



DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

AGENDA

PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

August 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Metchosin Municipal Hall

- 1. Agenda, Additions, Approval**
- 2. Presentations**
- 3. Public Participation**
- 4. Adoption of Minutes**
 - a) Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee, July 16, 2024 1
- 5. Receipt of Minutes**
- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes**
- 7. Reports**
 - a) Parks & Trails Coordinator Verbal Report
 - b) Council Liaison Verbal Report
 - c) Chair Verbal Report
- 8. Correspondence**
- 9. Other Business**
 - a) Debrief of the Community Input Session of July 31, 2024,
Potential Duke Road East Roadside Trail.....5
 - PowerPoint Presentation
 - Memo, Correspondence Received
 - b) Metchosin Community Day
- 10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

District of Metchosin

Minutes

Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber

Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Ron Aubrey (Chair), Jay Shukin (Councillor Liaison), Kathy Atherton, Ryan Carter, Caroline Donohue (Recorder), Karen Hoffman, Jim Nan,

Regrets: David Shanks, Gord Stodola

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Moved and Seconded by Karen and Ryan that the Committee approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

2. Presentations

None.

3. Public Participation

Erin Ronsse thanked Ryan for initiating the Branson Trail clean up to occur this weekend. Also mentioned that she has collected questions/comments from neighbours regarding the proposed DRE trail.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee, June 26, 2024

Moved by Jim that the Committee approve the minutes of the Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee meeting held on June 26, 2024.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes

No additional minutes received.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Active Transportation Plan

- Question regarding the possibility of creating an informal discussion group as several people have demonstrated interest in the community.
- Council has directed that Jim's project update list be sent Active Transportation Network Planning group.

b) Duke Road East Community Input Session, July 31, 2024

- Jay reported that a letter notifying Albert Head residents of the input session was put in the mail this morning.
 - Letter includes session information and request for questions/comments be sent in advance.
 - Jay to email the letter to PTASC for awareness.
- Jay and Ryan to draft PowerPoint providing basic information of the proposed trail and potential next steps.
- Ron has engaged with a neutral third party individual to moderate the input session. To be confirmed after discussion with the Chief Administrative Officer.
- Ryan to present PowerPoint with Jay as support.
- Requested David to take minutes with Caroline as support.

c) Booth at Metchosin Community Day, September 8, 2024

- There will be a tent and table and hoping to make use of the big map of trails used last year.
- We will provide handouts of trail brochure as well as remind people to reach out to TC with any questions/concerns.
- Discussed providing information on trail maintenance volunteer opportunities and taking down contact information.
- Short survey regarding trail use proposed.
 - Favourite trail, most used trail, suggestions
 - Raffle \$50 gift certificate for MyChosen Cafe for participants
- Discussed whether bench donations should be highlighted.
 - Discussion on redirecting towards bus stop benches. Ron mentioned importance of engaging with BC transit on this first.

d) Hillman Trail Memorial Bench

- Broken bench has been removed.

Moved and Seconded by Ryan and Karen that the Committee recommend to council to replace the bench using PTASC budget but that the Tiptons be engaged to pay for upkeep based on the new policy in order for their plaque to be reinstated.

Carried

7. Reports

a) Parks and Trails Coordinator Verbal Report

- Following a chat with Ron and Bob, Ryan will be updating the Parks Donation Program document with information on the following: where funds go and are being held, suggested bench locations, alternatives donation types.
- There will be a work party to clean up Branson Trail this weekend. More trail clean ups will likely be planned in the fall.
- Blinkhorn rock displaced in beach area - will likely engage with Harold to move it back in place.

b) Council Liaison Verbal Report

- Audrey Coburn's bench on Wootton Road
 - Jay spoke with Rex Coburn on Friday who pointed out respectfully that the bench could be on the Wootton Road statutory ROW. Jay verified the easement document and confirmed the presence of this ROW.

- Went before council last night and request was put to postpone decision until Jay and Ryan do a walk through.
 - There were questions about the bench being placed here, given that others have requested this location in the past and were denied.
 - Respectful Workplace Policy
 - An amendment to the policy was approved by council last night specifying that volunteers and other appointees (thus everyone on PTASC) no longer need to sign the policy; however, the policy applies to Advisory Committee members (including PTASC).
 - Once annually we will be asked to review it.
 - Once every two years there will be a training session for staff which volunteers will be invited to.
 - The by-law governing the advisory committees will be reviewed.
 - Ron raised the lack of opportunity for volunteers to provide input.
 - Counsellor Shelly Donaldson mentioned accessibility issues with a number of trails in the Hi Mount area.
 - Jim raised past issues with trails in that area before: encroachment, pushback from neighbours.
 - Buffer Lands presentation occurred on Monday regarding the retention pond.
 - Emphasis on making sure access to Metchosin land not be cut off for Metchosin residents. Goal being to establish ecological protected buffer and find a happy medium in terms of access to the land.
- a) Chair Verbal Report
- Nothing to report

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Moved and Seconded by Ryan and Karen that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Carried

The next meeting will be held on August 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.


POTENTIAL ROADSIDE TRAIL

DUKE ROAD EAST

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION
JULY 31ST 2024

AGENDA:

- INTRODUCTION (RON)*
- PRESENTATION ON BACKGROUND (RYAN)*
- OPEN FLOOR FOR COMMENTS*




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SESSION PURPOSE AND GOALS

Discuss the potential of a roadside trail on a 1.2km stretch of Duke Road East (DRE).

- Discuss the reasons for PTASC's current attention to this project, including safety considerations.
- Share information gathered to date on the potential trail.

Enable PTASC to hear input from community members.



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PARKS AND TRAILS IN METCHOSIN



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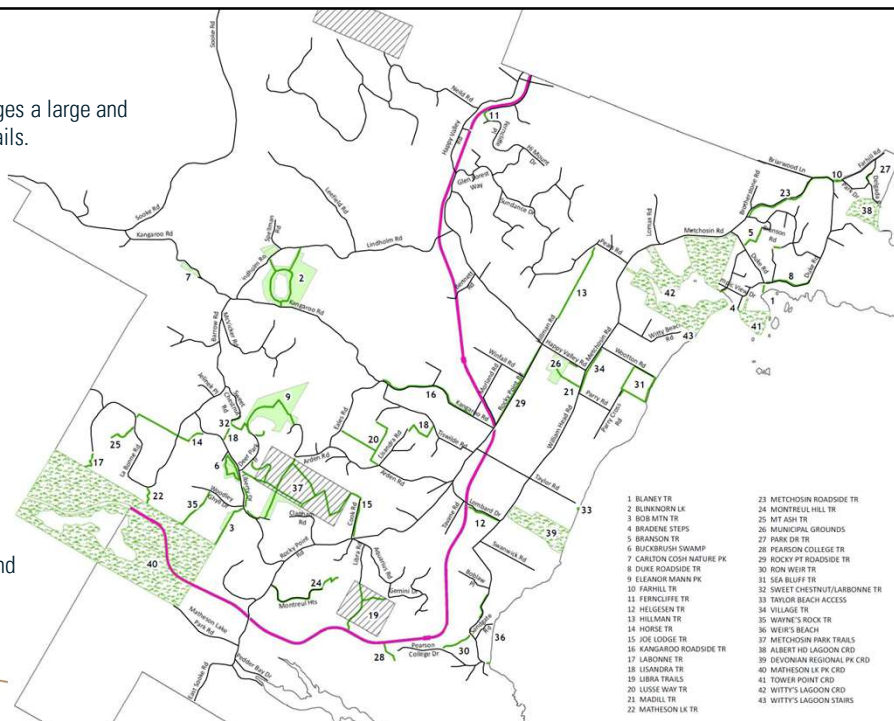
The District of Metchosin manages a large and diverse portfolio of parks and trails.

- Large parks with trail networks
- Scenic, roadside, and connector trails
- Pocket parks

Metchosin is also home to:

- 6 CRD parks
- The Galloping Goose

Metchosin parks and trails are maintained on a small budget and rely heavily on volunteers.

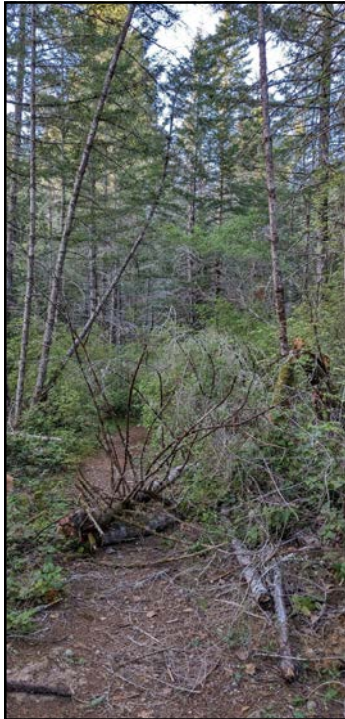


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*PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY
SELECT COMMITTEE
(PTASC)*

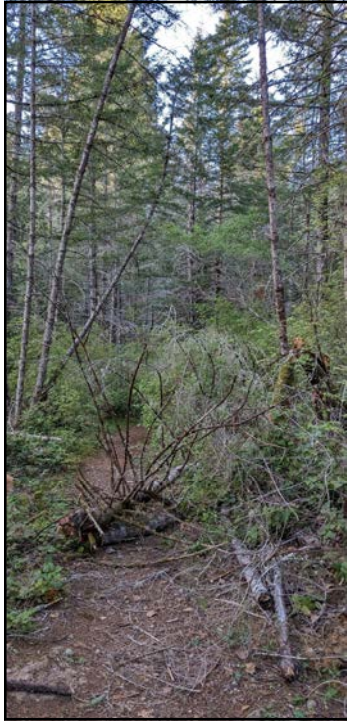
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PTASC

- One of five Council appointed committees in Metchosis. The others are: Environment, Healthy Communities, Agriculture, and Heritage (inactive).
- PTASC's role is to consider parks, trails & recreation matters and reports its findings and opinions to Council.
 - "Explore ways and means of extending the communities resources for park and trail acquisition and development." – PTASC terms of reference
- Currently composed of eight community members; regular monthly meetings.
- Trails Coordinator mobilizes resources to address P&T issues (like fallen trees).
- **PTASC takes a hands-on approach to its role and has 25 years of trail building / maintenance experience.**

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ADVOCACY

- PTASC has been evaluating, developing, and maintaining parks, trails and roadside trails for over two decades.
- Knowledge sharing of trail building and maintenance practices is shared with PTASC's network
- A core goal is a safer and more accessible Metchosin for all.
- DRE is one opportunity currently being addressed.
- We will continue to engage the community in other parks and trails opportunities throughout Metchosin.

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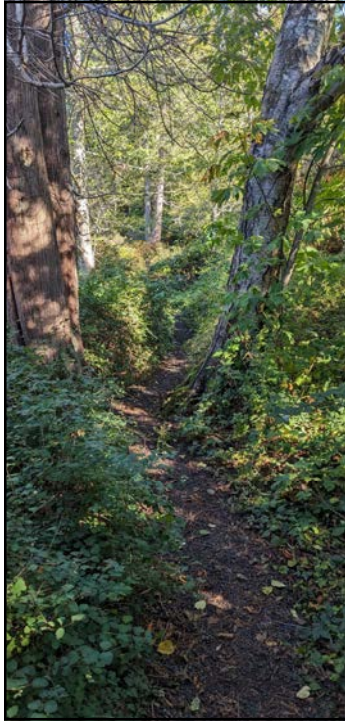
COMMUNITY TRAIL NETWORK MASTERPLAN

ROADSIDE TRAILS

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION



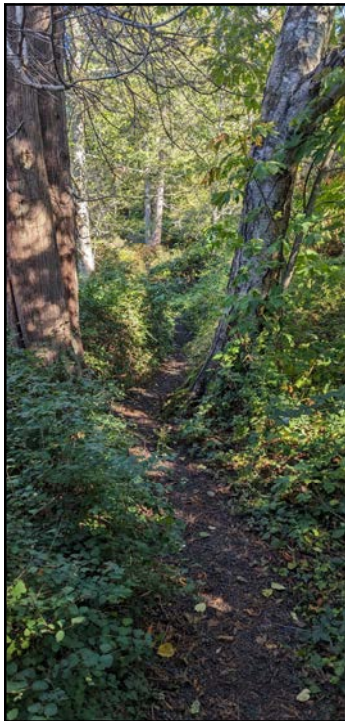
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2009 METCHOSIN COMMUNITY TRAIL NETWORK MASTERPLAN

- A component of Metchosin's Official Community Plan.
 - The 2009 *Masterplan* updated the first (1986) parks & recreation plan.
 - Includes: desired trail routes, development standards, implementation strategies
- **A roadside trail on Duke Road East is identified in the Masterplan.**
- All other roadside trails have been either completed or deemed unfeasible at the time they were considered.
- PTASC will launch an update of the Masterplan later in 2024.

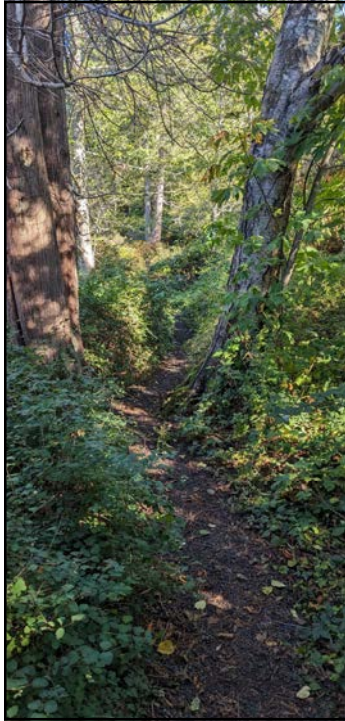
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ROADSIDE TRAILS

- There are 12 roadside trails identified in the Masterplan.
- In early July 2024, PTASC provide Council with a status update on the original 12 roadside trail projects identified.
- **Metchosin's current roadside trails include sections of:**
 - Happy Valley Road
 - Kangaroo Road
 - Lombard Drive
 - William Head Road
 - Pears Road
 - Rocky Point Road
 - Metchosin Road
 - The lower portion of Duke Road East.

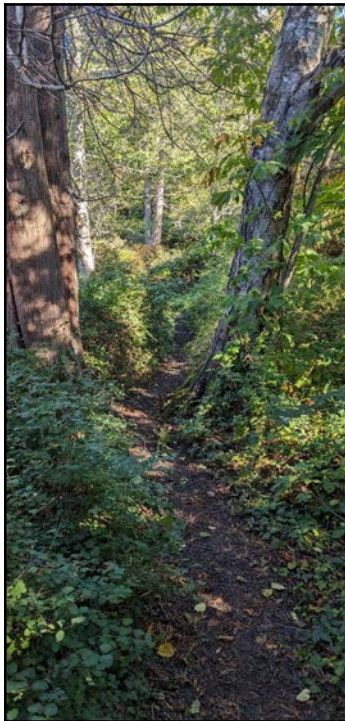
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WHAT IS A ROADSIDE TRAIL?

- Roadside trails are paths running parallel to active roadways.
- They are intended to provide safe passage for those not travelling by vehicle and encourage people to use alternative modes of transportation.
- The trail width is set (at minimum) for pedestrian traffic, but potentially also for cycling, equestrian, or wheelchair access.
- Roadside trails are located within the municipal road rights of way
- They do not include any trail on a right-of-way that is closed to vehicle traffic.
- Unlike sidewalks, do not have a paved surface.

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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- Active Transportation is simply **“human-powered transportation that connects your destinations.”**
- Safety and safe passage is a key active transportation element.
- Active Transportation grant process has been spearheaded by Councillor Epp.
- Process underway to develop Metchosin’s first Active Transportation Plan.
- Completing a plan will better enable Metchosin to apply (and receive!) grants for active transportation projects, particularly for projects that improve safety.
- A ‘shovel ready’ plan is a prerequisite for active transportation funding.

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“Community trails provide opportunities for recreation such as walking, jogging or cycling...encourage non-vehicle travel, allowing the community to meet travel needs while emitting fewer Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions...improve quality of life and sense of community for residents by encouraging environmental stewardship and connection to natural surroundings.”

- From Section 3.0 of the *2009 Metchosin Community Trail Network Masterplan*



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DRE - BACKGROUND



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ABOUT DUKE ROAD EAST

- Combined Duke Road East is 1.7 km in length and is fronted by over 55 residential properties.
- A roadside trail exists on the lower portion of DRE.
- Albert Head is one of Metchosin's most densely concentrated residential areas.
- Considered a "collector road" according to BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure road design guidelines.
- Five bus stops along DRE.

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RECENT DISCUSSIONS OF A DRE ROADSIDE TRAIL

- Consideration of a roadside trail on DRE goes back over 20 years.
- Interest renewed in mid-2023 through contact initiated by residents in the Albert Head neighborhood.
- DRE has been a regular topic at PTASC meetings since Sept 2023.
- **PTASC subcommittee launched a feasibility assessment in Nov. 2023;** presented to Council in March 2024.

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FEASIBILITY STUDY – CORE FINDINGS

Overall, trail development would require a multi-year endeavour and on-going neighbour engagement.



Value

High trail usage expected given the neighbourhood density.

Strengthens pedestrian safety.

Supports active transportation usage.



Construction

Large portions of DRE have well defined road shoulders allowing for relatively easy trail construction; other sections present construction challenges.

Volunteer momentum is a significant advantage.



Input

While there is strong neighbour interest in a trail, we've heard concerns.

These include: privacy, drainage, potential impacts to trees, increased pedestrian (& dog), bike activity, and fiscal impacts.

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FEASIBILITY STUDY – SAFETY

Pedestrian safety issues are immediately apparent



Width and Shoulders

Sections of DRE are narrow.

Marked shoulders are also narrow or do not exist for many sections.



Speed

Sections (primarily downhill south-bound) lead to high vehicle speed.

No traffic calming measures are in place.

In June 2024, the District announced it was moving to reduce the speed limit on Duke Road East to 40km/hr.



Traffic

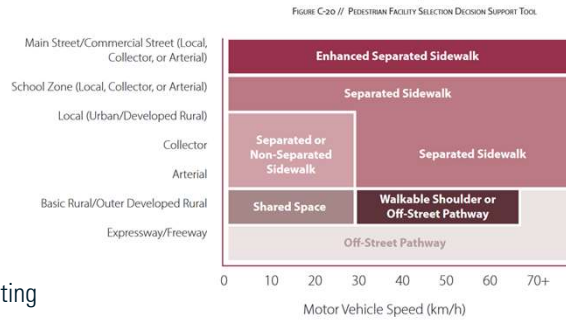
Non-residential traffic includes CFB Albert Head and access to Witty's Lagoon Regional Park.

The combination of a dense neighbourhood and high non-resident traffic is somewhat unusual for Metchosin.

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FEASIBILITY STUDY – SAFETY

- BC Active Transportation Guidelines suggest DRE should have a separated 1.8m sidewalk
 - This is more than what is being suggested
- Options may exist to create safe passage within existing road allowances
- Potential traffic calming measures
 - Advisory Shoulders
 - Making DRE a one-way road
 - The ATP process may generate additional ideas
- Traffic calming measures may help achieve safe passage on DRE without significant cost.



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DRE – MOVING FORWARD



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FEASIBILITY STUDY – TRAIL ROUTE

At present, a potential roadside trail is being discussed in terms of three phases:

- **Phase 1 (south segment)**
 - Existing Duke Road Trail to Chapel Heights Drive.
 - Approx 270 metres.
- **Phase 2 (middle segment)**
 - Chapel Heights Drive to Dutnall Road.
 - Approx. 460 metres.
- **Phase 3 (north segment)**
 - Dutnall Road toward Metchosin Rd and the Latoria Creek Community Bridge at Farhill Road.
 - Approx. 460 metres.

(Note connectivity to Latoria Creek and Park Drive)



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FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Council approved \$20,000 from its Gas Tax Reserve to support a survey and possible work.
 - Active transportation initiatives are a priority for this fund. Reserve is a healthy size.
 - **None of these funds have been spent to date.**
- Possible Phase 1 construction
 - Expected to require an allocation of ~\$10,000.
 - Per normal practice, trail construction would be led by PTASC and heavily supported by volunteers.
- Phase 2 and 3 information gathering
 - A costing of Phases Two and Three will require confirmation of a preferred route and a better sense construction challenges / opportunities.
 - More information is required to complete this portion of planning.
- PTASC has a history of coordinating volunteer efforts in building and maintaining Metchosin's trails, resulting in significant cost-savings to the community

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PROPOSED SURVEY OF DRE

- PTASC has recommended a survey be completed to identify a preferred route for a potential roadside trail.
- The survey would allow PTASC to:
 - Fully understand the municipal right of way (ROW) allowances.
 - Map utilities and other infrastructure considerations.
 - Identify and be clear on any additional obstacles and opportunities.
- Further public consultation will take place as the evaluation of a potential roadside trail continues.

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PROPOSED SURVEY OF DRE

- While utilized for initial planning, the CRD mapping tool does have limitations.
- Road edge to property line is not accurate enough in many cases.
- Pins must be located to confirm property boundary.
- The type of survey being recommended is essentially a 3D scan.
 - Capture data once, extract features as required.
- Previous roadside trails in Metchosin have employed a professional survey in situations where property lines present complexities.
 - Eg: Kangaroo Rd.



These numbers come from the CRD mapping tool

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NEXT STEPS

- Assess input received at this session & report to Council.
- Should the potential roadside trail continue to be viewed positively, secure a survey contractor and proceed with a survey.
- Assess the results of the survey and report to Council and community members.
- Hold further consultation session prior to moving ahead with construction.

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DISCUSSION

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MEMORANDUM

File No: 5430-20

To: Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee

From: Jennifer Miller, Legislative Services Assistant

Date: August 1, 2024

**Subject: Community Input Session, July 31, 2024
Potential Roadside Trail – Duke Road East
Council Chambers, District of Metchosin, 4450 Happy Valley Road**

The correspondence noted below was received in relation to the July 31, 2024 Community Input Session for the potential roadside trail – Duke Road East.

- Curtis Jakubowski
- Cindy and James McNee
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- Nicole Shukin

Jennifer Miller

From: Info
Sent: July 22, 2024 9:09 AM
To: Mayor and. Council
Subject: FW: Duke Rd. Trail

From: Curtis Jakubowski [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2024 4:05 PM
To: Info <info@metchosin.ca>
Subject: Duke Rd. Trail

I walk daily from the 3700 blk of Duke Rd East to Tower Pt and back. and have been doing so for almost 8 yrs. During that period, there has been a noticeable increase in the volume of traffic and unfortunately not all drivers are adherents to posted speed limits. There have been several occasions where I have been concerned about my safety and that of my dog. Would I feel safer on a trail separated from traffic? Absolutely. Are there cheaper alternatives (i.e.traffic speed mitigation, such as speed bumps and reduced speed limits) that would have the same effect? Sure.

I'm indifferent to the solution chosen but something has to be done to ensure the safety of pedestrians and their pets.The status quo is not an option.

Respectfully,

Curtis Jakubowski
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Miller

From: Info
Sent: July 22, 2024 9:07 AM
To: Mayor and. Council
Subject: FW: Notice of community input

From: Cindy McNee [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 7:53 PM
To: Info <info@metchosin.ca>
Subject: Notice of community input

Hi

My husband and I live near Tower Point park and drive Duke rd every day. We strongly encourage the roadside trail as it is so dangerous for the amount of people who walk along the road. We would also enjoy walking along the road, which we don't at this point, as we are not comfortable with the traffic being so close.

Thank you

Cindy and james McNee

Jennifer Miller

From: Info
Sent: July 22, 2024 9:08 AM
To: Mayor and. Council
Subject: FW: Comment about the project on Duke road East

-----Original Message-----

From: Tina zhang [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 2:45 PM
To: Info <info@metchosin.ca>
Subject: Comment about the project on Duke road East

Hello,

My property address is [REDACTED]. My name is Tina ji .

I fully support the project for building a roadside trail on Duke road East. This is very necessary, and can avoid accidents which caused by no sidewalk/ trails for walking  individuals (pedestrians)on this busy street.

Best,
Tina
Sent from my iPhone

Jennifer Miller

From: Tara Fenwick [REDACTED]
Sent: July 22, 2024 4:26 PM
To: Info
Cc: Richard Edwards
Subject: PTASC exploration of Duke Road East path

From Tara Fenwick and Richard Edwards
[REDACTED]

We strongly support the completion of the Duke Road East roadside trail as soon as possible, primarily for pedestrian safety and support. This is an important link for pedestrians to get across to Latoria park trails and to Albert Head lagoon, or to walk to Tower Point or Witty's Lagoon. And as Metchosin Road becomes almost too busy to walk safely, the whole Duke Road loop and its offshoots is a key walkway for residents in this whole Duke Rd/Chapel Heights/Albert Head/Olympic View area.

We are disappointed to hear a timeline of "several years", and would want to see the reasons for such a lengthy projected timeline for what is essentially a short stretch of gravel pathway. This risks extended disruption for all road users and potential budgetary uncertainties.

We assume the maintenance of this roadside trail would fall to the District of Metchosin.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the important initiative.

Regards,
T Fenwick and R Edwards

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Jennifer Miller

From: Jane Johnston, Personal Real Estate Corporation - Briar Hill Group, RE/MAX Camosun
[REDACTED]
Sent: July 22, 2024 9:44 PM
To: Info
Subject: Duke Rd

Regarding the roadside trail, which I think is a phenomenal idea,

Will you have to widen the road?

Would buses still be able to use the road?

Could the road traffic be changed to just going one way to alleviate overall traffic? I'm thinking clockwise around Duke Rd would be best.

Is there any plan for traffic calming measures?

Jane

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Thank you,

Jane Johnston, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Jennifer Miller

From: Al Gunnarson [REDACTED]
Sent: July 23, 2024 9:21 AM
To: Info
Subject: PTASC Duke road East roadside trail

We will be unable to attend the information session on July 31st but wanted to let the committee know how pleased we were to see the notice about a potential roadside trail on Duke Road East. Our neighbourhood is a very active one with many local people walking the roads and trails in the area on a daily basis. Currently Duke Road East is quite unsafe for walking as in many places there really is nowhere to go to get off the road when cars, trucks and buses go by. Any improvements to this situation would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you
Sue and Al Gunnarson
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Miller

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 23, 2024 9:32 AM
To: Info
Subject: Community Input Session Comments re: Potential Roadside Trail Duke Rd East

Good morning,

I am sadly unable to attend the July 31st meeting but wanted to provide my comments and questions for this community input session prior to next steps of conducting the survey.

I live on Duke Road and would support a walking trail implemented in segments so that a post implementation review can be conducted and reported out, after each segment is completed, It is important to know what is working, what isn't and how to remedy it if we want a successful project.

My comments, suggestions and questions are:

- * Reduce the current 50 km speed limit to 40 km 24/7 signage that clearly states for vehicles, bikes and electric bikes and scooters etc...
- ^ Paint crosswalk lines strategically near street corners and mail boxes, then assess its effectiveness in slowing traffic down by providing legal defined crosswalks
- *Remeasure and repaint the current side lines on Duke Rd to see if that provides larger safe walking areas
- *Gather comments from cyclists who frequent Duke Road and always * take the lane* thereby using the paved portions of the road not the gravel side lines. If they are not planning to ride on gravel for safety reasons, then this trail area may likely not be used by them.
- *identify what kind of maintenance may be required once the first segment is concluded and who will be responsible for this.
- *snow removal blades will unlikely know where the trail is under mounds of snow. How will this be marked so that the gravel is not graded away for those areas directly on the roadway?
- *I notice that the document suggests that equestrians may ride on this trail . Are there rider best practices regarding the horse poop ie: is it left to decompose on a trail or do they bag it?
- *more walkers means probable garbage receptacles or residents may need to clean up litter on the trail as we do in parks ?
- *what is the bylaw or perhaps there isn't one, regarding "parked cars on Metchosin owned roadways" that are also parked on a trail if/when constructed ?

I would appreciate a response to my comments/questions above given I cannot attend this important input session.

Thank you so much

Ann Shubrook

Jennifer Miller

From: Jeanette McMillan [REDACTED]
Sent: July 23, 2024 9:20 PM
To: Info
Subject: Duke Road East trail

This email is to address the public participation meeting regarding extending Duke Road trail on the east side.

I have lived at [REDACTED] 25 years. When I first moved to Duke Rd, there was a group of people advocating for the south portion of the trail. The trail went forward on the south portion but not without dissension. Unfortunately, the strongest dissenters lived on the property where the eastern portion currently ends abruptly. The promoters were beleaguered and ran out of steam - some moved away. The south trail ends at a dangerous part of a curve. Both visibility and sound are compromised when navigating this corner as a pedestrian. Descending down the hill onto the safer south portion of the road, the trail is off road with a grassy verge separation. Many, many people use this trail everyday.

Recently, the lines on Duke Rd were repainted. There was to be advisory shoulder painted lines but the new lines are just painted over the old ones. Was this a mistake? No more room was made for pedestrians. The dangerous curve referred to above was to have the yellow caution line repainted but this was not done.

As a promoter, I recommend that the survey of the proposed trail be done right away. I would like to see a modest, gravel walking path with a grassy separation from the paved road such as the south portion of the existing trail. The trail could be aesthetically beautiful as it meanders through the mature trees along the municipal boulevard.

Best regards
Jeanette McMillan

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Jeanette McMillan

[REDACTED]

Jennifer Miller

From: kathy joyce [REDACTED]
Sent: July 24, 2024 12:06 PM
To: Info
Subject: Duke roadside trail

Hello, my name is Kathy Joyce and I live at [REDACTED]. I am opposed to the roadside trail as it will take away from the charm of the country road. I do not wish to see it disturbed. There is more than enough room for everyone to share the road. I would rather have better signage for cars as well as bikes as a reminder that the road is shared. There are countless roads in Metchosin without roadside trails - Duke road does not need to be singled out. Kathy Joyce

Jennifer Miller

From: Steve Gray
Sent: July 24, 2024 4:29 PM
To: Jennifer Miller
Cc: Jay Shukin; Ron Aubrey [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Trail planning and Duke Road East

Jennifer:

I would like this correspondence included in the agenda package for the upcoming July 31 PTASC meeting.

Thank you,
Steve

From: Steve Gray
Sent: April 22, 2024 10:50 AM
To: Ron Aubrey [REDACTED] Jay Shukin <jshukin@metchosin.ca>
Cc: Tina Hansen <thansen@metchosin.ca>
Subject: Trail planning and Duke Road East

Ron and Jay:

I met with a couple of Duke Road residents to talk about the proposed Duke Road East trail.

Here are my notes. Please feel free to add this email to the next PTASC meeting agenda package.

1. Survey planning vs. CRD map viewer technology

In other communities, the on-line CRD map viewer is used to plan trails and the like.

The maps are found here: <https://maps.crd.bc.ca/Html5Viewer/?viewer=public>

If you punch in a Duke Road address, you will be able to see the roadway and the lot lines for each property. The map viewer has a function allowing you to measure the distance from each lot to the road and so provides the planning information as to the "room" available for a roadside trail along the intended path.

It doesn't sound like a survey is needed at this point.

2. Phase 1 anticipated technical issues

Due to the room available, it is anticipated that the Phase 1 trail would mean widening of the road shoulder through removal of soil and replacement with stone and gravel-type materials.

There is a technical concern here that with heavy rains, the gravel materials on the widened shoulder will wash away and require regular replacement to avoid a muddy or flooded walking path.

We may be better off not disrupting the grasses and other plants at the edge of the current road shoulder because that existing surface is good to walk on now and is not subject to similar erosion (akin to Council's discussions leaving ditches natural, I suppose).

NB: What is our track-record with intermittent flooding along the existing Duke Road roadside trail?

3. Dumping costs

Any removal of roadside soil will have associated testing, transportation and dumping charges similar to those we face with our ditching program.

4. Traffic calming measures

Neighbouring municipalities might be able to advise us on their successful approaches for traffic calming that would suit this particular road.

5. Expected costs

Council and PTASC have heard already from Harold Perepalkin about the potential for high costs of completing the Duke Road East trail due to the necessity of building extensive roadside retaining walls.

At first, I heard someone say \$100,000. More recently, I have heard numbers like \$500,000 to \$2,000,000.

We need to have a clearer idea of the project's expected total costs before we begin.

Maintenance costs are also important to include in our figuring. The proposed trail is actually quite long and it will need to be maintained.

6. The planning process

As you might imagine, I also heard concerns about our process for planning a new trail. This is perhaps the most important concern heard at the Council table too.

We need to be cognizant of where we want to direct walking and cycling traffic coming from Royal Bay. Where do we want to route people? What are the issues and needs in other parts of Metchosin?

In that area, do we want to direct people down Duke Road East into the residential area to reach Tower Point or Witty's Lagoon Regional Park? Or do we want to see the majority of foot and bicycle traffic heading alongside Metchosin Road to the main entrance of Witty's Lagoon Regional Park?

A key issue our residents have identified is that without an overarching trails planning process, the wider community might not be satisfied with the results in terms of trail location but also our financial and volunteer commitments.

For these reasons, I think we should focus our trail planning this year on developing an Active Transportation Plan. This should entail a substantial and structured public consultation process. The

proposed roadside trails along Duke Road East, Metchosin Road and Rocky Point Road should be included and can be ranked in terms of priority.

Thanks considering this community input.

Steve

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July 27, 2024

Please have this short email added to the agenda for Wednesday's Special Council Meeting. Thank You.

To: Mayor Little, Councillors - Donaldson, Epp, Gray and Shukin, and CAO Bob Payette:

I have to ask - what is going on ?? It is very unusual to bring such "huge" items to special council meetings in the middle of summer, at very different hours than regularly scheduled and on different days than usual. I presume you are hoping not many people will complain - they are away on holidays, they are enjoying the outside with their kids that are out of school, etc. These important agenda items should be dealt with after the Labor Day weekend in September.

First, I have to ask where the revenue is coming from and secondly why are we spending money like there is no tomorrow? I do NOT want my taxes going up to pay for frivolous "wish list" items. We are a rural municipality. We do not want to become urbanized. I hope you will put a stop to the two items on the agenda on Wednesday.

The proposed new entrance for the old school ? Why is this even being entertained? We have next to no income from the school. The premise is not fully rented. An outside meeting place does not need an entrance. Some directional signs outside would suffice. We have 5000 + residents and approximately 1700 households paying taxes. What are you thinking while contemplating an expenditure of \$185,000.00 ?

The Duke Rd. East roadside trail. I do not think a small number of walkers in the area should be calling the shots - especially when a trail will promote a lot of walkers from Royal Bay. Even a roadside trail can be unsafe.

Again, I hope you will put a stop to the two items on the agenda on Wednesday. Thank You.

Bonnie Bouveur, [REDACTED] resident.

Jennifer Miller

From: Jill piechotta [REDACTED]
Sent: July 27, 2024 10:20 AM
To: Info
Subject: Potential Roadside Trail - Duke Rd East

Good morning:

Can you please tell me which side of the road the trail will go on if it's built? Will it be on the side of Duke Rd where the mail boxes are...so Dutnall Rd side or will it be on the other side.

Thank you.

Jill

Jennifer Miller

From: Garrett Culos [REDACTED]
Sent: July 27, 2024 9:36 PM
To: Info
Subject: PTASC duke road east Trail

Hi Council,

I'm a community member living on [REDACTED] and I wanted to convey my support in the roadside trail along duke. My spouse and I walk that road almost every day and it would be alot more comfortable / accessible if there was a dedicated path. Several times each month we experience unsave drivers going down that road who will not be courteous and give us appropriate space.

Cheers,
Garrett

Jennifer Miller

From: T Viggers [REDACTED]
Sent: July 29, 2024 7:05 AM
To: Info
Subject: Roadside Trail Duke Rd. East

To Trails Advisory Committee

We are in support of extending the Duke Rd. East trail. At present Duke Rd east is a busy road with very little room for walking and need a roadside trail.

Terry and Royan Viggers
[REDACTED]
Metchosin

Jennifer Miller

From: Joanne Beels [REDACTED]
Sent: July 29, 2024 12:47 PM
To: Info
Subject: F.A.O. Road side trails- Duke Road East Community Input Session. (Wed.31st July)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of my Family, Gary and Joanne Beels, [REDACTED].

I have cycled and walked Duke road for the last 12 years with my young children and I welcome the initiative to build a safe walking, push chair friendly/ wheel chair/ biking path. The traffic use of Duke road in particular has increased since Covid 2020 as more people from outside the Municipality drive in to access Tower Point and explore Metchosin's other beautiful parks. This increased traffic and increased speed creates a growing need for safety for residents on our roads and we believe that a simple gravel sidewalk will achieve this with a minimum cost and minimum change to the natural environment. The Beels family whole heartedly approve of this initiative. Thank you. Sincerely, Mr and Mrs Beels and children.

Jennifer Miller

From: Naomi Larkins [REDACTED]
Sent: July 29, 2024 1:12 PM
To: Info
Subject: Walking trails

Hello Metchosin!

We live at [REDACTED].

I'm writing to express my hopes that more safe walking pathways could be created in this area. My kids are 10 and 13 yrs old and I expect that soon they will be wanting to walk to the amenities at Royal Bay, either to meet friends, shop, or perhaps work at jobs there. It would be wonderful to know that they could be safely off the street when they are walking.

We also are always hoping for more trails along Metchosin rd itself. My kids attend Westmont Montessori School (which now goes up to grade 12) and are getting old enough to walk to and from school some days. However, I don't feel that the areas of Metchosin rd without trails are safe enough for them yet. They could go through the trails within Whitty's to Tower Point, but then there is the concern of wildlife, if they are on their own.

Unfortunately, I can no longer make it to the meeting on Wednesday night, so appreciate being able to email.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our thoughts!

Cheerio,
Naomi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Jennifer Miller

From: Tina Hansen
Sent: July 30, 2024 8:34 AM
To: Jay Shukin; Marie-Térèse Little; Sharie Epp; Shelly Donaldson; Steve Gray
Cc: Jennifer Miller; Bob Payette
Subject: FW: Please forward

Hello,

Please see correspondence below.,

Cheers,
Tina

-----Original Message-----

From: monique anstee [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 6:37 AM
To: Tina Hansen <thansen@metchosin.ca>
Subject: Please forward

For Mayor and Council for wednesday meeting

I walk Duke Rd often (bi weekly) and have never had an issue. This trail is not needed there.

By comparison Kangaroo can be quite scary to walk. This is a section of road that should be prioritized in future trail building.

Monique Anstee
[REDACTED]

Monique Anstee

Sent from my iPhone

29July2024

To: PTASC, Metchosin Mayor and Council, CAO Paquette
Re: Duke Road East trail proposal

To begin, thank you PTSAC for building necessary roadside trails next to busy thoroughfares such as Rocky Point and Kangaroo Roads. I am most appreciative of the trails built and maintained that link neighbourhoods which, I believe, was PTASC's original mandate so I do not understand why it has changed to that of appeasing lobbying groups.

With no traffic count having been done, the rhetoric for the proposed DRE trail for safety purposes is anecdotal only. Oddly, the section of this road that is most dangerous is at the upper end of Duke Road East at the dogleg near the intersection with Metchosin Road. One of your own volunteers suggested concrete barriers with space to walk on the inside which would alleviate some of the traffic danger. This is both sensible and considerably cheaper and a solution to a recognizably dangerous corner and one which I would support.

Roadside trails have to be maintained by our small Public Works crew. They spent 80 hours brushing out the Pears Road trail last summer, proving that promises of volunteers to help cannot be relied on for the long term as people's lives and priorities change.

Driving the Duke Road loop on a regular basis, I have not seen the amount of traffic that would justify the expense of a roadside trail where it is currently planned. I would not be opposed to a study for a trail on Duke Road West.

Barbara Sawatsky


Jennifer Miller

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 30, 2024 10:20 AM
To: Mayor and. Council; Marie-Térèse Little; Jay Shukin; Steve Gray; Sharie Epp; Shelly Donaldson; Bob Payette
Cc: Tina Hansen
Subject: Duke Road Trail
Attachments: Graceland Park.png

I would like this email to be shared with Council and PTASC as part of my public input into the discussion about the Duke Road Trail on Wednesday July 31. Thank you.

Bev Bacon

Dear Mayor and Council, CAO Bob Payette, and PTASC members,
Re: Duke Road Trail

I have been struggling to understand the opposition to the Duke Road Trail. Who would argue against pedestrian and cyclist safety, especially if we have access to funding and volunteer help? I discovered by accident a park and trail designation that nobody is talking about. CRD Atlas shows a park at the end of Graceland cul-de-sac that I believe would connect with Duke Road (see attached). I am not arguing for or against developing the Graceland park and trail now or in the future, but I think it's good for us all to have the same information.

Sincerely,
Bev Bacon



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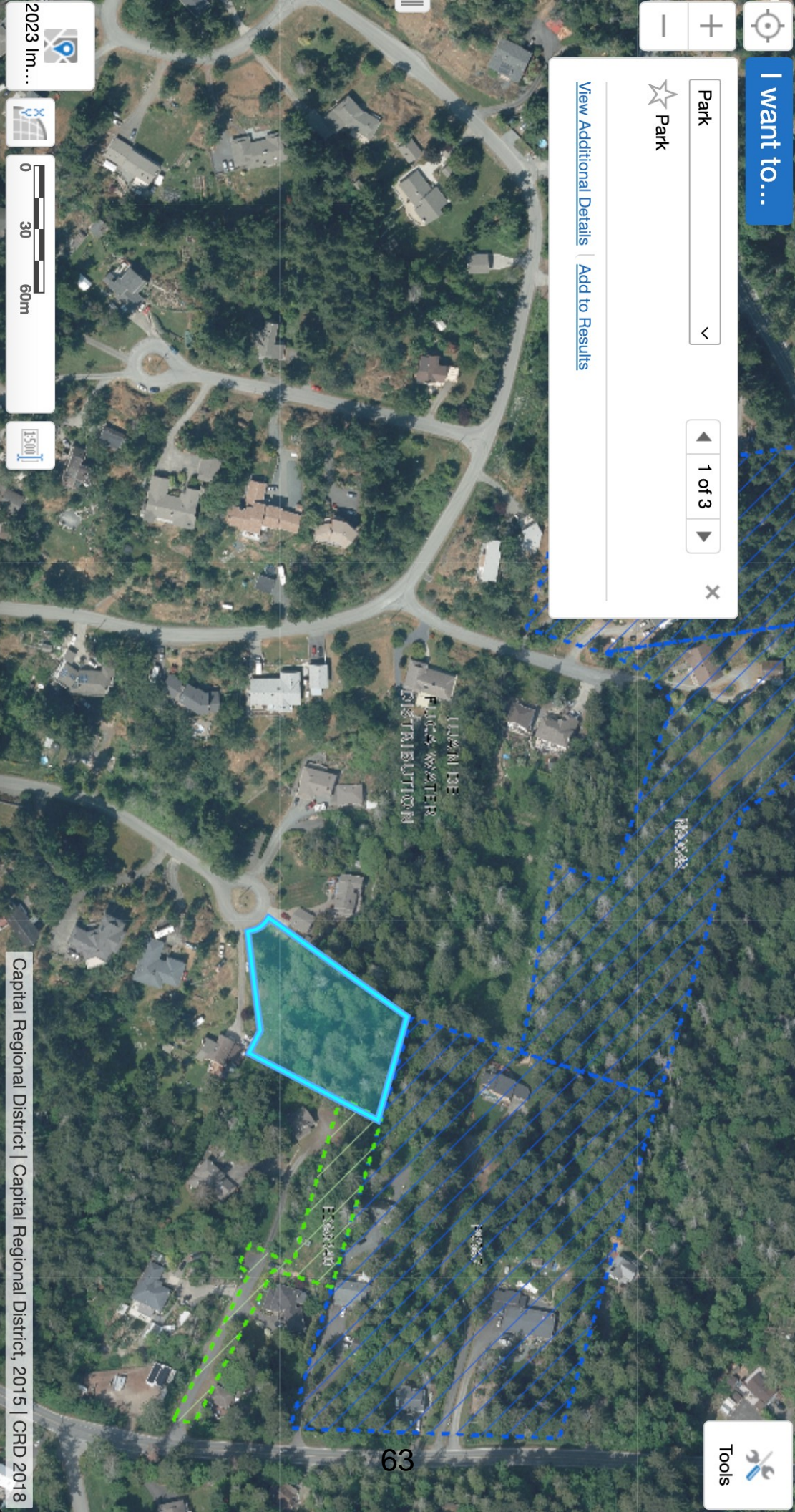
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Jennifer Miller

From: Matthew Webster [REDACTED]
Sent: July 31, 2024 12:25 PM
To: Info
Subject: Roadside trail on Duke Road East

Hello,

As homeowners in the Albert Head neighbourhood who walk the streets around our house daily, we are sending our support in favour of the proposed roadside trail along Duke Road East.

Many visitors to our area use the eastern artery of Duke to access Witty's Lagoon as it's their first left off Metchosin Road when coming from the city. Anyone who walks this route regularly can attest to the increasing traffic, especially this time of year, so a safe trail beside the road would make this safer for both drivers and especially pedestrians.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Janine and Matthew Webster
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Miller

From: b r [REDACTED]
Sent: July 31, 2024 2:05 PM
To: Info
Subject: Duke Rd Trail

To whom it may concern,

Given the serious safety concerns presented by the residents in the area of Duke & Dutnall , has any consideration been given to postponing section 1 of the trail and applying the \$ 20,000 towards enacting immediate safety measures in that area. The \$20 K might allow for signage, lane delineation , bollards , refuge areas or other safety improvements to be completed before winter.

Protecting the residents , especially our children should be the focus , not providing a gilded trail for visitors. We need common sense , fiscally responsible solutions .

Thank you for providing a forum for discussion.

Jennifer Miller

From: Leslie Clark [REDACTED]
Sent: July 30, 2024 6:01 PM
To: Info
Subject: Roadside Trail Extension - Duke Road East

I am writing in support of the roadside trail extension along Duke Road East.

Like the existing roadside trail on part of Duke Road, an extension has value to Metchosin residents for a number of reasons.

First and foremost: safety. Duke is a long, winding road that in many places has greenery growing right up to the edge of the road. When two cars approach each other along the road, they cannot veer over the center line to avoid pedestrians as they usually would. Additionally, full-sized BC Transit buses travel Duke Road daily and cannot as easily drive around pedestrians when they encounter them along stretches of road with narrow shoulders. The pedestrian is forced to step into the bushes to move out of the way. Providing a path, separated from the road by a grass verge wherever possible, gives a safe place for pedestrians to walk.

Secondly, it is in line with our values in providing a rural lifestyle. A stroll along country roads, away from the noise and pollution of built-up areas, is part of the enjoyment of living in a rural setting.

Thirdly, a walking path extension would provide access to more residents, including linking up with the Farhill Trail and down to Albert Head Lagoon. Greenspace and parkland access is part of all community plans, and providing some that allows access without driving and parking in some cases, provides an environmental win as well.

The intent of the roadside trail extension is like the existing: a gravel path, separated by a grass verge. Decreasing the lane width to allow a wider shoulder does not provide much safety to a pedestrian. Vehicles passing by only a foot away, with a painted line as the only separation, does not provide a feeling of safety. Exceptions, such as the short asphalt portion at the beginning of the current trail, may be necessary to meet special needs – in this case drainage and safety along a blind corner with no extra separation from the road. But essentially, it is clearing and levelling ground along the municipal right of way for a compacted gravel path with a small grass verge.

I believe a roadside trail extension along Duke Road provides value to our community and should be approved.

Best regards,

Leslie Clark
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Miller

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 30, 2024 3:21 PM
To: Info
Subject: BC road safety guidelines & roadside trails in Metchosin

Please use this edited version. Thanks!

----- Forwarded message -----

Hello, Metchosin:

I support extending a safe, separated walking path along Duke Rd.

Here's why:

BC road safety requirements and active transportation guidelines recommend a separated roadside trail for any collector road with speeds above 30km/hr. Duke Rd is one of five collector roads in Metchosin, and it's not up to current safety standards.

Existing use, area density & proximity to amenities. Metchosin has today posted 40km/hr speed limit signs along Duke Rd as part of a multifaceted approach to improve public safety in this densest "rural village" area of Metchosin. These welcome updates give residents and visitors alike a safer transportation corridor while maintaining accessibility, including for schoolchildren, military personnel, families, seniors and others who walk or ride buses here.

Standard trails planning processes are in place to help make whatever is done be **cost effective, environmentally friendly and within the available public road allowance.**

There are ways to minimize even the usual **frugal Metchosin trail building** costs in this case, and external funding options exist.

Many longstanding Albert Head **residents have been waiting 25+ years** to receive an adequate response to their requests for a safe walkable path along Duke Rd (see Metchosin minutes from 1998-2000).

Duke Rd offers some of the few remaining doable roadside trail sections from the 2009 Metchosin Trails Masterplan. Park Dr offers another. Finish what can easily be done from the 2009 Plan, then move on gracefully, revisiting abandoned "difficult" projects in a new era with new facility options and new external funding available.

Necessary support for active transportation planning in Metchosin. Consultants recommend having shovel-ready projects for BC grant applications, and it's easy to get a sense of specific AT funding priorities by reading the 550p BC AT Design Guide. In Metchosin, Duke Rd will be among them. We can make the most of consultant time now by doing some obvious information gathering & planning for dovetail projects. Learnings from planning a safe AT-standard path along Duke Rd East will be cross-applicable elsewhere.

In sum, safe transportation facilities in Metchosin aren't a popularity contest, but a duty-of-care required by provincial safety standards. But are there real needs? Yes. Many others can testify to the wide range of personal needs. Here (below) are also the ICBC stats pertinent to Metchosin collector roads, a true apples-to-apples comparison:

Among the five collector roads in Metchosin, Duke Rd is arguably the most dangerous. It is a relatively dense residential area with the main road being approximately 2.4km long (compared with William Head Rd, for example, at 4.7km) and has the second highest number of road crashes in the past 5 years. There is some disambiguation needed for ICBC stats, but the overall realities are clear. Safety matters, especially on key collector roads that invite lots of different users and uses.

Further, research shows that pedestrian-friendly neighbourhoods are safer and healthier than those that aren't. So while change can be difficult for any of us, everyone who lives nearby can be benefited by extending a safe walkable path along Duke Rd. (See, for example: <https://www.cnu.org/publicsquare/2021/08/12/we-shape-our-cities-and-then-they-shape-us>)

Please solve real problems in Metchosin and deliver on OCP community-building promises. Get input, mark the public road allowance on Duke Rd, make a thoughtful trail plan and enable people to walk safely. **Let public space be used for public good.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Erin Ronsse, Cactus Pl in Albert Head

11:31PM Mon Jan 8 public.tableau.com

ICBC Reported Crashes by [Insurance Corporation of British Columbia](#)

British Columbia - Crash Count

(Breakdown by Street Name)

	2018	2019	2020	2021
WILLIAM HEAD RD	2	11	6	9
DUKE RD	5	3	3	
GLEN FOREST WAY	3	3	1	2
LINDHOLM RD	3	3	2	4
PEARS RD	2		1	
LOMBARD DR	1			1
DUKE RD E	1			
WILLIAM HEAD ROAD			1	
Grand Total	17	20	14	16

Jennifer Miller

From: Owen Clarke [REDACTED]
Sent: July 30, 2024 1:21 PM
To: Mayor and. Council
Subject: Public input july 30

Dear Mayor and Council.

As the sour tang after paying a second year of plus 10% tax increases I -and many other citizens of Metchosin - are concerned.

- why are public hearings on significant capital expenditures being held at odd times and in the summer when many are away?
- why are proposals from small interest/lobby groups that involve tax payer “ donations” being considered in the context of general public benefit? And why aren’t these groups raising their own moneys for projects that clearly benefit only their interest?
- is Metchosin suddenly flush with please all the people all the time money? Or just “friends” of council projects?

If I was the suspicious type I would suspect perfidy here.

Optically it appears as if there is an agenda outside of environmental concerns and keeping Metchosin rural....
With several outstanding issues in that vein that languish.

I respectfully ask this council to shift from campaign mode to responsible governance mode and to do it soon.
Many pressures - indeed threats - are building on our borders. Literally building - and if you believe these pressures are philanthropic you most likely are in the wrong line of business as the advocates for rural Metchosin.
Spending money is easy but do we really need roadside trails, expensive school entrance upgrades and a firehall that wants to be much more than just a firehall?
Please - eye on the prize. Make Metchosin proud.

Thank you

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From: Nicole Shukin [REDACTED]
Sent: August 1, 2024 9:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Mayor and. Council; Marie-Térèse Little; Sharie Epp; Shelly Donaldson; Steve Gray; Jay Shukin
Subject: Duke East roadside trail: PTASC public session

Dear Mr. Aubrey,

I'm writing to thank you, as Chair of PTASC, for the terrific public session that you and other members of the Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee hosted yesterday evening. The council chamber was packed with people who came out to ask questions and give input into a potential roadside trail along Duke Road east. Following an excellent powerpoint presentation by Trails Coordinator Ryan Carter - which dispelled a lot of disinformation that's been floating about the community - you turned things over to a neutral moderator who took peoples' comments and questions on the potential roadside trail. The questions and input offered by residents were stellar.

Please pass on my thanks to other members of PTASC for their work in running an immaculately professional and respectful meeting to listen to the public and record questions/comments. What emerged very clearly from the meeting was that a survey is necessary for any informed consideration of a roadside trail ... or for any additional or alternate safety measures that can help to address danger zones and encourage active transportation on Duke Road.

There was real community spirit at yesterday's meeting! Against the forces of disinformation and discontent that are afoot in the world today, PTASC brought people in the community together and showed how creatively united we can be.

Nicole Shukin