the kits.

Action: Shari to ask director at Island Community Health re: obtaining Naloxone for community workshops.

In reviewing Jane's list of subcategories for Healthy Communities, some discussion of demographics in Metchosin.

Action: Shannon will bring in the latest census numbers for Metchosin to next meeting.

Discussion around the hope for more integration with Sc'ianew, with Chief Chipps still technically being the liaison for HCASC but clearly is fully committed with other obligations.

Action: Shari to reach out to Krista at Sc'ianew, to explore the possibility of appointing another liaison to HCASC.

Discussion around the Dark Sky Policy in Metchosin, and whether it covered the entire municipality or just around the Village Core.

Moved and Seconded by Sharie and Ted that the Committee prepare a report on a Dark Sky policy that would be ideal for our community on a municipal and residential level, with impact on wildlife, farm animals, etc.

Carried

Action: Ted will provide a report back in the fall.

- c) Metchosin School Gym updates and provincial accessibility grant

Counsellor Epp reported that there was an upcoming Local Accessibility Grant of 25,000 coming available soon, which could be used for a variety of purposes. She also reported that the gym rental rates have been set, with non-profits paying \$20/hour to rent the space and for profits still to be determined (TBD).

8. New Business

- a) Regular Meeting Schedule for HCAC meetings

It was decided meetings would be held every 4th Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm. The next meeting would therefore be July 25th at 4:30pm.

- b) Subcommittees (please refer to Part 5 (j) Advisory Select Committee Bylaw No 493)

Idea for a housing subcommittee - discussion around whether HCASC could help gather information to be supportive to Council and proactive in this area, given the directives coming down from the province and the recent grant obtained by Chief Dunlop.

Recommendation: Poverty Reduction Action Plan

Moved and Seconded that Council authorize the Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee to work in conjunction with the Fire Chief to identify issues and gather information towards the development of a local Poverty Reduction Plan for the CEPF Poverty Reduction Planning Grant to support people in the community living in poverty.

Carried

Chief Dunlop suggested potential training sessions for Metchosin residents, such as Naloxone workshops.

Recommendation: Health and Safety Training for the Community

Moved and Seconded that Council authorize the Healthy Community Advisory Committee to work in conjunction with the Fire Chief, to hold public education and training sessions to increase health and safety in the community (ie. Administering Naloxone workshop).

Carried

9. Correspondence: None

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Moved and Seconded by Ted and Counsellor Epp that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Carried

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.