



DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

AGENDA

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

September 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL

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**Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.
Council Chamber, Municipal Hall**

Present: Mark Atherton (meeting chair), Ellen Dewar, Lee Johnston, Councillor Marie-Térèse Little (by phone), Jim Nan, Adam Weir, Gord Stodola (recorder for meeting)

Regrets: Ron Aubrey, Karen Hoffman

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

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Moved by Ellen that the Committee approve the agenda as presented. **Carried.**

2. Public Participation: Tamara Ballard attended as an observer.

3. Adoption of Minutes

a) Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee, March 15, 2022

Moved by Jim that the Committee approve the minutes of the Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. **Carried.**

4. Receipt of Minutes

a) Parks Committee March 14, 2022 and April 11, 2022

b) Metchosin Environmental Advisory Select Committee March 22, 2022

c) Metchosin Environmental Advisory Select Committee April 26, 2022

The highlights of the above noted minutes as they relate to the business of PTASC were discussed.

Specifically, in the March 22 minutes **6 b) District of Metchosin Herbicide Policy W-100-50**, MEASC suggests 'A revised policy considers banning pesticides for all purposes (i.e. not just for cosmetic purposes)'.
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PTASC suggests that pesticides such as Garlon are a useful tool for invasives species control such as large holly that cannot otherwise be controlled by mechanical means. This belief is echoed by the Invasive Species Council of BC, and this product was used to great effect in Metchosin parks in 2021.

Moved by Ellen that the Committee receive the above-noted Parks Committee minutes for information. **Carried.**

Moved by Gord that the Committee receive the above-noted MEASC minutes for information. **Carried.**

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) **Happy Valley Roadside Trail:** with the installation of the split-rail 'snake fence' on the Happy Valley side of the community house, this trail is substantially complete.

Items to still consider include possible signage, and roughing in a path from where the trail enters the municipal grounds from the north to the EV station by the community house.

Action: request that staff remove this item from the agenda.

- b) **William Head Roadside Trail**
- **PTASC Roadside Trail**

PTASC and the past trails contractor performed a site visit March 19, 2022 to determine trail construction details. Councillor Little subsequently discussed trail right-of-ways with certain William Head property owners.

Councillor Little reported an uncertainty with respect to the legal right of way the roadside trail would follow. Construction of the trail cannot occur until the uncertainty is resolved.

Action – request that staff remove this item from the agenda until this uncertainty is resolved.

- c) **Picnic Table on Sea Bluff Trail:** the table has been ordered, with no delivery date yet known. Jo Mitchell and Laura Farquharson will determine the site for the installation.

- d) **Optimizing Public Engagement – Buffer Land Parcel**

- MEASC Report, April 26, 2022
- PTASC Letter to MEASC, February 26, 2022

PTASC acknowledges the professional quality of the MEASC report. Both PTASC and MEASC await the completion of the public engagement process before developing their recommendations further.

Councillor Little informed PTASC that letters will be sent to residents near the Buffer Land, and that the public engagement process will be proceeding.

Action – request to staff that PTASC receive a copy of any buffer land correspondence sent to residents, for information.

- e) **Discussion: Exploring Roadside Trail Opportunities, Rocky Point Road, CRD Rocky Point Road Systems Upgrade**

- Staff Report to Public Works Committee, March 17, 2022

The memorandum from the Public Works Consultant to Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer contained in the agenda package was discussed.

Action – Request that staff remove this item from the agenda.

- f) **Consideration of Roadside Trails concurrent with Road Resurfacing Program (Arden Rd / Windover Terrace)**

- PTASC Letter, March 22, 2022

This PTASC letter to Councillor Epp, Mayor and Council detailed PTASC's recommendations for three trails was discussed.

Action – request that staff remove this item from the agenda.

6. Reports

- a) **Parks and Trails Coordinator Report Verbal Report:** Adam reported the following:
- Happy Valley Roadside Trail: covered under **5. Business Arising from the Minutes;**
 - Ron Weir Trail – repairs complete;
 - Benson Excavating has been used on three different projects to date and have demonstrated the skills and equipment to be an asset for trail development and maintenance in the District;
 - The horse trail between Liberty Drive and La Bonne Road, now that the rains have abated, is next on the to-do list.
- b) **Council Liaison Verbal Report:** most updates were provided in **5. Business Arising from the Minutes.** Councillor Little also:
- thanked all for attending long-time Trails Contractor Harold Perepalkin's retirement lunch;
 - thanked on behalf of Council those who had a part in the Happy Valley Roadside Trail, the Ron Weir Trail and the Cripple Creek bridge repair in Metchosin Park;
 - reported she's hearing very good feedback on the Pears Road trail. Neighbours are maintaining various sections. They've even met for a community soiree;
 - mentioned that she, Shelly and Ellen will discuss landscaping on the community grounds.
- c) **Chair Verbal Report:** Mark reported the following:
- trees were down in Blinkhorn Nature Park, cleared by Jim and a friend;
 - Mark tended to fallen trees on the trail from the top of La Bonne into Matheson Lake Regional Park;
 - Mark and Gord cleared fallen trees in Metchosin Park between Clapham and Ed's Lane.

Moved by Gord that the Committee receive the above reports for information. **Carried.**

7. Correspondence:

- a) **Invasive Species, Ron Weir Trail, Pearson College Dr, William Head Rd** – a Public Communication Report detailing invasives at various locations was forwarded to Public Works and PTASC.

Tackling invasive species as a regular function is not an obligation PTASC's volunteers can commit to doing. The William Head inmate crew will be contacted for their labour.

- b) **Trail Sign, Montreul Hill** – PTASC has reported to the District that the trail sign on Montreul Hill needed setting into the ground numerous times, the last being in the PTASC minutes of November 19, 2019.

Action – request that staff inform Public Works that this trail sign requires installation in the Rocky Point Road right of way rather than in the edge of the private road.

Action – request that staff remove this item from the agenda.

- c) **Memorial Bench Request** – a request for another memorial bench at Sea Bluff was received. More information is required.

Action – Adam to follow up on this request.

8. **Other Business** – N/A

9. **Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

Moved by Jim to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. **Carried.**

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Parks Committee Meeting
June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Council Chamber
Metchosin Municipal Hall

PLEASE NOTE: The meeting has been recorded

Present: Councillor Little in the Chair, Mayor Ranns, Councillors Kahakauwila, McKinnon (Via Telephone), and Epp. Recording Secretary by video, Bonnie Sprinkling.

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Kahakauwila and Mayor Ranns that the Committee approve the agenda as amended with the addition of the Supplementary Package, under Presentations, Metchosin Museum Society – Recent Upgrades to the Barn Museum and Schoolhouse Museum and Community Garden Proposal under Business Arising.

Carried

2. Presentations

a) Jim MacPherson, Metchosin Museum Society – Recent Upgrades to the Barn Museum and Schoolhouse Museum

Jim MacPherson, from the Metchosin Museum Society gave a brief presentation on the Metchosin Schoolhouse Museum transformation that has been happening over the past two years by Metchosin volunteers donating countless hours. Mr. MacPherson commented on monies received for the project, challenges faced during the renovations, works that needed to be done by professionals, and the exceptional work done by the Project Manager, Bob Burgis. Mr. MacPherson stated that refurbishment of the schoolhouse was accompanied by a drastic change in the vision of the Schoolhouse Museum and a change in focus of the landscaping. Mr. MacPherson thanked all the volunteers that helped during the project, including the Metchosin Fire Department and the Public Works Department.

The Committee thanked all the members of Metchosin Museum Society for their enormous work on the project.

3. Public Participation

Jennifer Burgess, Resident, thanked Jim MacPherson for his work on grant applications for the schoolhouse project. Ms. Burgess stated that she was previously the organizer of the Friends of Blaney Trail, which is now a municipal park, and that there might be volunteers available to continue maintaining the trail. Ms. Burgess requested that the youth volunteers be paid for their work on the trail.

ACTION ITEM: To refer the request for payment of Blaney Trail youth volunteers to the next Finance and Environment Committee meeting.

Shelly Donaldson, Resident, thanked the APRM for the presentation on municipal government at a recent meeting, the Parks Committee Chair and the Metchosin Museum Society. Ms. Donaldson inquired as to when to expect the public engagement as to the Beckingham development proposal. Mr. Donaldson also inquired if the District would be looking at a possible a ban of herbicides and pesticides.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Kahakauwila and Epp that the Committee adopt the minutes of the Parks Committee meeting held on April 11, 2022.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Little and Kahakauwila that the Committee receive the minutes of the Parks and Trails Advisory Select committee, May 17, 2022.

Carried

6. Business Arising

a) APRM Horseshoe Proposal

The Committee discussed the community garden proposal, including:

- ALR approval would be required

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Kahakauwila and Mayor Ranns that the Committee refer the proposal to staff for a report on the request by the APRM to develop a set of three horseshoe 'pits' in a small section of land north of the Municipal Hall.

Carried

b) Community Garden Proposal

The Committee discussed the community garden proposal, including:

- the Committee requires a more detailed proposal to consider the requests and permissions
- ALR approval would be required
- the need to determine who would be responsible for the self-governance of the community garden
- siting of the gardens and public support for proposal

Shelly Donaldson, resident, spoke to the application and the possibility of becoming a Society to govern the community garden.

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Epp and Mayor Ranns that the Committee refer to staff the proposal for the Court Gardens community gardens on Municipal Hall lands. **Amended**

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Councillor and Mayor Ranns that the Committee refer the request for the community garden to staff and to the organizers of the Court Gardens to provide a more detailed plan, including the system of self-governance, for consideration at a subsequent Committee meeting.

Carried

7. **Reports**

a) **DRAFT Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, No. 676**

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Kahakauwila and Epp that the *Draft Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2002, No. 676* be referred to CRD Bylaw and Animal Care Services for their review and comments.

Carried

b) **Councillors Update**

Councillor Little presented her Councillors Update and it was received for information.

Signage from Weir Beach to Taylor Beach along the foreshore

Councillor Little gave a brief history of the actions taken to date regarding signage from Weir Beach to Taylor Beach along the foreshore and recommended that the Committee move forward to finalize this item, the following was discussed:

- Site visit showed the proposed location for the signs on municipal property
- Need to determine the right of the municipality to define boundary lines in relation
- Need for a legal opinion on placing the signs
- Request for sign template that could be purchased by residents for private property

Moved and Seconded by Mayor Ranns and Councillor Kahakauwila that the Committee refer this matter back to the next Council In Camera meeting upon receipt of legal opinion.

Carried

Agricultural Forum

Councillor Little advised the Committee that the Agricultural Forum was held on April 29th, 2022 and the results are being collated as the first steps for the Agricultural Plan for the District of Metchosin.

Metchosin Museum Society

The Committee discussed the recent renovations and upgrades to the Metchosin Museum Society, Councillor Little asked the Committee to support sending a letter of appreciation to the Metchosin Museum Society for the enormous efforts towards the restoration in the past 3 years.

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Kahakauwila and Mayor Ranns that the Committee direct staff to look into a plaque thanking the Metchosin Museum Society for the enormous efforts towards the restoration of the Metchosin School House over the past 3 years and include the names of volunteers and which would be placed on both the school museum and the barn.

Carried

c) **Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee**

Councillor Little gave a brief overview of the update and summary of the CRD review from 2019 to 2022 for information purposes.

8. Correspondence

a) Leanne Kirby, New Fencing at Devonian Park

The Committee received the correspondence from Leanne Kirby regarding new fencing at Devonian Park.

b) Scott Dolf, New Pears Road Trail

The Committee received the correspondence from Scott Dolf regarding new the new Pears Road trail.

c) George Evans, Community Gardens

The Committee received the correspondence from George Evans regarding a community garden in Metchosin.

d) Metchosin Museum Society Agenda/Correspondence

Councillor Little gave a brief overview of the information from the Metchosin Museum Society.

9. Adjourn

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Epp and Kahakauwila that the meeting be adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Carried

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer

District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Parks Committee Meeting
July 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Council Chamber
Metchosin Municipal Hall

PLEASE NOTE: The meeting has been recorded

Present: Councillor Little in the Chair, Mayor Ranns, Councillors MacKinnon and Epp. Also present was L. Urlacher, CAO, Recording Secretary, Bonnie Sprinkling.

Regrets: Councillor Kahakauwila

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Moved and Seconded by Councillors MacKinnon and Epp that the Committee approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

Meeting Recessed by the Chair at 9:18pm

Meeting Resumed by the Chair at 9:23pm

2. Public Participation

Thomas Cole, Resident, expressed his concerns as to 1500 Neild Road which is commercial development and has a temporary permit for a soft-side structure building which has heavy machinery in it. Mr. Cole stated that at one time a quarry was proposed, which does not require a licence from the municipality and asked the Committee to advise as to what is going on the property.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee Chair referred the matter of 1500 Neild Road to staff and noted that staff would directly communicate with Mr. Cole. It was further noted that this matter may be reported on the next Parks Agenda.

Shelly Donaldson, Resident, wanted to bring to attention that the road-side trail along Rocky Point is getting overgrown and needs mowing.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Councillors MacKinnon and Epp that the Committee adopt the minutes of the Parks Committee meeting held on June 13, 2022.

Carried

4. Reports

a) Councillors Update

Councillor Little presented her Councillors Update and it was received for information.

Signage from Weir Beach to Taylor Beach along the foreshore

Councillor Little gave a brief history of the actions taken to date regarding signage from Weir Beach to Taylor Beach along the foreshore and recommended that the Committee move forward to finalize this item.

The Committee discussed:

- Placement of signs within District jurisdiction
- Payment and Maintenance of signs

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Little and MacKinnon that the Committee recommend Council approve:

1. Sign for Weir beach parking lot (at the end of Sandgate Road)
2. Sign on the eastern portion of Weir Beach (on rock face)
3. Sign for Taylor Beach parking lot (at the end of Taylor Road)
4. Request to Staff to send recommendation of signage to the CRD for placement at the end of the trail at Devonian Park.

Carried
Mayor Ranns opposed the motion

Metchosin Emergency Program Community Stakeholder Emergency Planning Meeting

Councillor Little attended the Metchosin Emergency Program Stakeholder Emergency Planning which was hosted by Metchosin Fire Department.

Metchosin Farmer's Market

The newly renovated Pioneer Museum is open for viewing, and the Old Barn Books is stocked with books for sale. Councillor Little encouraged the community to attend the Sunday Market to support local farmers, vendors, and craftspeople.

5. Correspondence

a) Metchosin Agricultural Forum Report, Agricultural Advisory Select Committee

Councillor Little provided an overview of the Draft Report on the Metchosin Agricultural Forum held April 29, 2022 at Bilston Creek Farm:

- About 44 people in the room at the time of vote to approve the development of an agricultural plan
- Grant applications will require an agricultural plan

Moved and Seconded by Councillors MacKinnon and Epp that the Committee receive the Metchosin Agricultural Forum Report for information.

Carried

b) Metchosin Museum Society, Request to construct portico on Pioneer Museum Building

Councillor Little provided an overview of the Metchosin Museum Society proposal to build a portico at the entrance to the Pioneer Museum and Old Barn Books and the following was discussed:

- the approval of the Farmer's Market has been received

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Little and MacKinnon that the Committee recommend Council approve the Metchosin Museum Society's request to construct a portico on the Pioneer Museum Building and refer the matter to staff for forwarding the request to the Agricultural Land Commission.

Carried

6. Adjourn

Moved and Seconded by Councillors MacKinnon and Epp that the meeting be adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Carried

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer

District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Parks Committee Meeting
August 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Council Chamber
Metchosin Municipal Hall

PLEASE NOTE: The meeting has been recorded

Present: Councillor Little in the Chair, Mayor Ranns, Councillors Kahakauwila, McKinnon and Epp. Also present was L. Urlacher, CAO, Sue-Lin Tarnowski, Chief Financial Officer, Recording Secretary by video, Bonnie Sprinkling.

The meeting was called to order at 8:29 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Moved and Seconded by Councillors MacKinnon and Epp that the Committee approve the agenda with the addition of the Councillor's Update written report.

Carried

2. Public Participation

Kathy Saluke, Resident, read a letter to the Committee on an issue that has arisen as to the buffer lands between the Centre Mountain development and the Metchosin residents living mainly along Neild and Happy Valley Roads. Ms. Saluke described the development works to date and stated that the buffer lands should be preserved and kept intact as a natural landscape to protect its biodiversity and the ground water. Ms. Saluke will provide a copy of the letter to the Committee.

Stephen Sawyer, Resident, spoke as to the Centre Mountain development which is adjacent to his property and stated he would like the buffer lands to be kept natural not as a park or trails. Mr. Sawyer stated his concern for the wildlife affected by the development and that the noise from the development has been constant and detracts from the rural area.

Thomas Cole, Resident, requested the buffer lands be left as is and stated that many cougars and bears are in the area. Mr. Cole suggested that the map that came with the survey letter should clearly show the streets in relation to the greenspace.

Bonnie Bouveur, Resident, added comments related to her email to the Committee of August 17, 2022. Ms. Bouveur spoke as to the 2017 land swap referendum pamphlet that went out to the public which set out the intent of the land swap and that the survey sent out to Metchosin residents should have gone to the buffer lands adjacent property owners only.

Lenore Davidson, Resident, inquired as to the survey that was sent out to Metchosin residents. Ms. Davidson stated that their property has been affected by the land swap and feels that they should have a right to participate in the survey.

Jay Shukin, Resident, ARPM President, stated that the survey going out to the adjacent property owners impacted by the buffer lands and the development works was important so that they will be heard from first. Mr. Shukin stated that the development will impact the buffer land and a plan should be made to protect the land and the local residents.

Nicole Shukin, Resident, read her letter to the Committee as to the buffer land and the Mary Hill IPA and reviewed clauses in the Reconciliation Agreement concerning lands that might come to Metchosin under the agreement. Ms. Shukin will submit her letter to the Committee.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Councillors MacKinnon and Kahakauwila that the Committee adopt the minutes of the Parks Committee meeting held on July 18, 2022.

Carried

4. Reports

a) Councillors Update

Councillor Little presented her Councillors Update and it was received for information.

5. Adjourn

Moved and Seconded by Councillors MacKinnon and Kahakauwila that the meeting be adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Carried

Certified Correct:

Chair

Corporate Officer

District of Metchosin

Minutes

Environmental Advisory Select Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Councillor Andy MacKinnon, Bill Cave (Chair), Ric Perron, Jacqueline Clare, Merrilee Hoen, Erin Van de Water (recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Moved and Seconded by Bill and Erin that the Committee approve the agenda with the addition of Winter Road subdivision application.

Carried

2. Presentations

None.

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) Environmental Advisory Select Committee, May 24, 2022 Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Jacqueline and Bill that the Committee approve the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Select Committee meeting held on May 24, 2022.

Carried

5. Review of Minutes

a. Council and Standing Committee Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Andy and Ric that the Committee receive the Council and Standing Committee Minutes for information.

Carried

b. Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Erin and Merrilee that the Committee receive the Advisory Committee Minutes for information.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC)

- Discussion on a draft letter to Transport Canada re: freighter anchoring and movement through local waters. The use of dispersants and transport in bad weather was also discussed, along with Bev Bacon's concerns regarding anchor/chain dragging on the ocean floor. Since this is not Metchosin jurisdiction and there are other organizations already actively looking into these issues (one example is the South Coast Ship Watch Alliance), it was decided that Bill will send a follow-up letter to Bev informing her about these organizations. At a municipal level, perhaps

the F&E committee could recommend that Council write a letter to Transport Canada about the concerns of Metchosin residents relating to freighter anchoring and movement through local waters.

Action Item: Bill will send a follow up letter to Bev re: organizations such as the South Coast Ship Watch Alliance that are looking into anchor/chain dragging and ocean floor impacts.

b. Environmental Assessment - Buffer Lands

- A survey will be going out to surrounding neighbours and will be posted on the District's website.

Action Item: Staff please remove this item from the agenda.

c. Metchosin Tree Management Bylaw Review

- Bylaw No. 287 with track changes

Discussed the need to clarify what we are trying to achieve through the tree bylaw/its purpose, how to simplify the bylaw, and the pros and cons of penalties, enforcement, permits, and significant trees. The District can't regulate trees in the ALR which gets tricky with agriculture. Attached to these minutes is the tree bylaw with comments from MEASC members for circulation at the F&E committee meeting.

d. Update on Progress of RFP for Climate Action Plan

Andy informed MEASC members that the Planner has been in contact with Pinna Sustainability and the District now has a proposal from Pinna. A contract should be signed within 2 weeks, with a hopeful completion date for the Climate Action Plan before the next council term begins.

Action Item: Staff please remove this item from the agenda.

7. **New Business**

a) MEASC Summer Meeting Schedule

Committee decided to meet in September or at the call of the chair if something more time sensitive comes up.

b) Winter Road Subdivision Application

MEASC members would like to see a report by a Professional Biologist. Bill will arrange a site visit to familiarize the committee with the property.

Action Item: Bill will arrange a site visit for MEASC members before the end of July.

8. **Reports**

None.

9. **Correspondence**

None.

10. **Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

Moved and Seconded by Jacqueline and Bill that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Carried

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.



April 14, 2022,

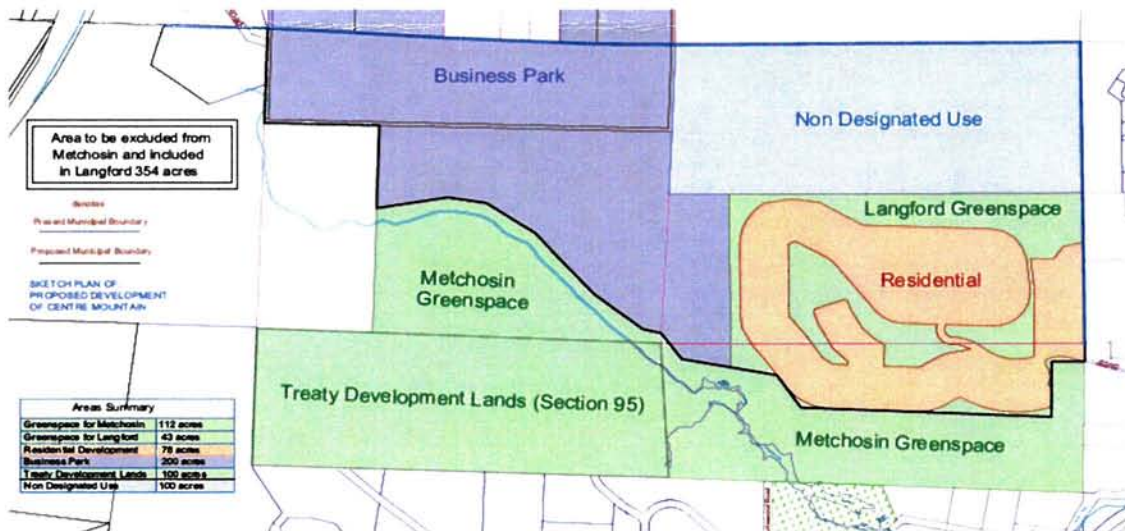
Dear Metchosin Greenspace Area Resident,

Re: Public Engagement - Metchosin Greenspace (PID 030-095-875)

The District of Metchosin is seeking your input through a community survey on future uses of the open space near the Langford border known as the “Metchosin Greenspace”. Metchosin Greenspace is the 112-acre parcel acquired by the District during the boundary adjustment with Langford (see map below). The area is undeveloped but does include a former logging road and some informal trails. There will be an upcoming opportunity on the municipal website www.metchosin.ca to fill out an online survey as well as information about upcoming meetings regarding the Metchosin Greenspace.

You will have additional opportunities to provide input during the coming months. Along with regularly scheduled Parks Committee meetings, the District is planning an open house where you and other Metchosin residents can share your views. The open house will provide opportunities to engage in-person, and input is also welcome via written submissions and comments.

Your feedback is important as Council grapples with the best use of this important greenspace and contemplates what role it will play in providing park and recreational opportunities as well as preserving natural environments in Metchosin.



Metchosin Greenspace Community Survey

This survey is part of the consultation process regarding the future use for the land identified as Metchosin Greenspace. The purpose of this communication is to understand what features residents want to see prioritized for the future use of the land.

1. Are you a resident of Metchosin?

- Yes
- No

2. If Yes, what area do you live in? Choose an area that best describes your location.

- Neild Road
- Boulder Path
- Hibbert Lane
- Wild Cherry Drive
- Zanita Heights
- Winter Road
- Dallimore Road
- Neff Road
- Centremont Lane
- Dallimore Road
- Happy Valley Road (address range from Centremont to Glennforest)
- Other

3. Each Year, how frequently do you visit Parks within Metchosin? Choose one.

- Daily
- At least once a week
- At least once a month
- Only once on a while
- Never

4. How do you typically get to the parks in Metchosin? Choose one

- Always walk
- Usually walk
- Always drive
- Usually drive
- Other

5. Which of the following Metchosin Parks and/or Trails have you visited in the last 12 months ? (see attached Parks and Trails Brochure)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 Blaney Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 23 Metchosin Roadside Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Blinkhorn Nature Park | <input type="checkbox"/> | 24 Montreul Hill Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 Bob Mountain Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 25 Mt. Ash Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 Bradene Steps | <input type="checkbox"/> | 26 Municipal Grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 Bransen Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 27 Park Dr Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 Buckbrush Swamp Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 28 Pearson College Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 Carton Cosh Nature Park | <input type="checkbox"/> | 29 Rocky Point Roadside Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 Duke Roadside trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 30 Ron Weir Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 Eleanor Mann Park | <input type="checkbox"/> | 31 Sea Bluff Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 Farhill Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 32 Sweet Chestnut Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 Ferncliff Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 33 Taylor Beach Access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 Helgeson Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 34 Village Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 13 Hillman Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 35 Wayne's Roack Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 14 Horse Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 36 Weir's Beach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 15 Joe Lodge Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 37 Metchosin Park Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 16 Kangaroo Roadside Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 38 Alber Head Lagoon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 17 Labonne Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 39 Devonian Regional Park (CRD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 18 Lisandra Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 40 Matheson Lake Park (CRD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 19 Libra Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> | 41 Tower Point Park (CRD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 20 Lusse Way Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 42 Witty's Lagoon (CRD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 21 Madill Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | 43 Witty Beach Stairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 22 Matheson Lake Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

6. Do you walk a dog in Metchosin Parks? If so, on or off leash (choose one)

- On Leash
- Off Leash
- Both
- I do not walk a dog

7. Please tell us how important to you are the following benefits and/or recreational activities that could be provided within the Metchosin Greenspace.

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Quite important	Very Important
	1	2	3	4	5
A place to protect greenspaces for wildlife habitat and corridors, species and ecosystems					
A place to provide a buffer between Langford development and Metchosin	1	2	3	4	5
Connection to other parkland	1	2	3	4	5
A place to walk/hike	1	2	3	4	5
A place to walk a dog	1	2	3	4	5
A place to ride a horse	1	2	3	4	5
A place to ride a mountain bike	1	2	3	4	5
Other, please specify	1	2	3	4	5

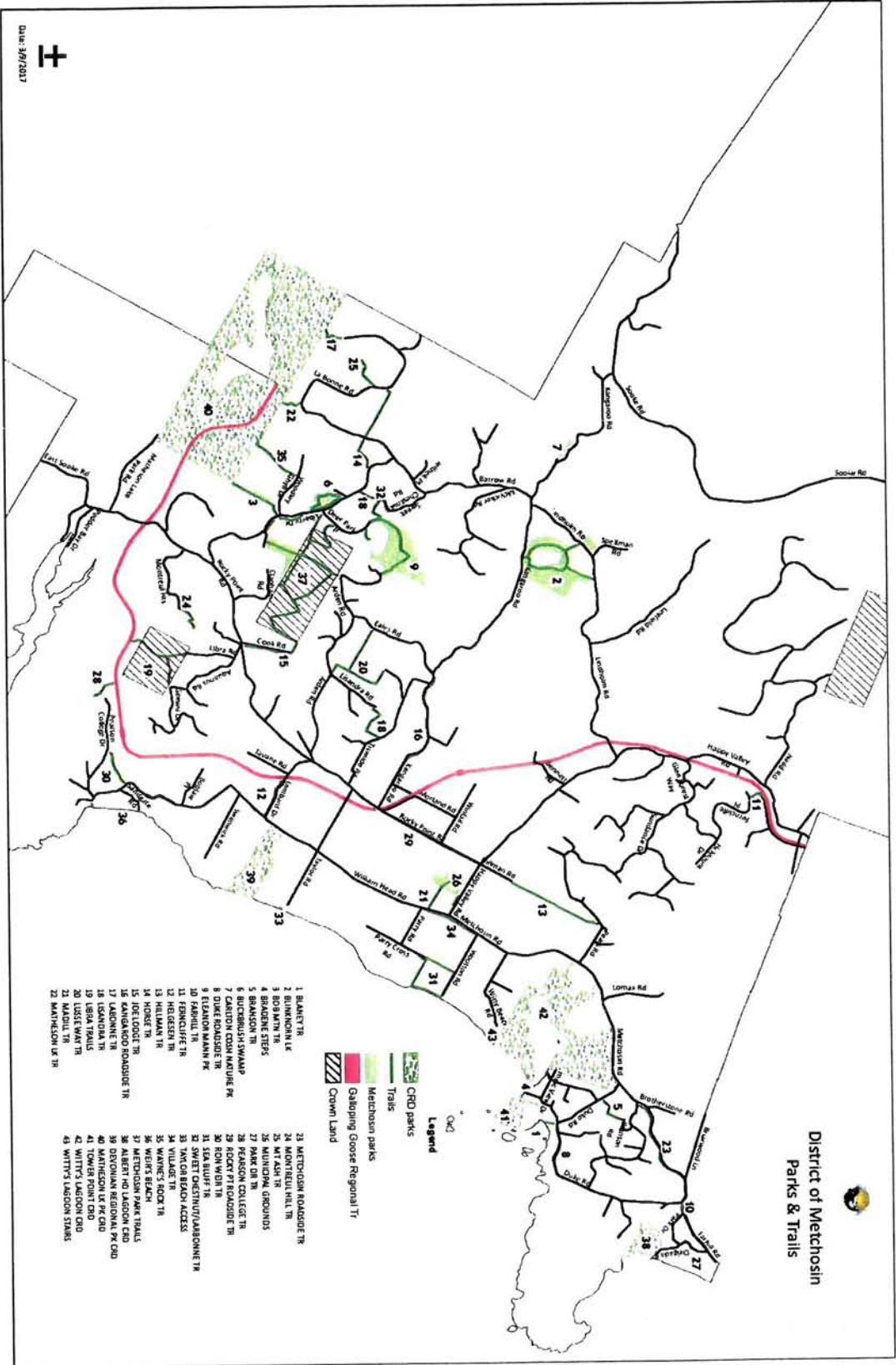
9. Do you have any additional suggestions for activities or uses they would like to see the Metchosin Green Space used for?

10. Do you have any other comments?

11. Does anyone in your household face mobility challenges? Yes No

Thank you for taking the time to contribute to the Metchosin Greenspace vision.

You can email info@metchosin.ca, mail or drop-off your completed surveys to the Municipal Hall, 4450 Happy Valley Road, Victoria V9C 3Z3 by **September 9, 2022**.



Tina Hansen

From: MARK ATHERTON <[REDACTED]>
Sent: July 8, 2022 7:23 PM
To: Tina Hansen
Cc: Marie-Térèse Little; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 942 Winter Road

Hi Tina

Please add Bev's note to the subdivision agenda item for the next P&TASC meeting..

Thanks.

Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: July 8, 2022 6:49 PM
To: 'Andy MacKinnon'; 'Marie-Térèse Little'
Cc: Bill Cave; 'MARK ATHERTON'
Subject: FW: 942 Winter Road

Dear Andy and Marie-Terese,

I'm sending you a copy of my note to PTASC and MEASC about a subdivision plan for 942 Winter Road.

Because of the location being at the base of Metchosin Mountain, my first notion is that it would be good to provide a passage way for the bear and other wildlife that come and go from the mountain. I think we need that more than any park for people.

I ran this idea past Kathy Saluke and she liked it. She lives on an adjoining property. Kathy told me there have been three cougar sightings in the neighbourhood in the last month.

By providing an attractive protected corridor for the wildlife, we would be making it safer for people and livestock and also less likely that the bear and cougar would be killed.

It would be nice if this idea turned out to be practical. Perhaps there is incentive money from some level of government or a conservation group for creating a safe passage for wildlife.

Thanks for considering my idea.

Bev

On Jul 8, 2022, at 4:37 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

I went to the district office and looked at the lot plan for the subdivision on 942 Winter Road. It's still at a preliminary stage. I was told it has been sent to PTASC and MEASC for comment. Here are the broad strokes:

The house will remain on 5 acres.

There will be two 2-acre lots and two 10-acre lots created.

I see mentioned that there is a possibility of 2 acres as "park".

I have trouble picturing that this property is on the slope of Metchosin Mountain because I'm only familiar with the other side of the mountain.

My first thought is that maybe instead of a park for people we need a corridor for the bears who come and go from the mountain.

The bears become unpopular when they go through people's yards. I know first-hand about the bears on Metchosin Mountain.

Not having walked the property, I don't know if this is a sensible suggestion or not.

Bev

Tina Hansen

From: Grant <[REDACTED]>
Sent: September 2, 2022 1:58 PM
To: Marie-Térèse Little
Cc: Mayor and. Council; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Weirs Beach Right of Way Path

>
 > Dr. Marie-Terese Little
 > Chair, Metchosin Parks Committee
 > 4450 Happy Valley Rd.
 > Metchosin, BC
 > V9C 3Z3
 >
 > Re: Right of Way, Weirs Beach
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 > In regards to the above, we wish to express our thoughts and concerns regarding the the right of way used as a beach access to the south end of Weirs Beach. We understand that yourself and Mr. Atherton visited the site with our neighbour Adrian Hannan. Our property is located on the other side of the right of way and the path. I have spoken to Mr. Atherton since then, and discussed the path issue with him, and he kindly suggested that we write a letter regarding our concerns to you and the Parks Committee.
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 > The following are our concerns regarding the use of the path as a beach access by the public:
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 > *parking is inadequate, creating an unsafe traffic and pedestrian
 > issue
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 > *garbage is continually being left at the top and bottom of the path,
 > as well as along the path and on the beach itself
 >
 > *dog feces are often found on the path and on the beach, sometimes in
 > a bag and sometimes not
 >
 > *the path is unsafe from the top to the bottom, risking personal
 > injury to the public. The number of people using the path is equal
 > year round, by beach goers, dog walkers, etc. Summer is definitely
 > not the busiest time of year, as you might suspect. In winter time
 > the path becomes even more dangerous due to the rain making some very
 > slick conditions. We see people continually falling as they try to
 > maneuver along the path
 >
 > *since people use this path at all times of the day and night, and it
 > is directly beside our property, noise can sometimes be an issue as
 > well
 >
 > Our request would be to close the path to the public, thereby eliminating those issues entirely. The public does have access to the beach from the north end via Sandgate Road where specific parking spots are located. We feel that it is inappropriate and quite frankly dangerous for the right of way to continue to be used for beach access.

>
> If the decision is made to continue to use the right of way as beach access for the public then we request that a survey be done, as well as consideration be given to the risk of erosion, and coastal protection, as well as obtaining the required permits necessary. There is also a stream which runs through this right of way which will need to be addressed as well before any work is to begin. We also request that notification be provided to us, in a timely fashion, as to the Town's intentions, which includes being notified prior to any work being done. Our emails and phone numbers are provided below.

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> Thank you for your attention and we look forward to hearing from yourself and/or the committee regarding this important matter.

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> Yours truly,

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> Grant & Sandy Gingrich

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> [Redacted]

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Dear Mayor John Ranns and Council Members of Metchosin,

July 5, 2020

As long-term owners of [REDACTED] William Head Road, we are writing to express our urgent safety and health concerns regarding the current dangerous parking situation along William Head Road. Undoubtedly, there has been a tremendous increase in traffic and parked vehicles across and in front of the Weir's Beach southern public access between the Weir's Beach Lodge and [REDACTED] William Head Rd. Drivers, including those working at William Head Institution, seldom abide by the 30 km residential speed zone and are presenting a pressing safety concern for all residents and beach visitors.

Just recently, while gardening on a busy summer afternoon, we witnessed a young child nearly get run over by someone speeding around the blind corner directly across the street from our home. This child was crossing the road excitedly with beach toys in hand as her family was gathering other items from their trunk. As you can imagine, it was beyond frightening for us to witness this close call, not to mention the terrorized faces of her own screaming parents.

Having raised 3 children at our present home, we have consistently faced concerns about the speed at which motor vehicles, motorcyclists, and cyclists have driven and continue to drive/ride on this twisty road. This is no new danger; we have felt uneasy about this lack of road safety ever since moving here and are worried not only for our family, but also for our neighbours, their young children, and all residents and visitors in our neighbourhood.

The people that have been parking on this road for beach access seem to be completely unaware of the speed limit in this area. It is unacceptable that vehicles have been parking close to and on blind corners, around road bends, and blocking the 2 bus stops. Vehicles have pulled unsafe U-turns and three point turns at both of the blind corners and have driven across our lawn in the process. Over the years, on at least three occasions, we have heard and attended to car, motorcycle, and bicycle accidents with each skidding off the road into the area above the Lodge, near this beach access point. This concern has been previously submitted to council with requests for better signage; however, no response was received whatsoever.

Due to this increase of road traffic and beach activity during these recent months, there are various related problems that demand addressing:

LITTERING: This area has been constantly littered by people emptying their trash outside of parked vehicles rather than taking them home to properly dispose of.

LACK OF A WASHROOM: There is a serious public health issue of people defecating on the foreshore and along this access and beside our neighbour's fence line leading to the beach. Soiled baby wipes and diapers are left here and along the road.

EROSION OF BEACH ACCESS: These access stairs are suffering from erosion of the soils and material supporting the lower beachfront section and are becoming potentially dangerous and a liability, especially in lower light conditions.

Possible solutions to consider:

#1. Painting **YELLOW NO PARKING LINES** on the road edges where it is deemed unsafe to park. Take into account the width of available parking area while creating safe driver and pedestrian sight lines and enforcing it by the installation of **NUMEROUS NO PARKING SIGNAGE**. This was recently implemented successfully at Sandgate Rd.

#2. **TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT CLOSURE OF THIS PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS.**

#3. Installation of **ROAD SPEED BUMPS** to decrease vehicular speeds.

The problematic access to Weir's Beach will continue to present health and safety concerns to the general public and area residents, particularly with the population increase of surrounding areas. Digital pictures are being sent separately showing these dangerous concerns that demand attention. The Metchosin Council needs to adopt a more proactive approach to communal problems before preventable accidents occur.

We respectfully hope that this council will wisely **ACT** to prevent an accident or tragedy rather than wait to **REACT** to a statistic. Thank you for your attention on this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Don and Nancy Farkas
[REDACTED]

September 6, 2022

Marie-Terese Little, PhD
Councillor,
District of Metchosin,
Chair, District of Metchosin Parks Committee
4450 Happy Valley Road
Victoria, BC, V9C 3Z3

Dear Dr. Little,

On July 5, 2020 we sent a letter of concern to the Mayor and Council Members of Metchosin, wherein we detailed numerous public health safety concerns (letter attached hereto). We then attended a council meeting and along with our neighbor we discussed the details that are most concerning for the public and the District of Metchosin.


The speeding traffic to and from the prison including some city busses along this reduced speed zone with blind S turns is deeply troubling. Local pedestrians and bicyclists this area daily and must remain vigilant on the road shoulders and corners. Our greatest concern is for the danger to small children crossing the road who, along with their parents may be totally unaware of the speeding vehicles.

As we had noted in our original letter, there is a great safety hazard in using the posted beach access at this end of Weir's Beach. Due to high usage over the recent years, the access has experienced further erosion and degradation of the steps and railings. There is a large sloped and partially buried stone at the bottom (picture attached), which due to sand and loose material is extremely slippery and we are aware of people having fallen there. This is a public access with signage posted by Metchosin, along with which comes with a public liability.

Please consider a temporary closure of this access until proper professional assessments and appropriate repairs can be made especially at the base of the stairs with consideration of the winter storms that bring high waves and logs, debris, etc.

Unfortunately, it is feasible that no amount of lighting, signage, speed bumps, or parking improvement efforts along this winding road stretch will make it as safe as other off-road parking that exist at Blinkhorn, Devonian, Matheson Lake, or Witty's parks.

Respectfully,

Don and Nancy Farkas




Tina Hansen

From: Mayor and. Council
Sent: September 6, 2022 1:12 PM
To: Andy MacKinnon; John Ranns; Kyara Kahakauwila; Marie-Térèse Little; Sharie Epp
Cc: Lisa Urlacher; Sue-Lin Tarnowski
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] William Head Road - SRW and Beach Access Trail Issues 2022/09/06
Attachments: [REDACTED] William Head - Metchosin Parks - 2022,09,06 - AMH.pdf

From: Adrian Hannam <[REDACTED]>
Sent: September 6, 2022 12:46 PM
To: mlittle@metchosin.ca; Mayor and. Council <mayorAndCouncil@metchosin.ca>; [REDACTED]
firecheif@metchosinfire.ca
Subject: [REDACTED] William Head Road - SRW and Beach Access Trail Issues 2022/09/06

Good afternoon Marie-Terese,

Thank you for meeting with me and for working to address the mounting issues with the beach access trail that traverses the SRW bordering the north side of my property at [REDACTED] William Head Road.

I am keen to work with the District to develop and implement a remediation of the SRW trail and to address the property encroachment and shared liability the poor condition of the trail represent to us both.

Chief Dunlop has been pivotal in reducing some of the safety risks with what she could tackle to date, and I wanted to ensure she has the ability to support the Council with her observations and thoughts as well.

If it would help the parks committee and the Council understand the numerous issues, I am happy to meet and clarify anything I have presented.

Many thanks,

Adrian

[REDACTED]

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Adrian Hannam P.Eng.

September 5th, 2022

Marie-Terese Little, PhD
Councillor,
District of Metchosin,
Chair, District of Metchosin Parks Committee
4450 Happy Valley Road
Victoria, BC, V9C 3Z3

Dear Dr. Little,

I wanted to thank you for meeting me with Mark Atherton at my residence, [REDACTED] William Head Road, on Wednesday August 24th, 2022 to discuss the numerous challenges and some potential options for remedy of the current state of the access to Weirs Beach via the statutory right of way (SRW) bordering the north side of my property. The purpose of this letter is to respond to your request for a written account of the issues we have observed to date, and also to formulate a path forward that is amenable both to the District of Metchosin (District), the beach users, and also to my family.

To answer your question during our meeting on the 24th; when we purchased our house in spring of 2017, and then later moved into the house in August of the same year, we were unaware of the presence of a beach access trail, or the numerous issues it would end up representing. It was only after moving into our house, did we realize that several neighbors gained more convenient access to beach via a trail cut down the bank through the SRW in question, than via Sandgate Road a short distance to the north. From discussions with our neighbors who have lived in the District longer than us, we were told that the access trail was previously cut by in a neighbor, and was unsanctioned and not overseen by the District. It was around this time that we noticed a set of "beach access" and "no beach fires" signs erected on the SRW at the edge of William Head Road. With somebody then having cleared the brush visually obstructing the trail and signage shortly afterwards, the usage of the trail increased beyond that of just the adjacent neighbors.

In the initial few years living at our house, we started land improvements involving the erection of a fence in 2019 to keep people from traversing our property (was a common occurrence) and to improve our privacy. Through our due diligence process, and before setting the concrete foundations for our fence that borders the SRW, I consulted the legal survey (Refer to attached - Appendix 1) and verified my iron pin positions between my property and the SRW with a metal detector. Upon finding my iron property pins (also shown to you and Mark) and running a stringline between and extending straight down the bank to the beach, the epiphany was had that the beach trail commencing from William Head Road and running along the SRW to Weirs cuts to the south and encroaches approximately 1 m into and along the north boundary of my property (Photos available, but not included for brevity).

The site of the encroachment is also the location where the trail is the steepest and the greatest degradation from foot traffic has occurred, and also represents the greatest potential for injury to a person traversing the SRW using this trail. The degree of my family's liability and path(s) forward was not well understood at that time, so we decided to cease the construction of our fence prior to area where the trail cuts into our property until we knew more.

In the beginning of 2020 with the ramping of Covid-19 protocols across the entire country and more focused in the CRD, nearly all jurisdictions closed their parks/beaches to protect the populace and residents. Although, Metchosin bucked the trend and did not temporarily close like the rest, and by late spring/early summer 2020 we saw the number of people on Weirs Beach boost to an estimated 200-300% beyond what we had ever witnessed on the busiest day prior. The throngs of people came and accessed the beach by both Sandgate Road and via the trail running down the SRW, and summer parking and vehicular activities related to beach access could only be described as chaotic at times.

With the substantial increase in numbers of people, came the issues around our house with regular traffic near-misses (between cars, buses, and people), garbage, feces, beach fires, and continuance of people walking through our property via our stairs. My neighbors and I witnessed the proliferation of non-compliant (Chief Dunlop can elaborate as she performed much of the parking enforcement and initiated much of the towing efforts) parking in the S-bends in front our houses along William Head Road and Pearson College Drive, and nearly hourly near-misses at peak times between parkers and interfaces with other vehicles, buses (and the two bus stops in the S-bends), trucks, prison guard/staff changes, etc. I previously tried to educate people parking in the S-bends predominantly to keep their children off the road and to keep their wheels off the pavement to ensure adequate room for the passing traffic, and this was most often been met with disdain and disapproval from the beach-goers/parkers. This was sad and frustrating for us as we were only trying to make the usage safer and reduce the potential for a death in front of our house.

As there is no effective turnaround at the S-bends fronting the SRW beach access, people typically use our driveway to pull into and turnaround or try to complete a multi-point turn mid-corner; these two activities have been the source of most of the vehicular near-misses (example photos and videos available). The continuous pulling into our driveway by cars when we have a small child of our own we are trying to protect often results in my wife putting an obstacle in the middle of the driveway to reduce our exposure during the weekends, and improve the safety of the vehicles who would otherwise use our driveway to try and turnaround mid-curve.

As the number of people continued to grow and became more aware of Weirs Beach and the access beside our house, and due to the increased pressure on the access trail and issues detrimentally affecting my family and neighbors, I emailed Metchosin Mayor and Council on March 23rd, 2020 and again on May 11th (See emails appended – Appendix 2) regarding the issues observed. My initial email was essentially dismissed, and my second email was sent to Mayor and Council shortly before both I attended and spoke with my neighbor at Council about the issues explained herein.

Both my neighbor and I explained our letters, and took the opportunity to speak to Council about our observations and requested action to remedy what has essentially grown into a known unsafe condition, and nuisance to the safe enjoyment of our properties. While it was apparent that there was little that could be done immediately and without further investigation, Councillor Epp came and spoke with me after the meeting and explained that she would endeavour to keep the concerns on the Councils' radar

and the issue would be monitored. Fire Chief Dunlop also spoke with me after the meeting and gave her contact details and advised me to contact her if we observed issues that she could potentially address to improve safety.

So, to address the outstanding, and actually mounting, traffic issues in front of our house resulting from beach goers accessing Weirs via the trail through the SRW, I connected regularly with Chief Dunlop hoping she could assist in remedying the safety issues at least from a vehicular perspective. Chief Dunlop was pivotal in addressing the parking issues along Sandgate by painting a yellow line prohibiting parking on one side of the road to ensure a fire truck could access the properties to its dead end.

While this improved the conditions for the residents of Sandgate, this unfortunately reduced the quantity of vehicles that could park at the North end of Weirs Beach and pushed even more people to park near the SRW in question by our house. Chief Dunlop then addressed some of the parking issues by painting white lines along some verges and establishment of a couple "no parking" signs for some zones near the SRW. While the degree of parking chaos reduced to a somewhat specifically in the corners of the S-bends, the issues have not been effectively remedied as the quantity of people coming to Weirs Beach has effectively increased 2-3 fold each year since 2020.

Throughout the last two years, our family has continued to observe the ongoing issues (see following bullets) with the beach access trail through the SRW:

- Parking of numerous vehicles at a location not conducive to safely park and egress, and/or cross the road to get to the trail.
- Daily dumping of garbage, dog bags, and recyclable materials along the SRW, in front of our house, and where the trail accesses Weirs Beach.
- Substantial degradation of the steep portion of the beach trail cut into the bank including the breakage of wooden steps and exposure of vertical steel-reinforcing rods driven into the ground to support the stairs. The condition of the stairs in their current form represents a significant liability to the District, and unfortunately also to my family due to encroachment.
- The encroachment needs to be remedied to remove my family's liability from the potential for injury of trail users considering its poor state.
- Erosion of the bank and soils on my side of the property line from the inappropriate construction of the trail, its deterioration, and earthworks by one of the neighbors attempting to "maintain" the trail.
- Lack of maintenance of the trees and branches growing over our fence and their ongoing broken branches falling onto and damaging our fence panels and dripping sap onto my boat.

While these issues have been escalating (in particular last two bullets) and they have been starting to cost my family money to repair, I had yet to initiate another attempt to work with the District to determine some degree of remedy. Although, I was home on Friday July 29th, 2022 when Mark Atherton and colleague from the William Head Prison were investigating the trail through the SRW, and he called up to me on my deck asking me to join them. When I met with Mark, he explained that the District was looking into remedying access issues the trail cut through the SRW due to complaints presented to the District.

It is good to hear that the District is taking others residents complaints seriously, but the expectation is that my family's documented issues would be given the same credence. I explained to Mark the issues

and our observations presented herein, and he suggested the writing of a letter to yourself and to Council. During our in-person meeting, you also requested I pen this letter to explain the history, our observations and concerns, and to offer some collaborative solutions. It was during our meeting that both you and Mark observed the challenges the trail presented a pregnant woman with children, and the falling of a girl at the transition of the trail to the beach. My family and neighbors have also witnessed multiple people falling on the trail, and I have seen elderly people crawling up the trail due to its steepness and state. Chief Dunlop called the trail a “high angle rescue” if someone were to fall on it, and the better accesses are at the nearby RV resort or via Sandgate Road.

As a professional mechanical engineer and consultant who designs linear infrastructure down to and into the water, and works with a host of different professional disciplines, I am quite familiar with what the necessary approaches and team would be involved to effectively remediate the issues at hand and to mitigate the current shared liability. Based upon my experience and the previous explanation, the following conclusions can be drawn from our observations:

- The access trail in its current form is not safe (steepness, exposed rebar, broken steps, failed handrail, dusty soil on sloped bedrock, people falling daily, etc.) to transit, and does not comply with any standard. Due to the pressing issues and obvious liability exposure to both the District and my family, the trail should be immediately closed for the shortest period possible until effective and well-planned remediation can be implemented.
- The access trail encroaches on my family’s property, currently represents a liability to my family, and therefore the access trail must be rerouted. Donation of the portion of our family’s property (as was suggested as an option) is not appropriate and does not ameliorate the numerous other issues.
- The access trail’s construction has led to uncontrolled erosion of the bank, predominantly within the footprint of the trail, and requires remediation to protect the slope and trees from further degradation and ongoing erosion damage to our family’s property.
- The steep bank the trail traverses is proliferated with large unmaintained conifers which benefit from the soil around their roots. Removal of soil from the tree roots to cut a new trail could be detrimental to their health, and their damage could then affect the stability of the bank itself and affect the two neighboring properties. This has been an issue observed within the District with other trees removed along steep coastal banks leading to accelerated erosion processes (you mentioned anecdotes of this when we met).
- The trail crosses a piped ditch that requires remediation due to volume of water flow and enhanced foot traffic.
- There are no effective locations for a washroom and the placement of garbage can(s) is expected to come with other issues. While our family continues to collect garbage to keep the area clean and reduce the magnetic effects of leaving dog bags and their sudden multiplication, we cannot address the feces and toilet paper that keeps being deposited along the trail edge through the SRW.
- Steps for the construction of *new* trail through SRW to remedy issues:
 - Perform a formal Needs-Assessment for the trail access which documents the actual needs for the trail and what amenities it should include (width, slope, service-life, parking, lighting, cross-walks, signage, class D construction cost-estimate, etc.) and who it will serve.

- Perform a professional survey with a BCLS-certified Land Surveyor to verify the footprint of the SRW, and to ensure the District can construct a new trail within its bounds. Unfortunately, I cannot offer this service from my firm as we are not BCLS-accredited.
- Perform brush cutting to permit the performance of subsequent due diligence investigations. We would be willing to assist with this process, but understand Mark has sorted a team from William Head Prison.
- Perform geotechnical assessment of the bank to determine the stability, construction options (foundation, raft, piers, etc.), soil properties, and remediation of bank where trail cut currently is deteriorating. This process is imperative, as it will inform the trail designer(s) of what the capacity of the slope is for supporting an access and to determine how to make the new trail survive combined with erosion mitigation guidance on the existing trail that requires remediation.
- Perform arborist assessment of trees to determine health, needs (soil surrounding roots, branch-limbing, etc.), and stability. This will then support arborist work to remedy the extended cantilevered branches and sap being dropped on and damaging our family's fence and boat. I have been moving my boat further forward in my parking area in the interim to reduce sap issues.
- Perform coastal engineering assessment to evaluate the erosion potential of the bank footing at the interface of the high-water mark, and to develop measures to protect the access from further erosion and damage from driftwood strike during storms at high tide levels. This will serve to ensure the access can survive well into the future considering the well-understood effects of sea-level rise and increased storm surge events.
- Develop access options:
 - Geotechnical Engineer – if conditions permit, the cutting of a new trail into the bank exist, and remedy of erosion resulting from failure of existing trail.
 - Civil/Structural Engineer – development of an access design that bridges the steep bank to protect from further erosion, and that both launches and lands a set of new stairs spanning between.
 - Perform any permitting efforts required to initiate construction of trail.
 - I am happy to support the District by interfacing with the requisite professionals and offering guidance both as a community member and professional engineer.
- Implement construction of new trail, complete with upstream remedial measures to address parking, cross-walk, lighting, signage, vehicle speed, etc.

When I started writing this letter, I did not intend on arriving at the most logical immediate measure being to temporarily close the beach access trail. Although, putting myself in the District's position (even independent from mine) considering the well-documented notifications from the public on the poor state of the trail coupled with the obvious liability, the only logical thing to do is to temporarily close the trail until a remedy can be quickly developed and implemented.

Although, our family is still very much concerned with how the District will address the lack of safe access and parking for vehicles and the numerous people crossing the road in the S-bends at the SRW

interface with William Head Road. While the trail remediation does represent some procedural steps and costs, the parking issues (and all that is associated with them) are not something that easily lends itself to a solution. As the western communities grow, it is apparent that the following statement will hold true; "if you build it, they will come". So, the District's efforts to remedy this access, could ultimately result in significant issues that are already a result on this trails proliferation in use.

If there is a silver-lining, one could at least say at least nobody has been seriously injured to date and that with the summer ending the usage of the beach by non-residents will reduce, and safe effective access to the beach still exists via Sandgate and the RV Resort. So, no one person or group will be unduly limited of their ability to access and enjoy Weirs Beach while the District works to perform the necessary due diligence and design work expected of any property owner within Metchosin.

I am happy to meet to further discuss what I have endeavoured to explain herein, and also work with the District and/or Parks Committee to collaborate on an effective path forward. My family truly appreciates your willingness to hear our concerns and to work with us on a way forward that provides the best benefit and safety to all.

Best regards,



Adrian Hannam P.Eng. MCPM

CC: Mayorandcouncil@metchosin.ca



firechief@metchosinfire.ca

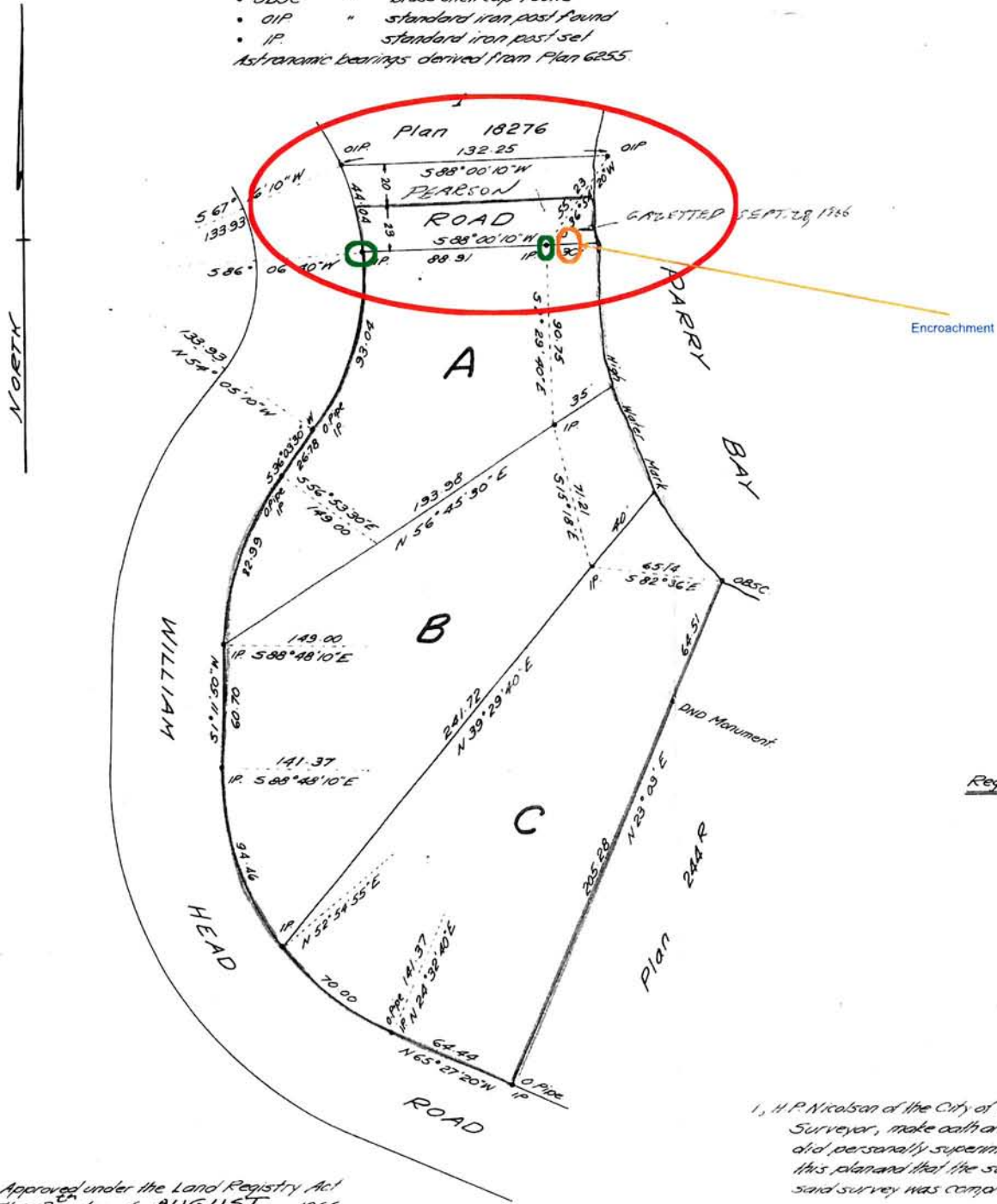
Appendix 1 – Survey Plans

PLAN OF SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1, PLAN 6255,
SECTION 35, METCHOSIN DISTRICT.

Deposited:
 Victoria, B.C.

Scale: 1 inch = 50 feet

- O Pipe denotes iron pipe found
 - OBSC " brass shell cap found
 - OIP " standard iron post found
 - IP " standard iron post set
- Astronomic bearings derived from Plan 6255.



Registered
 Done,
 Patrick
 Witness
 Address

Approved under the Land Registry Act
 this 12th day of AUGUST, 1966

[Signature]
 Approving Officer - Dept. of Highways

Hugh A. Noakes
 B.C. Land Surveyors
 Victoria, B.C.

I, H.P. Nicolson of the City of Victoria
 Surveyor, make oath and say I
 did personally superintend the
 this plan and that the survey and
 said survey was completed on

Sworn before me this
 4th day of July, 1966 *[Signature]*

[Signature]
 A Commissioner for taking affidavits

Appendix 2 – Prior Communication to District

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From: **Adrian Hannam** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, May 11, 2020 at 2:32 PM

Subject: Re: FW: District of Metchosin: Weir's Beach RV Park Closure - Corona Virus

To: John Ranns <jranns@metchosin.ca>, <info@metchosin.ca>

Good afternoon John and the Metchosin Council,

I appreciate your consideration of the points I brought to your attention in late May (previous email) regarding our observations with the public during the COVID scenario affecting us all.

With the relaxing of social/physically distancing and advice by Dr. Bonnie Henry to enjoy the outdoors and our parks, we are wondering why Metchosin's parks are open and Royal Bay and Esquimalt Lagoon are still closed. We know you have no capability of opening parks in other jurisdictions, but it may be worth reaching out to Colwood and Langford to ease the throngs of people entering Metchosin.

This past weekend the road in front of our house ([REDACTED] William Head) was a gong show as numerous people came to Weirs Beach and accessed it via the easement adjacent our property. We are aware that Sandgate Road at the other end of Weirs Beach has pylons erected and tape restricting both the quantity and manner of people parking there.

The result at our house was that numerous cars parked on all sides of the road and some observations included:

- cars parked with tires still on the road reducing its width and safe passage by pedestrians, fire trucks, buses, etc.
- people walking down the road and children crossing to get to their cars while cars are still driving along (all through the compound curves), and apparently unaware of how dangerous this section of the road is.
- bus stop(s) being blocked by cars.
- our driveway being constantly being used as a turnaround (mid-corner) with our son who uses our driveway for chalk art.
- nearly every car (usually including BC Transit Buses, but this actually slowed them down) driving well over the posted 30kph speed limit.
- garbage (dirty baby wipes and toilet paper with human feces, food/candy wrappers, etc.) left all along our front yard, easement, and where our yard fronts the beach.
- numerous cars turning around mid-corner to find or position themselves for parking, with multiple near-misses witnessed and captured on video.

I have sent you a DropBox link of photos and videos showing only some of what we captured yesterday (2020/05/10).

The beach access at the end of Weirs beach is not appropriate (from a safety, sanitary, perspective etc.) for the quantity of people who have been increasingly employing it to get to the beach.

The beach access already illegally crosses our property line at the beach end, and is eroding both from the poor design and from the massive increase in traffic. The access's current configuration from an erosion-control perspective (coming from a professional engineer who designs coastal structures and revetments) is very poor, and will result in further erosion and failure of my property's bank. If the beach access is improved to increase safety, this will likely impinge upon my property further and result in further enhanced action to protect our asset/property.

At this point in time, we are very concerned for our and our son's safety with how the road is being used by all the cars and the number of people not adhering to the posted vehicle speed coupled with the parking anarchy that will only get worse as summer approaches.

We ask you to please review the photos and videos that we have captured and work with us to better address safe parking for beach goers on Pearson College road versus the compound corners at our house. If this beach access is to remain open to public, the safest option would be to close the sides of William Head to public parking and move them to a slow and straight section along Pearson.

Can you please respond with your thoughts, and feel free to reach out to me at your convenience to discuss how to make this better for everybody?

Best regards,

Adrian Hannam P.Eng.
[REDACTED]

On Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 1:44 PM John Ranns <jranns@metchosin.ca> wrote:

Adrian - thanks for your email. Weir's Beach RV Parks is as you know a private facility and we have no authority through business licencing to regulate a concern like this. We have however forwarded your email to Island Health for their information.

Most of the parks in Metchosin are CRD and again out of our jurisdiction. In discussion with CRD Parks they have advised that at this time there is no plan to close the parks however they take their direction from the BC Public Health Officer.

I am reluctant to close our trail systems as most of the trails are used by the local area residents and provide a needed respite from sheltering in place. The COVID situation evolves from day to day and similar to regional parks we will continue to monitor provincial directions. Currently, the Island Health Authority is advising:

"Social distancing does not mean total isolation. If you do not have symptoms you can enjoy the outdoors and activities that do not bring you into contact with people from outside your home."

Throughout this situation we will be providing regular updates to the District website as changes occur. Thank you again for your concerns - John

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

From: Adrian Hannam [mailto:
[REDACTED]

Sent: March 22, 2020 9:05 AM

To: Info

Cc: Adrian Hannam

Subject: District of Metchosin: Weir's Beach RV Park Closure - Corona Virus

Good morning Metchosin Council Team,

Our family lives at the west end of Weirs Beach, and have noted the Weirs Beach RV appears to operating as it does prior to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Many of the licence plates of the transient recreation vehicles are from out of province. Watching the gatherings that are occurring at each tiny "campsite", shows that the campers are not isolating from each other at their sites or on the beach itself. We have photos that support our observations that people are not taking social/physical isolation seriously.

We understand that some people permanently reside at the RV park, which we are ok with. Although, there is no reason people should be camping and recreating away from home during this current outbreak.

As people are still leaving their homes to go to Metchosin's beautiful beaches and parks (we are staying out at home as recommended), we are very concerned with RV park remaining open and intermingling with all the other park users; many of whom are obviously from other municipalities.

Can you please consider what we and our closest neighbours have spoken about and are concerned with, and close the RV park(s) as they represent a risk to our community.

Our recommendation would be to also close the parks to help to keep people from cross-contaminating and to protect the community from exposure to the virus brought in by residents of less rural municipalities.

It would also be worth providing an update on the District website communicating the policies and associated explanation of how the District will be carrying out business for the reasonable future.

Many thanks,

Adrian Hannam P.Eng.



Sent from my iPhone

Tina Hansen

From: MARK ATHERTON <[REDACTED]>
Sent: September 14, 2022 7:50 AM
To: Tina Hansen
Subject: FW: Email for parks and trails

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Correspondence for the P&TASC agenda as noted in my agenda comments.

From: [Mark Atherton](#)
Sent: August 18, 2022 6:35 PM
To: [Atherton Mark or Kathy](#)
Subject: Fwd: Email for parks and trails

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Fischer <[REDACTED]>
Date: August 18, 2022 at 10:29:46 AM PDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Email for parks and trails

Hi Mark,

I'm forwarding my email to you (being that you're the chair of PTASC) which I sent to trailscoordinator@metchosin.ca on July 23rd. I've not received any reply, so am unsure if that address is being monitored. Can you please let me know if our request has been received? I hope we can get this work done before the rain comes...

Thanks!
Mike Fischer

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From: Mike Fischer <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, Jul 23, 2022 at 2:02 PM
Subject: Fwd: Email for parks and trails
To: <trailscoordinator@metchosin.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

To Metchosin Parks and Trails,

We would first like to say how much we appreciate all the work you do to maintain and improve the recreational and natural spaces of the district of Metchosin. We are writing to bring your attention to a

section of Lusse Way trail near the Eales Road divide.

Due to storm and heavy rains this past fall & winter a section of trail that was recently improved has begun to rapidly degrade. Our property borders the trail and we are in the process of replacing our fence that runs along the trail. We and our neighbours (on the other side of the trail) have noted that the area where the trail is washing out would greatly benefit from a culvert and a berm to help redirect the increased rainfall towards the existing wetlands areas on the southern end of our property rather than continuing to wash out and damage the trail.

Between ourselves our immediate neighbours, and our friends and contacts throughout Metchosin, we are able to source the equipment required to effect this repair and modification to the impacted trail section. If PTASC would be willing and able do the culvert installation, that would be wonderful. If that is not possible in the next month or two, then we and our neighbours are also willing to donate some labour to this project, but would appreciate:

- written approval for culvert and berm
- provision or reimbursement for culvert section (estimated at x 10-12ft of 6-8" culvert material)
- reimbursement for suitable roadbase and fill
- reimbursement for micro-excavator and operator estimated at \$300 for 3 hours inc equipment delivery and pickup.

We would be happy to meet with PTASC to give a site tour and discuss the work at a mutually convenient time. Our contact info:

Mike Fischer & Jacqueline Clare



Our immediate neighbours (opposite side of Lusse Way trail):

Wendy and Emile Chartrand



Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Mike Fischer



DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

MEMORANDUM

TO: **Mark Atherton, Chair PTASC**
Bill Cave, Chair MEASC

FROM: **Melissa Kirk, Building/Planning Clerk**

DATE: **June 27, 2022**

Our File: **3320-22-01**

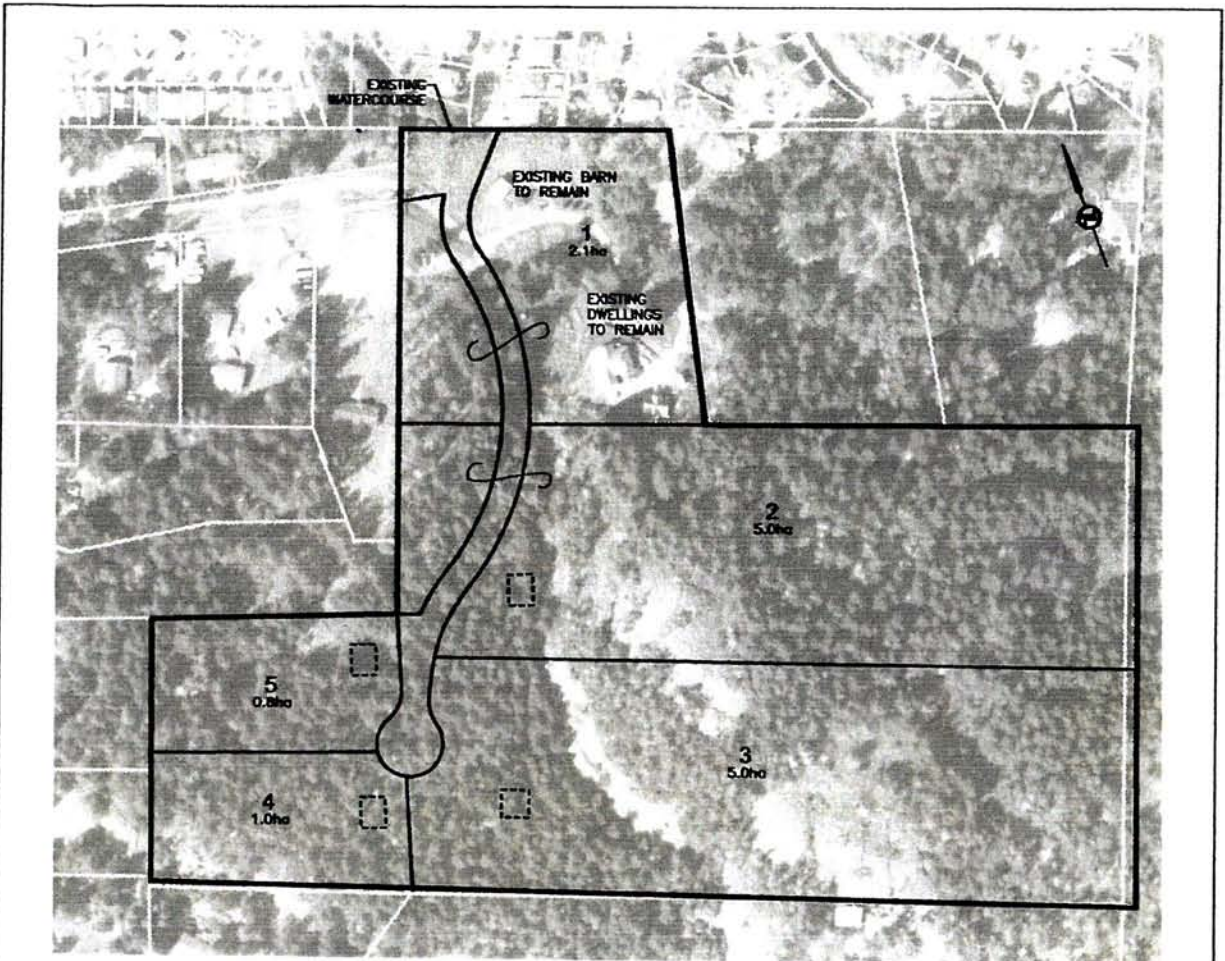
Re: Proposed 5-Lot Subdivision of:
Lot 9, Section 82, Metchosin Land District, Plan 2228
(942 Winter Road)

Please find enclosed a proposed 5-lot subdivision plan for the above noted properties.

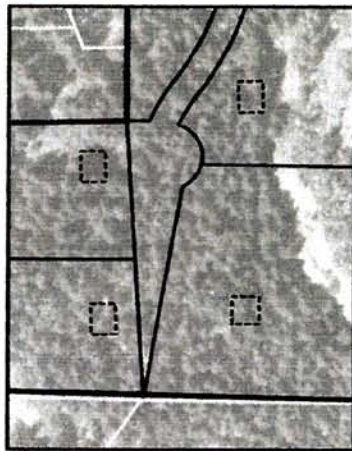
The applicants are:

Lee Johnston
942 Winter Road
Victoria BC V9C 3X4
Tel: [REDACTED]

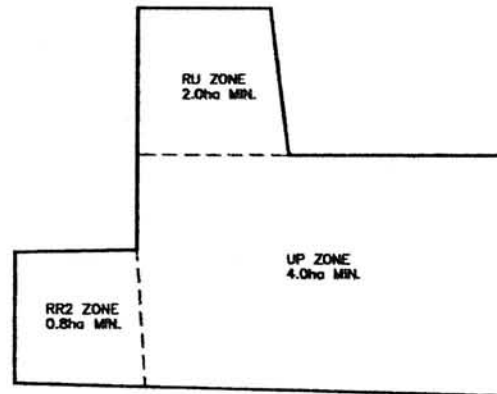
Please advise me as soon as possible of any concerns, comments and recommendations regarding the proposal. If you should require further information or documentation, please contact me.



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PARK CALCULATIONS:
 SITE AREA = 36 acres (APPROX.)
 5% PARK = 1.8 acres (0.73ha) TO BE DISCUSSED

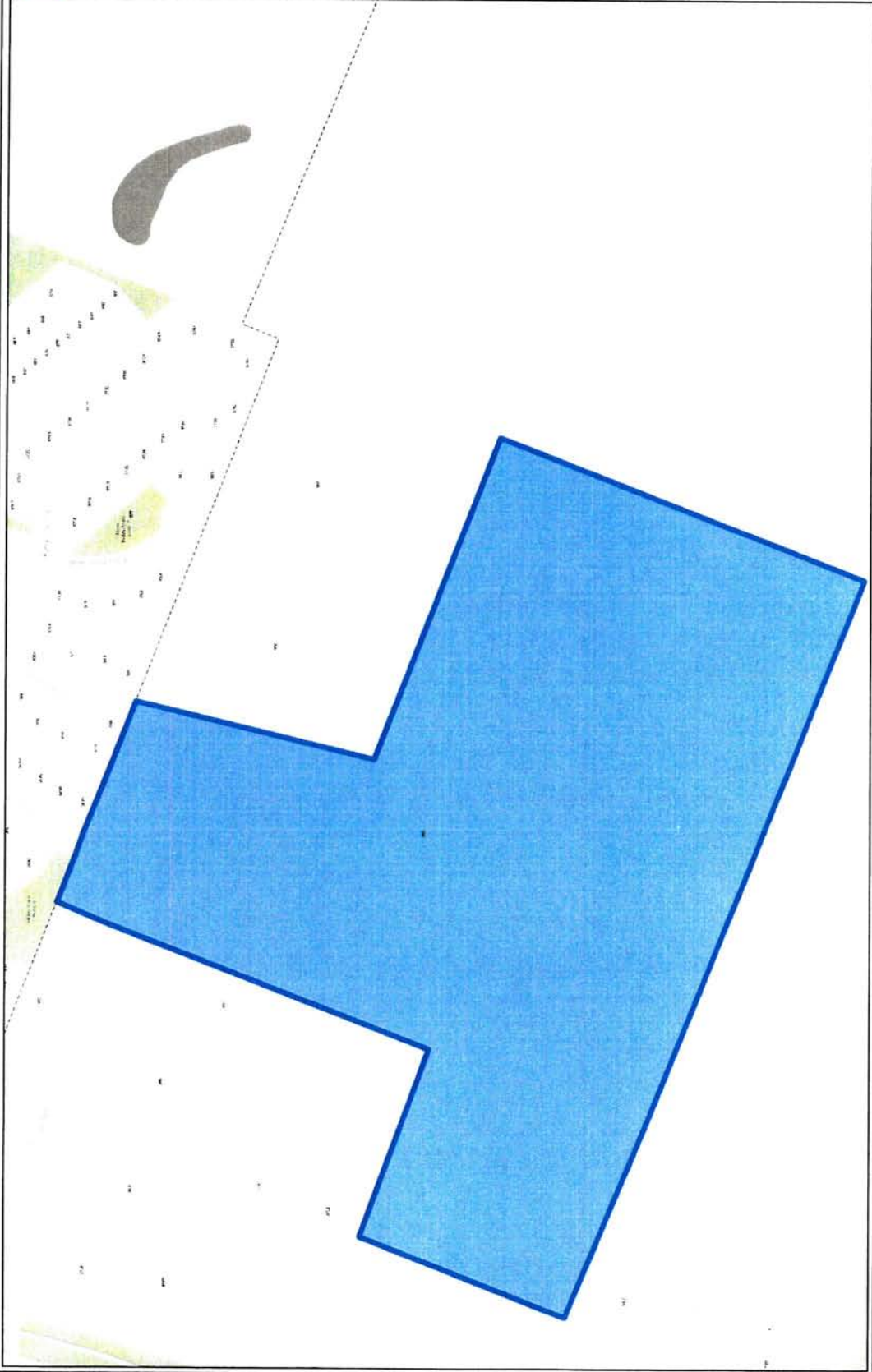


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JEA J E ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES
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 PHONE: 250-727-2214 info@jeanderson.com



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Tina Hansen

From: MARK ATHERTON <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August 17, 2022 7:19 AM
To: Tina Hansen
Cc: Marie-Térèse Little; 'Adam Wier'; Jenn Burgis
Subject: Blaney Park

Hi Tina

I am writing to advise that our Parks and Trails Coordinator, in consultation with Councilor Little and myself, has authorized an expenditure for a youth to do watering of new plantings in Blaney Park. He will be paid a stipend of \$7.50 per watering event. This is estimated at twice per week until the falls rains take over.

Jennifer Burgis will coordinate the work and will pay the stipend with the expectation she will be reimbursed by the District through the Parks and Trails budget.

Please add this to the next P&TASC agenda for information.

Thanks.

Mark

Pd	Ref #	Description	Batch No	SL	Vend #	Debit	Credit	Balance
	Account: 01-2710-2770	Commission Expenses - PTAC	Fiscal Year: 2022		From Period: 1	To Period: 12		
		Include Encumbrance						
	YTD Budget				400.00			400.00
		Yet to be processed in accounts payable - August expense			45.00			355.00 balance end of Sept
		August expense - Blaney Trail watering						

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	Account: 01-2710-2740	TRAIL MAINTENANCE	Fiscal Year: 2022		From Period: 1	To Period: 12		
		Include Encumbrance						
	4	AP-IN\ MAR/31 BLINKHORN PARK:GRAVEL & SPREAD	614370	AP	B0276	887.44		3,000.00
	4	AP-IN\ MAR/22 ARDEN RD TRAIL:EXCAVATOR & GRAVEL	614370	AP	B0276	925.00		2,112.56
	5	AP-IN\ PEARSON COLLEGE TRAIL:EXCAVATOR& DUMP	614484	AP	B0276	2,278.97		1,187.56
	5	AP-IN\ AUGER BIT NAIL KILLER	614484	AP	S0215	46.75		-1,091.41
	6	AP-IN\ REIMBURSE:A.WEIR, CMMTY HS FENCE BLOCKS	614567	AP	W0289	103.68		-1,138.16
	8	AP-IN\ MAY 28-AUG 5/22 BLANEY TRAIL WATERING	614797	AP	C0146	2.40		-1,241.84
								-1,244.24 balance @ Sept 14/22
								over budget

Pd	Ref #	Description	Batch No	SL	Vend #	Debit	Credit	Balance
	Account: 01-2731-7500	MINOR CAPITAL-TRAILS DEVELOPMENT	Fiscal Year: 2022		From Period: 1	To Period: 12		
		Include Encumbrance						
	3	AP-IN\ NOV/21:HAPPY VALLEY ROADSIDE TRAIL WORKS	614332	AP	S0216	340.00		10,000.00
	4	AP-IN\ HAPPY VALLEY RD TRAIL:GRAVEL,DUMP,SPREAD	614370	AP	B0276	2,447.69		9,660.00
	7	AP-IN\ HAPPY VALLEY TRAIL:8xREBARS,5xPOST BLOCK	614702	AP	S0215	299.44		7,212.31
	7	AP-IN\ HAPPY VALLEY TRAIL: ZINC SCREWS FENCING	614702	AP	S0215	34.40		6,912.87
	7	AP-IN\ HAPPY VALLEY TRAIL: 6x 10' CEDAR SPLIT R	614702	AP	X0130	157.29		6,878.47
								6,721.18 balance @ Sept 14/22

Pd	Ref #	Description	Batch No	SL	Vend #	Debit	Credit	Balance
	Account: 02-9502-0000	TRAILS - DEVELOPMENT	Fiscal Year: 2022		From Period: 1	To Period: 12		
		Include Encumbrance						
	YTD Budget					52,000.00		52,000.00
	Remaining for Year							52,000.00 balance @ Sept 14/22