

District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee Meeting
May 28, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**

Present: Shari Rourke, Sarah Anthony, Ted White, Councillor Sharie Epp, Jim Macpherson, Kathleen Sutherland, Stephanie Dunlop, Barrett Fullerton

Regrets: Peter Havers, Chris Pratt, Ted White, Shannon Carman, Deirdre Chettleburgh

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Add risk management under other business.

Moved and Seconded by Jim M. 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 Kathleen S. and Sharie E. that the Committee approve the minutes of the Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee meeting held on April 23, 2024.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes

None.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Accessibility Committee

Jim M. sent an email to the committee with results of April 25th meeting in Langford. It was a short meeting to review results of survey from Langford's website and discussion continued on a number of issues related to handicap access in municipally owned structures covering sight and hearing issues through to improved communication from councils. There was a meeting last week with the regional committee, Shari R. to ask Bob or Tina for report from meeting. Will Bob or Shelley D. be reporting to HCASC when these meetings are held - Shari R. will enquire with Tina.

b) Dark Sky

Update to be given at next meeting as Ted W. was away. Brief discussion held on options and process with Council on method to proceed and options available. Confirmation on fee is \$250 USD and group generally wondering what the ongoing costs would be. Will raise questions at next meeting.

c) Committee Priorities Discussion

The Committee would like a full discussion when more members are present. Jim M. may write an article in the Metchosin Muse enquiring about reviving the business directory. MCA is having a community lunch, Sharie E. to enquire if HCASC can participate.

7. Reports

a) Councillor Epp

There was an interesting invitation from Thrive Foundry for Sooke / Westshore Centre. Ages 12-24 covered, young people, family caregivers have access to free support for mental health issues. Kick off will be June 5th at Veterans Memorial Park. The grand opening of Metchosin Pharmacy is June 3rd. Bob, Gord and Harold are having a look at the community garden and blackberry removal. Firehall Steering Committee meeting May 29th to review feasibility study.

b) Fire Chief

Meeting with Scia'new on Indigenous Collaboration Grant. Options for cultural safety training for staff and emergency workers on collaboration of emergency plans to mirror support and unify, will be looking at joint training exercises. Drum making session upcoming. Every home in Beecher Bay has been updated with reflective address signs. Annual Camas Day event being proposed. Poverty Reduction Grant may be available through Victoria Foundation, or through the Vancouver Foundation. Fire Chief will connect with SRC. EOC had a great exercise on the 20th, about 100 people attended. Firehall does about 60-65 calls per month, 65%-68% are medical.

c) Seniors Information Resource Centre Liaison

Parisian cafe to be held soon. Gourmet raffle tickets will be on sale at that event. Collaborating with Pearson College to possibly use the bus to transport seniors in our community and in discussion with LA Limousine to start a pilot in September transporting seniors to local shopping areas. Kinesiology session upcoming. Hearing clinic recently held had nine people attend. SRC is looking into utilizing AI for meeting minutes - will report back. Soup service has been successful, people wanting more individual sized portion over double portions.

d) Poverty Subcommittee

Community groups are currently being interviewed.

e) Health and Safety Subcommittee

Shari E. and Shari R. have signed up to complete the Mental Health First Aid Certification and will report back to the committee on content. There are different courses available for mental health.

f) Disaster Risk Reduction

Chad spoke at last night's Council meeting. Metchosin has different challenges than Victoria based on population dynamics. Will connect to climate change plan as a resource.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Other Business

Summer meetings - Shari R. to send email on summer meeting schedule to find out consensus on dates.

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 25 at 4:30 p.m.