

SAANICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NETWORK

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

1. OVERVIEW

■ Congratulations to the Mayor and Councilors on a successful election and positive community work done to date this term. The Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN) looks forward to establishing a constructive relationship with you all to support our community's needs and priorities.

This report is the first of what we hope will be an annual update for the benefit of Mayor, Council, staff and the larger Saanich community. The objective of this report is to document the discussions and actions that SCAN engaged in during the previous year, and any actions that may carry over into the following calendar year.

2. COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

■ There are currently 17 Community Associations registered with Saanich; on average, we have an active participation from 10-12 at our monthly meetings.

- Presentations from internal Saanich departments and external organizations form a portion of each SCAN meeting. Presentations in 2018 included: Development Cost Charge Overview; Haro Woods; Sustainable Saanich update; and the Rededication of Memorial Avenue.
- In early 2018, SCAN received a letter from Mayor Atwell and Council in reference to the Governance Review Task Force Standing Committee. This letter presented the following recommendations from the Task Force for SCAN's consideration: consider the development of a more detailed Terms of Reference to assist in formalizing Community Associations as well as their relationship with Saanich, and consider a variety of ToR models, including one which involves staff and Council liaisons.
- As a result of this letter as well as the recurring issue of Community Associations unclear role in the development process, SCAN hosted a workshop on November 24, 2018 at the Prospect Lake District Community Association hall to gather a broader understanding of how citizens felt about the municipality, development consultation, and community association's roles, goals and objectives. Susan Belford moderated this workshop, and there was strong consensus that SCAN is well-positioned to play host to additional future events such as this.
- As a result of this workshop and the Governance Review Recommendations, SCAN is resolute on creating a ToR by June 2019 in hopes for Council adoption in the fall of 2019.

3. PRIORITY AREAS

■ Through formal presentations and round table discussions at SCAN, the following themes and priority areas emerged during 2018:

- Development pressures and related issues felt at the local level
- Community Associations role in development and referrals

- Community events (i.e. music in the park, family days)
- Community association engagement, new membership, and retention of members
- Education: on municipal affairs, development processes, consultation requirements, and community-level data
- Transportation and traffic concerns: safety, speed, active transportation

4. ATTACHMENTS

- Current SCAN TOR
- Summary Report from November 24, 2018 SCAN Workshop

SCAN will continue to be a conduit for information sharing and community engagement, but in 2019, we look forward to more active collaboration with Mayor, Council and staff to achieve shared community goals. As the SCAN Board, we look forward to working closely with you going forward.

Sincerely,

Shawn Newby, SCAN Chair

Kaeley Wiseman, SCAN Vice-Chair

Sandy Menzies, Treasurer