



DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

September 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Metchosin Municipal Hall

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Environmental Advisory Select Committee Meeting

May 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Councillor Steve Gray, Merrilee Hoen (Chair), Andy MacKinnon, Bill Cave, Erin Van de Water (Recorder)

Regrets: Anna Hall, Garry Fletcher, Ric Perron

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Change Item 9e from ‘Gypsy Moth’ to ‘Spongy Moth’.

Moved and Seconded by Steve and Andy that the Committee approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

2. Presentations

None.

3. Public Participation

Brent Donaldson spoke about the tax exemption for the Victoria Motorcycle Club. He is a member of the Victoria Motorcycle Club which owns more than 100 acres of undeveloped property on Boulderpath Road. Brent has been a director of the club for 15 years and if anyone has questions about the tax exemption feel free to contact him.

Kathy Atherton wanted to bring two items up for discussion. First, the Beckingham Road development proposal, which she is mystified about why the developer has put lots up for sale when the subdivision hasn’t been approved yet. Kathy feels this is “putting the cart before the horse” and finds it problematic. She also pointed out that many of the proposed lots have building sites encroaching on riparian zones (especially lot 8), and the area designated for parks and trails is located particularly close to riparian zones and sensitive moss bald areas.

Kathy also wanted to discuss herbicides and pesticides. She has a Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) ‘Good Neighbours’ designation on her property and is involved with the Metchosin Invasive Species Cooperative (MISC). Kathy thinks treating holly with a spot dab on the trunk after cutting should still be allowed. She is concerned with changing parameters, as we must bear in mind reasonable applications to allow the good work of invasive species control to continue.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Andy and Steve that the Committee approve the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Select Committee meeting held on April, 23 2024.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes

a) Environment and Natural Areas Committee, May 13, 2024

Moved and Seconded by Steve and Merrilee that the Committee receive the Council and Standing Committee Minutes for information.

Carried

b) Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting, April 24, 2024

Moved and Seconded by Bill and Andy that the Committee receive the Advisory Committee Minutes for information.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Human/Wildlife Conflict

A joint Special Meeting with PTASC & MEASC is scheduled for July 9th.

b) Climate Action Plan – Community Engagement

Merrilee contacted Karyn Woodland, from Regenerate BC, looking at education programs with either a Metchosin focus or including Metchosin residents. Karyn brought this up at their board meeting last night and the other members sounded keen to participate in any Metchosin-related activities or to include Metchosin residents in any regional events. Regenerate BC is offering an online five-week course on climate solutions beginning in Sept/Oct, and they are also happy to offer an in-person version of same course, possibly at Royal Roads, the Metchosin Community House, or somewhere in Colwood - a convenient location for Metchosinites to attend is the goal. It would be great if we could encourage Metchosinites to attend through various channels (Muse articles, Facebook groups, District Website).

Steve offered to talk to staff about putting this on the district website and Merrilee said she would get something in the Muse and on social media. There was a Letter to the Editor written for the June 2024 Muse about the Climate Action Plan making progress and ways to get involved on an individual basis.

Action Item: Steve will talk to staff about putting on district website.

Action Item: Merrilee will get an article into the Muse and post in various social media groups.

c) Beckingham Subdivision Referral

Steve gave an update on a group effort from Steve, Ric, and Erin who put together a list of recommendations with input from wetland and terrestrial ecosystem experts including Provincial ecosystems biologist, Sacha O'Regan, from Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship. Sacha has worked with the District before and has offered to put together a team of provincial experts on wetlands and riparian areas to advise on best practices to assist our Approving Officer.

We discussed and made edits to our list of recommendations and reviewed the Hewitt Creek Groundwater Assessment.

7. Reports

a) Chair's Verbal Report

None.

b) Council Liaison Verbal Report

Buffer Lands: A motion was passed to bring the Buffer Land Working Group Report to an upcoming meeting of the Planning Committee to discuss recommendations from the working group. There was also some discussion around engaging with the Capital Regional District (CRD) about a potential sale of the Buffer Lands.

Bill spoke about the need to keep biosolids from being spread on land in Metchosin. He recalled some of the history on this topic as it relates to the CRD who had committed to a ban on land application years ago. He noted that the option of land application is under consideration again and the CRD is seeking input.

Moved and Seconded by Bill and Andy that the Committee recommend a ban on land application of biosolids in Metchosin.

Carried

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Other Business

a) 2013 Shoreline Protection Plan

Steve talked to Councillor David Grove and Director of Planning, Ian Bourhill at City of Colwood. Colwood is happy to liaise with Metchosin about their shoreline plan so that the two communities could work together on adjoining shoreline areas – two key areas are sea level rise and tsunami.

A question arose about whether we talk to HAT again about their 'Good Neighbours Program' and engaging with Metchosin shoreline property owners; can we get a report on what happened last time?

Action Item: Andy will contact Habitat Acquisition Trust to request a report on their landowners contact program for shoreline residents.

Action Item: Steve will touch base again with Colwood's Councillor Grove to arrange a follow-up meeting on shoreline planning.

b) Mapping of Potential Sensitive Areas in Metchosin: Conservation Data Centre, Data Submission

Andy is waiting on Garry to deliver the box of data.

c) District of Metchosin Public Works Policy W-100: Elimination of Pesticides and Herbicides for Cosmetic Purposes on Municipal Grounds

The Committee needs direction from the Environment Committee on this; we had ideas of expanding from cosmetic purposes and expanding from municipal properties. Control of Black Knapweed using hand-sprayed herbicides on Tower Point has been successful. Exceptions for invasives in the policy are needed.

Moved and Seconded by Andy and Steve that the Environment Committee consider expanding Policy W-100 to apply beyond cosmetic use and expand beyond use on municipal grounds.

d) Tax Exempt Properties

It is important that these properties have no resource extraction, no logging, no road building, no tree cutting, and take into account the value to the community for tax exemption. Do these properties need a covenant? Do they require a change in zoning? What are the criteria?

Action Item: Andy and Steve to work together to come up with some criteria for tax exempt properties in Metchosin for our next MEASC meeting.

e) Spongy Moth Spraying Program

We have questions about the adjuvants used in pesticide formulas. What justification there is for spraying? Steve had received correspondence from Metchosin resident, Jochen Moehr, who is a butterfly enthusiast and says he is concerned about insect populations.

Action Item: Erin to research this and report findings at next MEASC meeting.

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Moved and Seconded by Steve and Andy that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Carried

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

District of Metchosin

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**Environment and Natural Areas Committee Meeting
June 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

Council Chambers
Metchosin Municipal Hall

PLEASE NOTE: The meeting has been recorded.

Present: Councillor Gray in the Chair, Mayor Little, Councillors Shukin, Donaldson and Epp. Also present was Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer, Stephanie Dunlop, Fire Chief and Jennifer Miller, Legislative Services Assistant (recorder).

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

The agenda was approved with the addition of the following correspondence:

- Biosolids
 - District of Metchosin letter to the Capital Regional District dated June 3, 2024
 - Bev Bacon
 - Dr. John Mosco and Dominique Gagnon-Mosco
 - Selby and Kathy Saluke
 - Kathy Atherton
 - Eileen O'Donnell
- Pesticides and Herbicides
 - Bev Bacon

Carried

2. Public Participation

Pattie Whitehouse, resident, noted that she holds the vision of a day when human waste is used as a valuable resource, advised that biosolids include considerable amounts of toxic substances, and encouraged Council to ban the spreading of biosolids on Metchosin land until there is a way to prevent toxic substances getting into biosolids.

Chris Moehr, resident, spoke in favour of Council applying a ban to biosolids in Metchosin, referred to biosolids producers and an ongoing lawsuit in the United States, and suggested an opportunity for signage at the Farmers' Market to indicate that Metchosin does not allow the application of biosolids within its jurisdiction.

Katy Nelson, resident, endorses the idea of the District publicly banning biosolids, rather than just stating that they are not welcome, in order to avoid being in a position where the District cannot stop the use of biosolids.

Joe Percival, resident, noted the importance of following the principles of precaution around biosolids, expressed concern regarding the severe implications and consequences of allowing biosolids into the community, and encouraged Council to make a firm commitment that Metchosin stands in favour of banning biosolids.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Shukin and Epp that the Committee adopt the minutes of the Environment and Natural Areas Committee meeting held May 13, 2024.

Carried

4. Receipt of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Shukin and Epp that the Committee receive the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Select Committee meeting held May 28, 2024.

Carried

5. Business Arising

Environmental Advisory Select Committee Recommendations, May 28, 2024 meeting

Councillor Gray provided an overview of the Metchosin Advisory Select Committee (MEASC) recommendations from the May 28, 2024 meeting.

a) Biosolids

Committee discussion:

- District of Metchosin letter to the Capital Regional District dated June 3, 2024
- Thermal processing
- Treatment plans
- Land application of biosolids

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Gray and Shukin that the Committee recommend Council ban the land application of biosolids in Metchosin.

Carried

b) District of Metchosin Public Works Policy W-100.50: Elimination of Pesticides and Herbicides for Cosmetic Purposes on Municipal Grounds

Committee discussion:

- Staff resources
- Referral process for MEASC's input and recommendations
- City of Colwood *Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 1995, 2023*
- Caution regarding outright ban in relation to invasive species
- Separating the topics of herbicides and pesticides
- Herbicides are used judiciously in the District

Action: That the Committee seek further advice from the MEASC on expanding the District of Metchosin Public Works Policy W-100.50: Elimination of Pesticides and Herbicides for Cosmetic Purposes on Municipal Grounds.

6. Reports

a) Councillor's Update

Councillor Gray provided the following updates:

- Conservation update
 - Key Biodiversity Area celebrated at Witty’s Beach
 - Conserved area of riparian / wetland within Metchosin and headwaters of Bilston Creek
- MEASC response to Beckingham Subdivision Proposal
 - MEASC provided recommendations to the Chief Administrative Officer
 - Minimize development impact on the wetlands
 - Provincial assistance recommended from wetland, riparian, and groundwater experts
 - Protection of wetland functions
- Ocean Week
 - Participated in a stand in last week in downtown Victoria
 - Risks posed by deep sea mining to oceans
 - Encouragement of an ongoing moratorium and outright ban
- Capital Regional District (CRD) Water Supply Master Plan
 - CRD website has link to participate in public consultation
 - Municipal Assist Factor
 - Development Cost Charges
 - Benefitor Pay Principle
- Trans Mountain pipeline and shoreline spill response plan

7. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received for information:

- Biosolids
 - District of Metchosin letter to the Capital Regional District dated June 3, 2024
 - Bev Bacon
 - Dr. John Mosco and Dominique Gagnon-Mosco
 - Selby and Kathy Saluke
 - Kathy Atherton
 - Eileen O’Donnell
- Pesticides and Herbicides
 - Bev Bacon

8. Adjournment

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Shukin and Donaldson that the meeting be adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Carried

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer

District of Metchosin

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Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee Meeting

May 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber

Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Jay Shukin (Councillor Liaison), Ron Aubrey (Chair), Kathy Atherton, Ryan Carter, Caroline Donahue, Jim Nan, David Shanks (Recorder)

Regrets: Karen Hoffman, Gord Stodola

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Added Ash Mountain under 9b).

Moved by Jim that the Committee approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

2. Presentations

None.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee, April 24, 2024

Moved by Caroline that the Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 24, 2024.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes

a) Community Planning Committee, May 13, 2024

b) Environmental Advisory Select Committee, April 23, 2024

- PTASC member commented on the Lombard poplars on Lombard Rd
- Discussion of stricter resolution from District on herbicides, but not anticipated to affect MISC use of herbicides

Moved by Ron that the Committee receive the above Advisory Select Committees Minutes for information.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

David assigned as PTASC-ATP development liaison, provided update from consultant at Urban Systems (Beth).

- Tasks completed: Background review and District visit
- Upcoming tasks: facilities inventory, public engagement
 - Any PTASC or Metchosin volunteers to join booth at public events
- Beth requested GIS data of Metchosin trails/facilities?
 - Noted today's printed maps use GIS, so staff should have copies of this. Also noted that GAIA website/app has existing trails within it.
- More information will be coming on the ATP process.

b) Memorial Bench

Application not received, expected for next month's PTASC meeting.

c) Beckingham Road Subdivision Trail

- Discussion of "dogleg" that goes into wet/riparian area (NE corner). Concern on difficulty to build and maintain?
 - Developer to build the whole trail.
 - Concerns the plan will change (e.g., identify further riparian area).
 - Discussion on ensuring trail in wetland/riparian area is properly constructed (bridge/boardwalk discussed).
- Discussion of multi-use versus. Nature trail, particularly steep part at beginning
 - Seems less likely for cyclists or equestrian use, would have increased maintenance costs.
 - Consensus achieved on recommending a modified multi-use trails (gravel but the width of a natural trail).
- Committee unclear if subdivision is approved, would PTASC recommendations change anything?
- Recommended that **developer involve and consult the Parks & Trails Coordinator about the trail design to ensure trail & crossing of wet/riparian area is acceptable to Metchosin.**
- Beckingham emergency access road could allow for future trail connection with Blinkhorn Mtn (e.g., via Parry Bay Sheep/Lindholm Farm). Discussion about adding to the P&T Master plan update.
 - **Firstly, seek clarification on whom will own fire/emergency road? Would it allow for trail if Metchosin owns it?**
 - **Secondly, request developer to allow public or resident access to the fire/emergency road and dedicate it to allow for future trail development.**
- Proposed benefit: access or trail connect would prevent overgrowth of vegetation

Action: PTASC to provide recommendations to CAO by 12-June. **PTASC to share and agree on wording to CAO by email.** Can be sent to CAO when agreed and then adopted at June PTASC meeting.

7. Reports

a) Parks and Trails Coordinator

- Metchosin Wilderness Park repaired, kudos to Gord, Jim, and Metchosin Public Works
- Increased interest in having PTASC recommended possible Memorial Bench sites
- Duke Road bench is moving forward
- Duke Road Survey terms provided to CAO

Action: Requested for Jay to ask CAO to provide that Parks & Trails Coordinator gets final review of Tender Documents

- Westmont providing Volunteers for trail cleanup. Need guidance from “qualified” individual on cleanup/invasives removal. This can be anyone from PTASC
- Public works received new information from seminar on mitigation of European Ash in Blinkhorn Nature Park. **Public works looking to hire herbicide applicator, or get one trained on Public Works staff, to connect Public Works with MISC.**

b) Council Liaison

- Update on Buffer land.
 - Community Planning Committee had discussions on managing land & access.
 - Council decided not going forward with CRD discussions. Will look further into BLWG recommendations.
- P&T Master Plan, to be plugged into ATP development. P&T Master Plan updates to start in the fall.
- Livestock predation has been an issue. Ag & Env Committees combined meeting on 9-July.
- Weirs Beach stairs, still waiting for the contractor to start.

c) Chair

Action: Requested P&T Coordinator to move forward initiating meetings with Colwood & Langford counterparts to PTASC.

- Duke Rd Survey, seeking RFP out quickly and received tenders by end of June.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Other Business

a) Parks & Trails Master Plan

- Asked Jim for next meeting to go through existing P&T plan priorities and then have Committee discussion on moving forward
 - This discussion can be feed forward into ATP development
- P&T Master plan identified to Metchosin Staff to be standing agenda item on each PTASC agenda.

b) Ash Mountain Trail

Trail ROW is significantly overgrown by broom, seeking work party to clear ROW and volunteers from PTASC and community.

- Potential dates?
- P&T coordinator noted we/Metchosin may be able to assist with removing waste.

Action: Jay suggests best course of action that Ryan contact CAO to notify owner of plan to remove invasives.

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Moved by Kathy that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Carried

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee Meeting
June 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber
Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Ron Aubrey (Chair), Kathy Atherton, Ryan Carter, Caroline Donahue, Karen Hoffman, Jim Nan, David Shanks (Recorder)

Virtual: Jay Shukin (Councillor Liaison)

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

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Added topic of booth at Metchosin Community Day.

Moved by Kathy that the Committee approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

2. Presentations

None.

3. Public Participation

Darren Brown, resident, seeking information on the Duke Road trail public consultation process, methods, and measures of success.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee, May 29, 2024

Moved by Jim that the Committee approve the minutes of the Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee meeting held on May 29, 2024.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes

a) Community Planning Committee, June 10, 2024

Noted on Pg 7 to correct these minutes that PTASC agenda will “now be a standing item” instead of “not”.

b) Environmental Advisory Select Committee, May 28, 2024

- Discussion of use of pesticides/herbicides by MISC on Metchosin properties.
- Identified that July 9th Joint Special Meeting between MEASC and PTASC on the topic of Human/Wildlife Conflict was not communicated to PTASC.

Moved by Karen that the Committee receive the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Select Committee meeting held May 28, 2024.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Active Transportation Plan

- Update from Urban Systems consultant (per emails sent on June 24):
 - Identified an absence of digital documents for P&T Map Book. Jay to inquire with staff about GIS information regarding trail locations.
 - Discussed the potential of storing important PTASC documents in an accessible location.
 - David to share Dan Casey's update to PTASC members by email.

b) Memorial Bench Applications

- Susan Young, Municipal Grounds (Cricket Pitch)
 - Desired wording:
*“ Sit. Remember Ian and Sonja Young.
30 years of contributions to Metchosin life.
With gratitude from their family and friends.”*
 - Suggested if first bench approved, at time of construction that concrete pads for two benches be poured at the same time

Moved by David that PTASC recommend that Council approve the Young memorial bench application.

Carried

- Rex Coburn, Wooton Road

Moved by Ryan that PTASC recommend that Council not approve the Coburn memorial bench application.

Carried

- Parks Donation Program Guidelines
 - Discussed under Trails Coordinator Update

c) Beckingham Road Subdivision

Moved by the Chair for this topic to be tabled for today's meeting.

Carried

d) Duke Road Survey, Tender Documents

- Discussed a community input session/consultation meeting to take place at PTASC meeting, separate from regular monthly meeting.
- Discussion on effective notification of this meeting, including a mailout to residents, particularly in the Duke Road and Albert Head area. Jay to contact staff about a mailout.
 - Ask for District letter to direct interested parties and attendees to submit email/letter with questions/comments in advance so that they can be compiled in advance to look at common questions.
 - Noted that P&T Master Plan update should consider the guidelines for area and methods to communicate regarding public consultation.
 - Suggested to enquire if District-wide mailout is simpler.
- Suggested to ask Dan Casey (Urban Systems) to Moderate the Duke Rd Public Consultation meeting.
- Possible date selected as Wednesday, July 31 @ 7:00 pm.

- e) **Colwood and Langford Counterparts to PTASC**
 - To be addressed at future meeting.
 - Colwood Parks, Trails, & Recreation committee is not meeting until September.
 - Goldstream Gazette included notice that Langford is planning to setup a Trails Committee.
- f) **Ash Mountain Trail, Invasives**
 - Well attended by volunteers. Kudos given to those that helped.
 - Broom was brought down to road by volunteers and removed by Metchosin Public Works, a big thank you to them as well.

7. Reports

- a) **Parks and Trails Coordinator**
 - Continued trails clearing completed by Jim.
 - Complaint regarding Lisandra Trail regarding trees encroaching on property owner's land. Further inquiries to CAO required.
 - Discussion of Trails Coordinator ability to contact landowners on trails matters. To be addressed at the July 9th meeting with CAO.
 - Westmont Montessori trail cleanup ending with school year, hoping it resumes in fall.
 - Topics to address with CAO:
 - Benches donation & maintenance
 - Bench locations
 - Hillman trail bench damaged. This bench pre-dates PTASC so unsure how this should be handled.
 - The damaged bench should be identified to staff to repair and or cleanup.
- b) **Council Liaison**
 - Lombard Drive poplars update. Noted the roadside trail on this road. No plans to widen or alter the road. Communication plan and public consultation regarding path forward and replanting are upcoming.
 - Buffer Land Stormwater detention pond. Developer holding open house in September. District Policy that any major stormwater to be approval needs to go to the PTASC, MEASC, and AASC. As such, PTASC should expect a forthcoming referral.
 - There has been discussion on the Buffer Land becoming a park, which is within PTASC's mandate.
 - Weir Beach stairs, contractor expected to undertake work in July.
- c) **Chair Verbal Report**
 - Thanked Kathy for representing PTASC on his behalf at Council meeting on June 17, 2024.
 - Upcoming July 9th meeting with CAO, Chair, Coordinator, and Liaison.

8. Correspondence

a) Metchosin Park Trail Repairs

Acknowledged letters of thanks for the recent trail repair work from:

- Metchosin Equestrian Society
- Sabine David

9. Other Business

a) Parks & Trails Master Plan

- Council Resolution, May 27, 2024
- Additional update
 - Jim provided more detailed update of Trails Priorities (refer to separate document)

Action Item for Council to receive the draft “Metchosin Community Trail Network Master Plan Status Update” for information.

b) Duke Road East Roadside Trail Feasibility Study response for further input by Council

- Duke Road East Feasibility Study, updated March 5, 2024
 - Discussed outstanding request for further input that Council directed to PTASC on March 18, 2024.
 - Suggested amendments to Feasibility Study Section 4.0, to identify that
 - PTASC is now involved in the development of Metchosin Active Transportation Plan.
 - Public consultation being planned for Summer 2024.
 - Reflect plan by District to reduce Duke Rd speed limit to 40 km/hr
- Council Resolution, March 18, 2024
- Council Resolution, June 17, 2024

Moved by Karen that assessment from March 5, 2024, with above three amendments, still reflects the PTASC Committee recommendation to Council.

Carried

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

- In the past, PTASC has had booth at Metchosin Community Day, have brochures and suggestion box.
 - **Kathy to contact Jill who is coordinating event booths.**
- Looking for PTASC members to participate
- Agreed to move forward to pay PTASC booth.
 - Caroline volunteered to coordinate PTASC booth
- **David to contact Dan @ Urban Systems to align on ATP booth and PTASC booth**

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Moved by Karen that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Carried

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Planning for Duke Road East Trail Public Consultation on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

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.

District of Metchosin

Minutes

Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber

Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Ron Aubrey (meeting chair), Jay Shukin (Councillor Liaison) Kathy Atherton, Ryan Carter, Caroline Donahue, Karen Hoffman, David Shanks (recorder)

Regrets: Jim Nan

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

- Kathy suggested to add PTASC banner under item 9c).

Moved by Kathy that the Committee approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

2. Presentations

None.

3. Public Participation

- Patti Wesley, resident, thanked PTASC for great Community Input Session and Ryan for the great presentation.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee, July 16, 2024

- Discussed in relation to item 6d) that Jay to contact Tipton family regarding covering maintenance costs for memorial bench.
- No action yet on bench request on Wootton Road. Jay and Ryan to walk the area, with Bob Payette.

Moved by Kathy that the Committee approve the minutes of the Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee meeting held on July 16, 2024.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes

None.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Reports

a) Parks and Trails Coordinator

- District has begun providing contact info for recent public contact regarding trails. Has allowed him to have discussion and understand requests.
- Lisandra Trail, asked homeowner to flag trees of concern along the trail for follow-up.
- Missing signs on Eleanor Mann Trail, will be following up.
- Trail Stewards: received contact from Matthew (Graceland) regarding becoming Graceland-Gilbert Trail Steward.
- Hoping in near term to identify and have more information to provide to volunteer Trail Stewards.
 - i. **Action:** Kathy to enquire with past PTASC members about past guidance in information shared to Trails Stewards when program ran previously.
 - Discussion occurred on the Trail Stewards' role.

b) Council Liaison

- Has developed an inventory of memorial benches and inscriptions. Will update for the September PTASC meeting.
- Urban Systems will have ATP Booth at Metchosin Community Day. Also planning community mailout.
 - i. Discussed Urban Systems' response that they do not plan to have Open House, wondered if we can request this be added to scope.
 - Aim would be for similar community information and input session that public can get similar engagement to ATP. PTASC feels similar input could be received for overall trails.
 - **Action:** David offered to reach out about PTASC support for ATP public engagement at Metchosin Community Day and to share the DRE Community Input.
 - Suggested to propose this and build up of public engagement towards open house.
 - ii. Jay requested PTASC be added to Stakeholder Communication list. Will occur through David as Liaison.
- Weir Beach stairs expected to be open tomorrow.
- Bradene Stairs to be repaired, perhaps in coming month.
 - i. **Action:** Jay speak to CAO requesting that Public Works/District inform PTASC when repair work is requested or identified, to allow PTASC to comment.
 - ii. **Action:** Ryan to speak to CAO regarding use of PTASC funds for stairs repair.

c) Chair Verbal Report

- Big thank you to Jay for behind the scenes prep for Community Input Session.
 - i. Received many messages of thanks from District staff and others.
- Input from Les was that Survey for Duke Road should include East and West portions.
- Information from public is now captured for future use and valuable to all future trail discussions.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. Other Business

a) Debrief of the Community Input Session of July 31, 2024, Potential Duke Road East Roadside Trail

PowerPoint

- Feels we have feedback and input to put forward motion to Council to request RFP for Duke Road Survey
 - **Action:** Ron to submit letter to the CAO that the Council requested letter of public notice was sent and public input session was held on July 31, 2024 and therefore request to move forward with the RFP for Duke Road survey. To include Ryan's previously submitted Terms of Reference.
 - What happens if survey quotes exceed estimated \$10k. Jay noted that original ask was for combined \$20k for survey and trail.
 - Suggested that PTASC standing development budget could be used to offset difference and/or to expand survey to include Duke Road West.
 - **Action:** David to provide Community Input notes with minutes

Memo, Correspondence Received

- Identified letter from Bev Bacon regarding pocket park (Graceland Park) owned by Metchosin on Graceland Road. Wants this to be considered with the Parks & Trails Master Plan update.
 - Similarly identified that Section 95, which is expected to become Metchosin Park, has road statutory right-of-way that dead-ends into this property. Unclear whether the neighbours know about the Road Right-of-Way beginning from the end of Wild Cherry Drive., which then runs adjacent to two properties and bisects another property before ending at Section 95.

Moved by David that Ron draft and send the above noted letter and Terms of Reference to CAO. **Carried**

b) Metchosin Community Day

- PTASC Banner
 - Jill Petersen can be contacted about chairs. PTASC members to assist with supplying tents and tables, or there should be tables available from Farmers' Market supply.
 - Banner draft: to revise committee name to "Metchosin Parks & Trails Committee" (add "Metchosin" and remove "Select")
 - Caroline to provide details to Ryan to place order for banner with grommets
 - Ryan also to order "Trails Coordinator" business cards
 - Items to have on hand: brochures, laminated sign about Trails Coordinator contact, Large Metchosin Trails map, email signup sheet (e.g., updates, volunteer opportunities), survey of attendees (four questions), suggestion box, gift certificate draw for signup/survey/suggestions, rocks to hold down papers, clipboards, T.C. business cards
 - Discussion of scheduled "Trail Day" that people could join for cleanup. Other past events have been guided walks about trails.

- Plan to start setup at 9:30 a.m. (off-loading vehicles have to be removed by 10:00 a.m.)

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Moved by Caroline that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Carried

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

5. Business Arising

Environmental Advisory Select Committee Recommendations, May 28, 2024 meeting

c) District of Metchosin Public Works Policy W-100.50: Elimination of Pesticides and Herbicides for Cosmetic Purposes on Municipal Grounds

Committee discussion:

- Staff resources
- Referral process for MEASC's input and recommendations
- City of Colwood *Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 1995, 2023*
- Caution regarding outright ban in relation to invasive species
- Separating the topics of herbicides and pesticides
- Herbicides are used judiciously in the District

Action: That the Committee seek further advice from the MEASC on expanding the District of Metchosin Public Works Policy W-100.50: Elimination of Pesticides and Herbicides for Cosmetic Purposes on Municipal Grounds.



***BUSINESS ARISING
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
METCHOSIN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY
SELECT COMMITTEE
to be considered at the Environment and Natural Areas
Committee Meeting of June 10, 2024***

Environmental Advisory Select Committee, May 28, 2024 meeting:

a) Biosolids

THAT the Committee recommend a ban on land application of biosolids in Metchosin.

b) District of Metchosin Public Works Policy W-100.50: Elimination of Pesticides and Herbicides for Cosmetic Purposes on Municipal Grounds

THAT the Committee recommend Council consider expanding Policy W-100 Elimination of Pesticides and Herbicides for Cosmetic Purposes on Municipal Grounds to apply beyond cosmetic use and expand beyond use on municipal grounds.

DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

SUBJECT:	PUBLIC WORKS POLICY Elimination of Pesticides and Herbicides for Cosmetic Purposes on Municipal Grounds	SECTION:	W-100
		POLICY:	W-100.50
		COUNCIL:	Feb. 19/01
		AMENDS:	W-100.45

Elimination of Cosmetic Pesticide and Herbicide Use

1. It is the objective of this policy to eliminate the cosmetic use of pesticides and herbicides on the municipal grounds.

It is to encourage the gradual reduction and elimination of all cosmetic pesticide and herbicide use within the district, focusing on specific areas including schools, daycare facilities, parks, playing fields, playgrounds and any facilities designed to serve the elderly in order to protect those at greatest risk.

Whereas "cosmetic" is defined as the correction of physical defects, especially that to improve appearance.

Whereas, under the BC Pesticide Control Act, a "pesticide" is any substance, or mixture of substances, other than a device, intended for killing, controlling or managing insects, rodents, fungi, weeds and other forms of plant or animal life that are considered to be pests.

Whereas those at "greatest risk" in this instance refers to children and the elderly but may be expanded to include the embryo and young of all species whose reproductive and nervous systems are developing and most easily damaged.

2. It is also the objective of this policy to initiate a public education program using various media in which community awareness surrounding the issues of pesticide and herbicide use for both cosmetic and pest control purposes will be raised.

Whereas the "issues" addressed include, but are not limited to: identification and explanation of those pesticides and herbicides which are persistent, bio-accumulate, cause hormone disruption, or acute toxicity and means to reduce exposure to; outline sources of exposure for children and discuss why they are at greater risk and solutions to reduce this risk; green alternatives for lawn care and the benefits of; occupational exposure and preventative measures; effects on local wildlife including direct exposure and exposure of that applied to food; information regarding integrated pest management (IPM) for landscape pests as well as home and garden pests; and implications of pesticide and herbicide use on a global level.

3. We are encouraged by the implementation of and support the use of methods employed to reduce pesticide and herbicide use in agriculture including organic farming and integrated pest management (IPM).

Montreal first Canadian city to ban golf course pesticides

By [Marc Fawcett-Atkinson](#) | News | June 18th 2024



Montreal has become the first Canadian city to ban most toxic pesticides from golf courses. Photo by Nathan Nedley/Pexels

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In a first for Canada, Montreal has banned an extensive list of highly toxic pesticides on golf courses due to the risk they pose to human health and the environment, including several still considered safe by Canada's pesticide regulator.

The ban extends to glyphosate, a [controversial](#) and widely-

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The move extends a 2021 city-wide ban on the 32 pesticides that contained an exemption for golf courses. The new rules close that loophole, with two exceptions to control the growth of plantain and a fungal disease. Railway right-of-ways are also exempted from the ban for safety reasons.

Marie-Andrée Mauger, Montreal's director of environment and ecological transition, said in a statement she hopes the ban will encourage other jurisdictions to follow suit. The change — which was designed in a way to support golf courses through the transition — signals the city's "strong commitment" to protecting human health and biodiversity, she said.

The use of pesticides on golf greens is particularly harmful because they pose additional, unnecessary and preventable risks to health and the environment, said Meg Sears, chair of Prevent Cancer Now. Not only are golf course workers and golfers exposed to the chemicals, but many greens are located close to streams and wetlands where pesticides can leach into the water.

The decision sets an important precedent for municipalities because "they are not the first [so] they don't have to deal with the complexities of this," said Bruce Lanphear, a professor of health sciences at Simon Fraser University and former co-chair of a federal scientific advisory committee to Canada's pesticide regulator. "It shows there are clearly some golf course operators who are willing to [stop using pesticides], so in that sense it is quite powerful."

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While other Canadian municipalities and provinces have banned the use of some pesticides for cosmetic purposes, Lanphear noted that golf courses are typically exempt from these laws — making Montreal's move unique. Except for Ontario municipalities, other cities in Canada could imitate Montreal's ban, said Laura Bowman, a lawyer at Ecojustice who specializes in pesticides.

Ontario prohibits municipalities from restricting the use, sale or transfer of pesticides for cosmetic purposes. It also allows golf courses to use some cosmetic pesticides that are otherwise prohibited under provincial laws, she explained.

The province requires golf course operators to report annually their pesticide use, and data shows an overall increase in pesticide use on golf greens between 2010 and 2017. However, a 2020 [study](#) determined that not all golf course owners filed the required reports, making it difficult to accurately assess actual pesticide use.

Beyond Ontario's report, there is minimal information about Canada's pesticide use — and not only on golf greens. Obtaining information about how many pesticides are used on fields, forests and greenhouse crops is also difficult.

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The federal Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) does not track how many pesticides are used nationally, how they are used and where they are applied. The only estimates it provides are sales and some water quality data, which critics say give an inadequate picture of the chemicals' impact on health and the environment.

It is not the first time the PMRA has come under fire recently. Last year, *Canada's National Observer* found the agency had for years downplayed health and environmental concerns from its own scientists about the organophosphate pesticide chlorpyrifos. The same year, it **downplayed** the health risks of the pesticide dimethyl tetrachloroterephthalate (DCPA), which is not an organophosphate, in the wake of an emergency warning from the EPA about the chemical.

The agency's transparency and regulatory approach has also come into question after Lanphear **resigned** from a scientific advisory position with the agency last year due to transparency issues. During his departure, he lambasted the organization's "obsolete" approach to pesticide regulation.

Montreal's decision shows that the PMRA "is behind the times" when it comes to banning pesticides, Lanphear said. It isn't uncommon for municipalities and smaller jurisdictions to implement progressive environmental policies ahead of similar ones at the federal level — though "it should go the other way," he said.

Canada's National Observer

The PMRA and other regulatory agencies have more power and better resources to address pesticide use than municipal governments, he noted. Yet, as Montreal has shown, those resources aren't always enough to lead to strong regulatory changes if the agency lacks the political or institutional will to change, he said.

"What you would hope is that there is a federal agency that has the resources on top of all these things so every municipality doesn't have to make these types of decisions," he said. "That would be efficient."

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As an avid golfer, I find it interesting that Ontario government has gone to great lengths to allow and prevent municipalities from prohibiting the use of toxic pesticides, even those that have been banned. The lessons learned in Montreal should be a wake up call to Ontario who seem to put the welfare of golf course first over the health and safety of Ontarians. But, I also fault the federal government for their foot dragging on outlawing many toxic substances used in Canada, especially those that are known to be toxic to it's citizens.

This makes me think twice about what golf courses are doing for maintenance and what substances they are using.

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DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

File No. 0400-08

August 2, 2024

Honourable Pam Alexis
Minister of Agriculture and Food
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2
AF.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
PO Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2
ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Ministers Alexis and Heyman,

RE: Cougar Predation on Sheep in Metchosin – BC Conservation Officer Service

The District of Metchosin is a rural and farming community located on Southern Vancouver Island. From a regional perspective, Metchosin serves several significant functions. It contains much of the productive agricultural land within the Capital Regional District which provides food for our communities and the local markets and farmstands. [The Metchosin Grown Guide and Map](#) offers a snapshot of our diverse growers and producers. Metchosin's unique and diverse natural environment has a strong marine orientation and is a gateway to four regional parks and numerous green spaces that serve as a significant corridor for wildlife. Metchosin provides opportunities for rural living in a landscape in which farms, market gardens and grazing fields are interspersed with residential lots. Due to the rapid pace of urban development in the adjacent municipalities of Colwood, Langford and Sooke, wildlife increasingly moves through Metchosin's farming lands as well as its greenspaces, leading at times to conflict between livestock and wildlife.

In 2023 and 2024 the farmers of Metchosin experienced 61 and 31 sheep/lamb kills due to cougars. Some of these attacks took place during the day, raising public safety concerns for children and others living or playing in the vicinity. The loss of sheep due to predation represents significant impacts for small farmers who are operating on very tight margins. While Metchosin farmers are doing their best to follow the BC Cattlemen's Association Livestock Protection Guidelines, wildlife-livestock conflicts continue to impact their operations. Please note that the District of Metchosin is committed to preserving biodiversity; thus, we are certainly not seeking a cull of the cougar population. However, it is important that "problem cougars" who become habituated to preying on sheep be dealt with in as timely a manner as possible, both in the interests of public safety and of Metchosin's small farmers.

We understand the mandate of the province's Conservation Officer Service and the number of demands on Officers in British Columbia. Delays in Officers' response time often results in more sheep kills and an agriculture community on edge as to when and where the next strike will occur. Local farmers would like to see Conservation Officers respond more quickly to their calls. Since quick responses from Conservation Officers is vital to the agricultural viability of Metchosin and the broader food security of the region, we are advocating for allocation of additional resources for the Service. Ideally this would take the form of additional Officers serving South Vancouver Island.

We appreciate the conversations that we have had with the Conservation Officers, and we welcome the opportunity to discuss the issue of large carnivore and livestock conflicts within our District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Little, Ph.D.", written in a cursive style.

Marie-Térèse Little PhD.
Mayor

cc: Capital Regional District (CRD)

Attachment: The Metchosin Grown Guide and Map:

https://www.metchosin.ca/sites/metchosin.ca/files/2023-10/Metchosin%20Grown%20Map_0.pdf

THE METCHOSIN GROWN GUIDE & MAP



- Kal's Farm**
We have bountiful and beautiful bedding plants and produce available from early spring to fall. Open daily from 9:30-4:30.
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IG: @bilstonorekfarm
- Bilston Farm**
Come and enjoy our lavender farm between forest and sea. Picnic in a heritage orchard on a blanket with a creative spritzer. At Bilston we create beautiful experiences and craft natural products for face, body, kitchen and home. Our entire collection is made on the farm with our lavender, apples and honey, and locally foraged botanicals, and sold on site and online.
4185 Metchosin Rd
bilston.ca
FB: /bilstonorekfarm
IG: @bilstonorekfarm
- White's Greens**
It's not cannibalism to consume food grown from my blood, sweat and tears. The life that is given to soil by my tilling nourishes the plants, and those plants nourish you and your kit. The marvel that is mind will tell you through the sophistication that is taste, that food you consume from my farm is above all common food in nutrition and spirit.
4250 Metchosin Rd

- Sea Bluff Farm**
Crunchy carrots and succulent snap peas are among the many delights to be found on our farmstand all year round. Tues. and Sat. have the best selection but we're open daily. You can also find us at Metchosin Market. We proudly grow 40+ varieties of certified organic fruits and veggies, we have our seeds and seedlings for sale in the spring, and we offer workshops and events during the year. We're passionate about helping new farmers get established, about community food security and about creating habitat for native pollinators.
565 Wootton Rd
seablufffarm.com
FB: /seablufffarm
IG: @seablufffarm
- Metchosin Farm**
Growing since 2004, we produce 200+ varieties of certified organic and open-pollinated seeds, plant starts, tubers and fruit bushes including original varieties created right here at the farm! Self-serve farmstand open daily at the Sea Bluff Trail parking lot. Visit our website to purchase seeds and to view our schedule of food security skills workshops! Farm and educational tours available by request, on-farm nursery open occasionally - check website for dates.
542 Wootton Rd
metchosinfarm.ca
FB: /metchosinfarm
IG: @metchosinfarm
- Woodside Flower Farm**
We love everything about growing our organic practices, sowing seeds where we can, and trying our best to nurture pollinating insects. Our bouquets are available at our road-side stand mid-May to mid-Oct. We are located at Happy Valley and Metchosin Rd.
4397 Metchosin Rd
farmstand@shaw.ca

'OFF THE MAP' METCHOSIN GROWERS

- Three Creeks Farm**
1989, we are a small farm that sells free-range chicken eggs all year round. Some lay is sold in early summer. In late spring and through summer, there is a U-pick flower garden on the property with many dahlias, zinnias and other flowers for cutting. There is often some produce available as well. In the fall, apples and pears are sold. Stop in for a visit. Park in the driveway. Knock at the door if we don't come out to meet you.
777 Winalth Rd
- Glenrosa Farm**
Glenrosa is a heritage farm in Metchosin, with many different incarnations over the years. We offer seasonal garden produce, eggs and heritage apples and pears for sale when available. Currently we are featuring Neapolitan-style pizza for take-out/drink-through with limited picnic table seating available. We are firm believers in sourcing local, seasonal ingredients whenever possible, using toppings such as Metchosin meats and vegetables farmed a short distance away. Hours of operation for pizza are Fri. and Sat. between 3-7. Pre-ordering in advance is strongly encouraged as we often sell out. More information can be found on our website.
5447 Rocky Point Rd
glenrosafarm.com
IG: @glenrosafarm
- Umí Nami Farm**
We offer a year-round box program, featuring certified organic vegetables. We specialize in Japanese favourites and various fruit. Through the box program, we make it our priority to serve local people eating at home, tailoring box sizes and providing cooking instructions to connect with the way each person eats day to day. We also partner with Sea Bluff Farm to provide vegetables to their farmstand. Umí Nami Farm originally started in Waki, Japan and moved to Victoria in 1996.
961 Metchosin Lake Park Rd
uminafarm.com
FB: /uminafarm
IG: @uminafarm
YouTube.com/@uminafarm
- Wind Whipped Farm**
We are a small, artisan farm growing high-quality medicinal and culinary herbs for our community. There is a U-pick available and we offer plants, herbs, medicine, and bath products. Our farmstand and U-pick are open early spring to fall. Thurs., Fri., & Sat.: 10-4.
4488 William Head Rd
FB: /athering Sage Medicinal Herb Farm
- Wind Whipped Farm**
We are a small certified organic vegetable farm growing a wide range of crops which we sell primarily through our CSA subscription program, The Local Food Box. We also have a road-side stand open on weekends, from 9-5 starting in May. The Local Food Box is a collaborative marketing venture with eight Metchosin farms and producers. Members may choose to receive vegetables, meats, flower bouquets, honey, flour, and eggs. The box program runs for 20 weeks from the beginning of June into October. To sign up or for more information please visit our website.
4645 B William Head Road
windwhippedfarm.com/
IG: @windwhippedfarm
- 5050 Farm**
Our family is proud to grow a little extra and make more fresh, sustainably grown produce available to our neighbours. Specializing in veggie starts in spring, and greens, tomatoes, figs and orchard fruits in summer. Follow us on Facebook, search road-side stand (weekends), July-Oct.
5050 William Head Rd
FB: /5050 Farm
- Parry Bay Sheep Farm**
We are a mixed farm that has been operating for more than 40 years in the Metchosin area. We also lease pasture land throughout the region, so our sheep can be seen grazing in the Highlands, on the Saanich Peninsula and in View Royal. We provide pasture-based lamb year round to many fine butcher shops and restaurants in Victoria. We have a farm store open every Sat. from noon until 3. We're also at the Metchosin Market.
4335 Lindholm Rd
parrybaysheepfarm.com
FB: /Parry Bay Farm Market

- Round the Bend Farm**
Our family farm has been operating in Metchosin since 2018. We're passionate about ethically and responsibly raising beef and lamb to provide a local, sustainable product. We raise Belted Galloway and Angus beef and generally sell direct from farm to consumer in the late summer/fall. We also have a flock of Suffolk and Scottish Blackface sheep and can sell lamb to your custom specifications.
FB: /Round the Bend Farm
candace21@hotmail.com
- Nine Bark Farm**
We provide specialty cut flowers to Island flower lovers April-Oct. and aim to energize the local flower sector while building relationships between farms and those who are inspired by our vision. In 2020, we helped found the Island Flower Growers Co-operative. IFGC operates a weekly, online wholesale market to connect Island florists with specialty blooms. You can find our bouquets at Sea Bluff Farm and through Wind Whipped Farm's Local Food Box subscription program. Custom orders are welcome by Instagram.
IG: @ninebarkfarm
- Eweview Farm**
We are a family-owned business focused on providing a healthy source of lamb and pork meat for our community. We breed Suffolk sheep and raise free-range lambs and pigs on our small acreage. Our product is ethically raised, hormone free locally grown in Metchosin. Pork is sold by the side and lamb by the carcass. Custom cut choices to suit your family's menu. Along with our meat we sell aged cheese composed of horse and sheep dung along with bedding material.
eweview@ehus.net
- Blue Dog Farm**
We have yet to find our niche in the wonderful world of farming. We're trying our hands at most everything that grows: livestock, poultry, fruit, vegetables and berries. We find that building our soil using animal manure and raising them organically and in ways that allow them to express their natural behaviours is the most satisfying part of farming. We're always learning. To see what we have available throughout the year, follow along on Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.
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DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

File No. 0360-20-08

June 3, 2024

Colin Plant, CRD Chair
Capital Regional District
625 Fisgard St
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Dear Chair Plant,

RE: Capital Regional District Long-Term Biosolids Management Strategy

The District of Metchosin Council wishes to express its support for the Capital Regional District Board's 2011 resolution to ban land application of biosolids at CRD facilities and parks and farmland in the CRD, based on public health and environmental concerns raised by members of the public.

In addition, we wish to thank the CRD for their concerted efforts to produce a long-term biosolids management strategy for submission to the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy with the preferred Tier 1 advanced thermal treatment option for the processing of biosolids.

However, the District has concerns that the Tier 1 preferred long-term solution will be pursued concurrently with options in other tiers more specifically *Tier 3: in-region contingency options* which may lead to the application of biosolids on lands and forests within the region. Therefore, the District wishes to advise the CRD that biosolids are not welcome in the District of Metchosin.

The District looks forward to the results of the third-party academic literature review and the legal opinion that will be forthcoming.

Please contact me should you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Marie-Térèse Little, PhD.
Mayor

DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

SUBJECT:	COUNCIL Terms of Reference Environmental Advisory Select Committee (MEASC)	SECTION:	C-100
		POLICY:	C-100.72
		COUNCIL:	May 16, 2005
		AMENDS:	

PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

MEASC's role is to consider environmental matters and to report its findings and opinions to Council.

MEMBERSHIP

When making appointments to committees, Council will strive to ensure a balance of knowledge, abilities and interests. For MEASC, preference will be given to applicants having familiarity in some facet of environmental knowledge, including but not limited to: terrestrial, marine or freshwater biology, botany, hydrology, forestry, environmental restoration, environmental law, geology.

PROCEDURES & ADMINISTRATION

This committee is bound by the terms of Advisory Select Committee Bylaw No. 493, and by the terms of the District of Metchosin Council Procedure Bylaw. Additional procedures are outlined below:

1. Regular meetings will take place on the evening of the fourth Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise agreed by a majority of the members. Notice of meeting date changes will be provided to municipal staff as far in advance as possible.
2. The role of Recording Secretary may be shared by members on a rotating basis.
3. The committee will conduct periodic internal performance reviews to consider scope of activities and ensure continued effectiveness of the committee. Any concerns will be reported to Council.

FUNCTIONS AND ROLES

The Committee

1. Provide expert environmental advice and make analytical capacity available to District of Metchosin Council and staff, as requested.
2. Comment and make recommendations on matters that are referred to MEASC by Council or staff.
3. Inform Council about general and specific environmental issues affecting the District.
4. Recommend to Council and staff procedures and processes to effectively promote and protect the District's environmental resources.
5. Maintain current knowledge of the Official Community Plan and other applicable or related bylaws, and make recommendations accordingly, when requested.
6. Develop appropriate tools to expedite assessments, enable effective retrospective project analysis, and monitor MEASC performance.
7. Identify emerging environmental trends or issues within the District, and bring these to Council's attention, through the minutes of the committee, in order to seek authorization for further investigation.
8. Coordinate, when required, with other select committees.

DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

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		COUNCIL:	May 16, 2005
		AMENDS:	

The Chair

1. Arrange for access to the municipal office on meeting nights.
2. Ensure order at committee meetings.
3. Lead the committee in carrying out its Terms of Reference.
4. Attend standing committee or Council meetings when required to speak on behalf of the advisory select committee's recommendations.
5. When appropriate, delegate work to Committee members and/or establish subcommittees for specific tasks.
6. Liaison with staff
 - a. Review agenda prior to the committee meeting and advise staff if additional information is required by the committee
 - b. Track postponed issues to ensure that they are dealt with
 - c. Clarify questions that may arise at the committee meetings
 - d. Advise staff if a meeting is cancelled or rescheduled
 - e. Advise staff of every meeting called
 - f. Provide staff with copies of any additional agenda items.

Committee Members

1. Read the information in the agenda packages.
2. Attend meetings regularly.
3. Contact the Chair if there is material missing from the agenda, or more information is required.
4. Attend and participate in the discussions at advisory select committee meetings.
5. Participate in site inspections with the appropriate approvals.
6. Advise staff of any changes in contact information.

NOTE TO COMMITTEE

Council appreciates the valuable expertise and specialized input of its advisory committees. However, when committee recommendations are considered at the Council table, issues must often be considered in a wider context; Council, therefore, reserves the right to vary or not endorse recommendations from its advisory committees.