



## DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

### AGENDA

#### PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

January 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL HALL

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District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 20 2022 at 7:00 P.M.  
Council Chamber, Municipal Hall**

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**Present:** Mark Atherton (meeting chair), Ron Aubrey, Ellen Dewar, Karen Hoffman, Lee Johnston, Councillor Marie-Térèse Little, Jim Nan, Gord Stodola (recorder for meeting)

**Regrets:** Adam Weir

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

**1. Agenda, Additions and Approval: Added 5d) Horse Trail.**

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

**2. Public Participation:** none

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**a) Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee, May 17, 2022**

Moved by Karen that the Committee approve the minutes of the Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. **Carried.**

**4. Receipt of Minutes**

**a) Parks Committee June 13, July 18 and August 22, 2022**

**b) Metchosin Environmental Advisory Select Committee June 28, 2022**

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

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

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**a) Picnic Table on Sea Bluff Trail:** The Ken Farquharson Memorial Bench installation was completed July 1. Adam donated services and materials in kind, and raised the question as to whether Laura Farquharson should be reimbursed a certain amount due to these donations.

Members recognized the extra effort put in by both Adam and Mark to get this table procured and installed, work that would historically be taken on in part by Public Works.

Ron suggested that a follow-up on memorial assets nearing their end-of-maintenance agreement be undertaken. The asset list developed by Bonnie in 2018 (?) would be a good starting point

**Action:** Mark to check with District if a partial refund to Laura is appropriate.

**Action:** Adam to review asset list and identify benches and tables requiring maintenance and recommitment of maintenance financing.

**b) Optimizing Public Engagement – Buffer Land Parcel**

- **Metchosin Greenspace Community Survey** – was sent out in August.

**Moved** by Ron that the Committee receive the above-noted survey for information. **Carried.**

**Action:** request to staff that PTASC receive results of survey when collated.

- c) Request for Memorial Bench at Sea Bluff:** Mark recently received a request for a memorial bench at Sea Bluff. He contacted the landowner and, while sympathetic, felt that with two benches and a table already installed, the property was at capacity.

The conversation segued to the Welcome to Metchosin sign. Ron has asked Public Works this year and last year for assistance with weed whacking, without response.

**Action** – Councillor Little to follow up with Public Works.

- d) Horse Trail** – discussion about the proposed bridge on hold due to funding issues. Mark to cover in **8c) PTASC 2022 Expenditures** below.

**6. Reports**

- a) Parks and Trails Coordinator Report Verbal Report:** Adam reported the following:

- The Ken Farquharson picnic table was done in July. Adam donated the pad prep and pavers.
- Mark and Gord did brush removal on the trail between Branson & Duke in July.
- Adam did some blackberry trimming on the Hillman trail in July.
- Adam received an email in June from the district stating the Trails Maintenance budget didn't have enough room in it for work done in the year to date.

He's since found out that there is about \$3,300 left in the 'minor capital trails development' so that could be used to do the horse trail. He's left messages for Benson Excavating but hasn't received a return call.

**Note to Adam** – PTASC confirms trail priorities are the Horse Trail, Lusse Way and Metchosin Park near Cripple Creek, in the direction of the Clapham Drive trailhead.

- b) Council Liaison Verbal Report:** updates were provided in **5. Business Arising from the Minutes.**

- c) Chair Verbal Report:** Mark reported the following:

- Happy Valley Road at Community House – split-rail fences installed;
- Benches – Mark sanded and stained a number of benches, including those at Weirs Beach, at the base of Taylor Road and at Lombard and William Head Roads.
- William Head inmates – completed trimming on Bob Mountain; also two shifts of daphne pulling on Ron Weir Trail; next will be Blaney Park aiding Jennifer Burgis.
- Stairs at Weirs Beach – are eroding and unsafe. Mark and Councillor Little have discussed with an adjacent landowner. More discussion under **7. Correspondence.**

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

**Action** – Mark to follow up re possible fire smarting opportunities with District.

7. **Correspondence**

- a) **Bev Bacon, Proposed Subdivision, 942 Winter Road.** Correspondence, sent to both PTASC and MEASC, focused on a wildlife corridor, a topic under MEASC's purview.
- b) **Grant and Sandy Gingrich, Weir Beach Access**
- c) **Don and Nancy Farkas, July 5 and September 6, 2022, Weir Beach Access**
- d) **Adrian Hannam, Weir Beach Access**

PTASC members felt these letters were articulate, accurate and solution-oriented.

**Moved** by Ron that PTASC recommends to council that:

- the trail be closed due to liability issues;
- a plan be developed for safe access, with input from adjacent landowners;
- road safety issues be addressed in concurrence with plan development;
- a portion of the \$52K in the 2022 PTASC budget allocated for the Parry – Taylor roadside trail be used for planning work in this calendar year. **Carried.**

- e) **Mike Fischer, Lusse Way Trail:** referred to PTASC Trails Coordinator. Already identified as a priority.

**Moved** by Jim that the Committee receive the above correspondence for information. **Carried**

8. **Other Business**

- a) **Proposed 5 Lot Subdivision, 942 Winter Road:** Mark verified that this property meets the criteria for a 5% dedication as parkland, or cash in lieu. Committee members able will perform a walkabout of the property September 30<sup>th</sup> at 09:00. Meet at the barn.
- b) **Blaney Park Watering** – the youth volunteer who has been watering the plantings at Blaney Park will receive a small stipend for each watering he performs.
- c) **PTASC 2022 expenditures** – 2022 expenditures were reviewed. Trail maintenance is over budget, but a surplus exists in Minor Capital – Trails Development.

**Moved** by Ron that PTASC recommends to staff that funds in Minor Capital – Trails Development be allowed to be used for trail maintenance. **Carried.**

**Action** – Mark to follow up with District.

9. **Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

**Moved** by Gord to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. **Carried.**

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2022, or at the call of the Chair.



District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Parks Committee Meeting  
September 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Council Chamber  
Metchosin Municipal Hall

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The meeting has been recorded

**Present:** Councillor Little in the Chair, Mayor Ranns, Councillors MacKinnon, and Kahakauwila. Also present was Lisa Urlacher, CAO, Sue-Lin Tarnowski, Chief Financial Officer and Tina Hansen, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Councillor Epp

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

**1. Agenda, Additions and Approval**

**Moved and Seconded** by Councillors MacKinnon and Kahakauwila that the Committee approve the agenda with the addition of the Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee minutes, September 20, 2022.

**Carried**

**2. Public Participation**

Pattie Whitehouse, resident, Dogs in Metchosin Working Group member commented on the amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw to limit handlers (commercial or otherwise) in possession of more than 4 dogs in a municipal park. Ms. Whitehouse stated that she is not in support of the amendment due to safety concerns for the dog walker and having four dogs on-leash. Ms. Whitehouse suggested Metchosin initiate a commercial licence/permit or registration system for commercial dog walkers.

Debra Pile, resident, Dogs in Metchosin Working Group member stated that she was not in support of the suggested amendment related to Commercial Dog Walking. Ms. Pile noted that the Working Group initially recommended there was a need to carry out enforcement on those who have poorly behaved or out of control dogs.

Jay Shukin, resident, expressed his support for the request for funding from the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee for a Metchosin Agricultural Plan. Mr. Shukin indicated that funds may be able to come from a Business Development fund.

**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 August 22, 2022 as amended.

**Carried**

#### 4. Receipt of Minutes

**Moved and Seconded** by Councillors Kahakauwila and MacKinnon that the Committee receive the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee meeting held on August 31, 2022.

**Carried**

**Moved and Seconded** by Councillors Kahakauwila and MacKinnon that the Committee receive the minutes of the Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee meeting held on September 20, 2022.

**Carried**

#### 5. Reports

##### a) Councillors Update

Councillor Little provided an overview of her Councillor's Update including:

- Attendance at the 2022 UBCM Convention
- BCEHS phone call regarding "Bring Back the Calls" initiative
- Metchosin Market continues to meet Sundays
- Volunteers continue to work at Moralea's Meadow

**Moved and Seconded** by Councillors Kahakauwila and MacKinnon that the Councillor's Update be received for information.

**Carried**

#### 6. Correspondence

##### a) Robin Tunnicliffe, Chair, Agricultural Advisory Select Committee, Request for Funding for Metchosin Agricultural Plan

Councillor Little reported that the Agricultural Advisory Committee request for funding is a request from the August 31<sup>st</sup> Advisory Committee meeting and the Committee's mandate to develop an Agricultural Plan. The Advisory Committee held its Agricultural Forum and received support from farmers to go ahead with an Agricultural Plan. The request is for a minimum of \$20,000 from Council. The Committee discussed the following:

- The request should come forward to the next F&E Committee meeting for consideration during the budget process
- Consultant fees would be a minimum of \$20,000
- Funding would be allocated through the municipality
- Request for Proposals take place through municipal staff with input received from the Advisory Committee

**Moved and Seconded** by Councillors MacKinnon and Kahakauwila that the Committee forward the request for funding from the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee for an Agricultural Plan to the next Finance and Environment Committee meeting for consideration during the 2023 budget process.

**Carried**



**b) Weir Beach Stairs/Access Correspondence**

The Committee received the correspondence related to the Weir Beach stairs and access and the following was discussed:

- Safety concerns related to the pathway, stairs and parking
- Consideration to temporarily closing the access
- Portions of the trail trespass on private property
- Consideration to a permanent closure; clarification as to the process for closing a road right-of-way
- Referring the matter to the Municipal Insurance Association (MIA); there is a program in place to conduct risk assessments and provide recommendations; eligible grant funding is funded from municipal dividends from MIA
- Options for making a safe trail before considering a permanent closure
- Discussion as to costs to repair the trail, using volunteers and in-kind to reduce costs
- Consideration as to surveying the trail, may be part of the road closure process

**Moved and Seconded** by Mayor Ranns and Councillor MacKinnon that the Committee refer the matter of the Weir Beach Stairs back to staff.

**Carried**

**ACTION ITEM:** Staff to bring forward information to the new Council including:

1. Process for a permanent road closure
2. Recommendations from MIA related to risk assessment/mitigation
3. Options and costs associated with repair of the access/stairs

**Moved and Seconded** by Councillor Kahakauwila and MacKinnon to recommend that Council temporarily close the Weir Beach access and stairs.

**Carried**

**7. Bylaws**

**a) Staff Report, Animal Control Amendment Bylaw No. 676**

Councillor Little advised that she was not in support of the proposed amendment related to commercial dog walkers and would like to see the staff report referred to the Dogs in Metchosin Working Group for their recommendation.

**Moved and Seconded** by Councillors MacKinnon and Kahakauwila that the Committee refer the *Animal Control Amendment Bylaw No. 676* to the Dogs in Metchosin Working Group.

**Carried**

**b) Staff Report, Municipal Ticket Information (MTI) Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 679, 2022**

**Moved and Seconded** by Councillors MacKinnon and Kahakauwila that the Committee refer the *Municipal Ticket Information (MTI) Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 679* to the Dogs in Metchosin Working Group.

**Carried**

**8. Adjourn**

Councillor Little reported on the Reconciliation meeting held earlier this week and acknowledged the traditional territory of the Coast Salish in particular the Sc'ianew First Nations.

**Moved and Seconded** by Councillors Kahakauwila and MacKinnon that the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**Carried**

**Certified Correct:**

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**Chair**

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**Corporate Officer**

District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Community Planning Committee Meeting  
November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

Council Chambers  
Metchosin Municipal Hall

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The meeting has been recorded

**Present:** Councillor Shukin in the Chair, Mayor Little, Councillors Donaldson, Gray and Epp. Also present was Sue-Lin Tarnowski, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Tina Hansen, Deputy Corporate Officer and Sarah Davies, Recorder.

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

**1. Agenda, Additions and Approval**

**Moved and Seconded** by Mayor Little and Councillor Donaldson that the Committee approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of 7. a) Councillor's Verbal Update.

**Carried**

**2. Public Participation - Nil**

**3. Adoption of the Minutes**

**Moved and Seconded** by Councillor Epp and Mayor Little that the Committee adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on September 26, 2022.

**Carried**

**4. Councillor's Update**

Councillor Shukin gave a verbal Councillor's Update noting the new name and scope for the Community Planning Committee. The Community Planning Committee will continue to have the scope of the previous Planning Committee, including Land Use applications and bylaws related to Land Use. The Committee will also be looking at strategic planning for strengthening Metchosin as a rural community including long term fiscal planning, climate change, water, greenspace, housing, agriculture, as well as the Village Core.

Councillor Shukin provided further information as to the Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Blinkhorn Lake invasive species removal project, and the Metchosin Invasive Species Cooperative (MISC).

**5. Adjournment**

**Moved and Seconded** by Councillor Gray and Mayor Little that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**Carried**

**Certified Correct**

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**Chair**

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**Corporate Officer**



**DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN  
Minutes**

**Environmental Advisory Select Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm  
Council Chamber, Municipal Hall**

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**Present:** Councilor Steve Gray, Andy MacKinnon, Bill Cave (Chair), Ric Perron, Jacqueline Clare, Merrilee Hoen (recorder), Anna Hall, Garry Fletcher

**Regrets:** Erin Van der Water

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

1. **Agenda, Additions and Approval**

**Moved and seconded** by Jacqueline and Bill that the Committee approve the agenda with the addition of an update about the tree cutting bylaw.

**Carried**

2. **Presentations: None**

3. **Public Participation:** Joan Rosenberg and Dan O’Connell commented during the discussion of the United We Stand document. Joan Rosenberg provided background about the United We Stand document. Dan O’Connell commented that successive cuts of forested land results in depletion of soil nutrients.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved and Seconded** by Bill and Ric that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Select Committee meeting held on October 25, 2022, be approved.

**Carried**

5. **Receipt of Minutes**

**Council & Standing Committee Minutes**

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

**Carried**

**Advisory Committee Minutes**

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

**Carried**

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Trans-Mountain Fate and Behavior of Bitumen Research**

Please see the attachment for the Committee’s comments about the report.

**Action Item:** MEASC requests that Metchosin Council arrange for another WCMRC Workshop to review the mapping of sensitive areas with regard to oil spill clean-up.

**Action Item:** Committee members that have comments on the report should email them to Garry for compilation.

**Action Item:** Garry will compile comments on the report along with his comments and email the finished compilation to Merrilee for attachment to the minutes.

**b) United We Stand**

Steve briefed us about what had taken place during the Metchosin Council meeting which led to their request for us advise them.

**Moved and Seconded** by Bill and Andy that the Committee Advises Council to sign the United We Stand Motion declaration.

**Carried**

**c) Tree Cutting Bylaw**

**Action Item:** MEASC requests that Metchosin Council provide an update on the progress of the revisions to the Tree Cutting Bylaw.

7. **New Business:** We would like to acknowledge that this was Jacqueline Clare's last meeting with MEASC and to thank her for the knowledge and expertise she has given to the group. Ric Perron will assume the position of Chair as of the end of the meeting.

8. **Reports: None**

9. **Correspondence: None**

10. **Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

**Moved and Seconded** by Andy and Ric that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**Carried**

Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers



April 14, 2022,

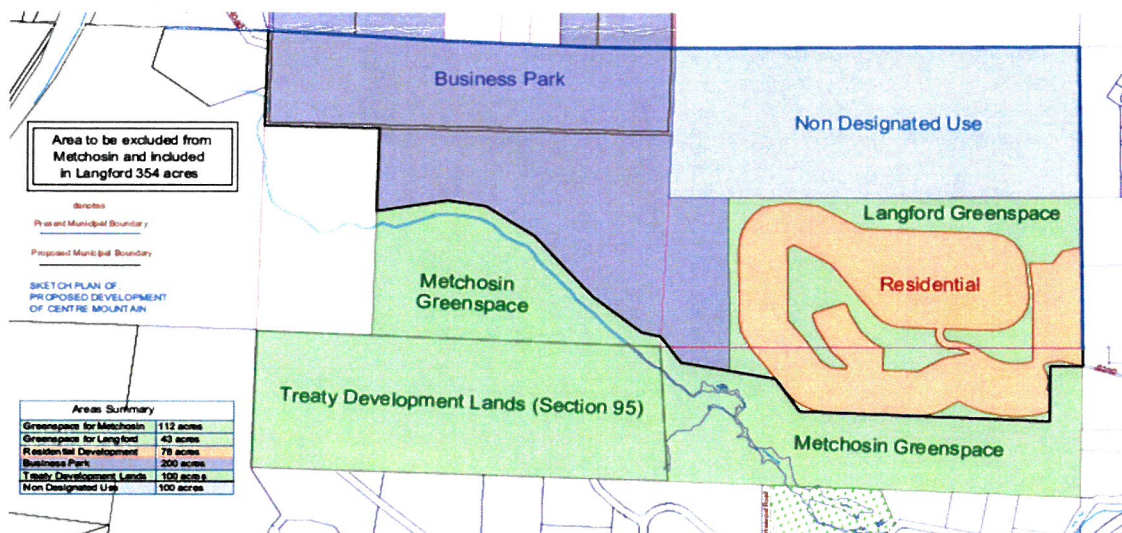
Dear Metchosin Greenspace Area Resident,

**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](http://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.

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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
A place to protect greenspaces for wildlife habitat and corridors, species and ecosystems	1	2	3	4	5
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

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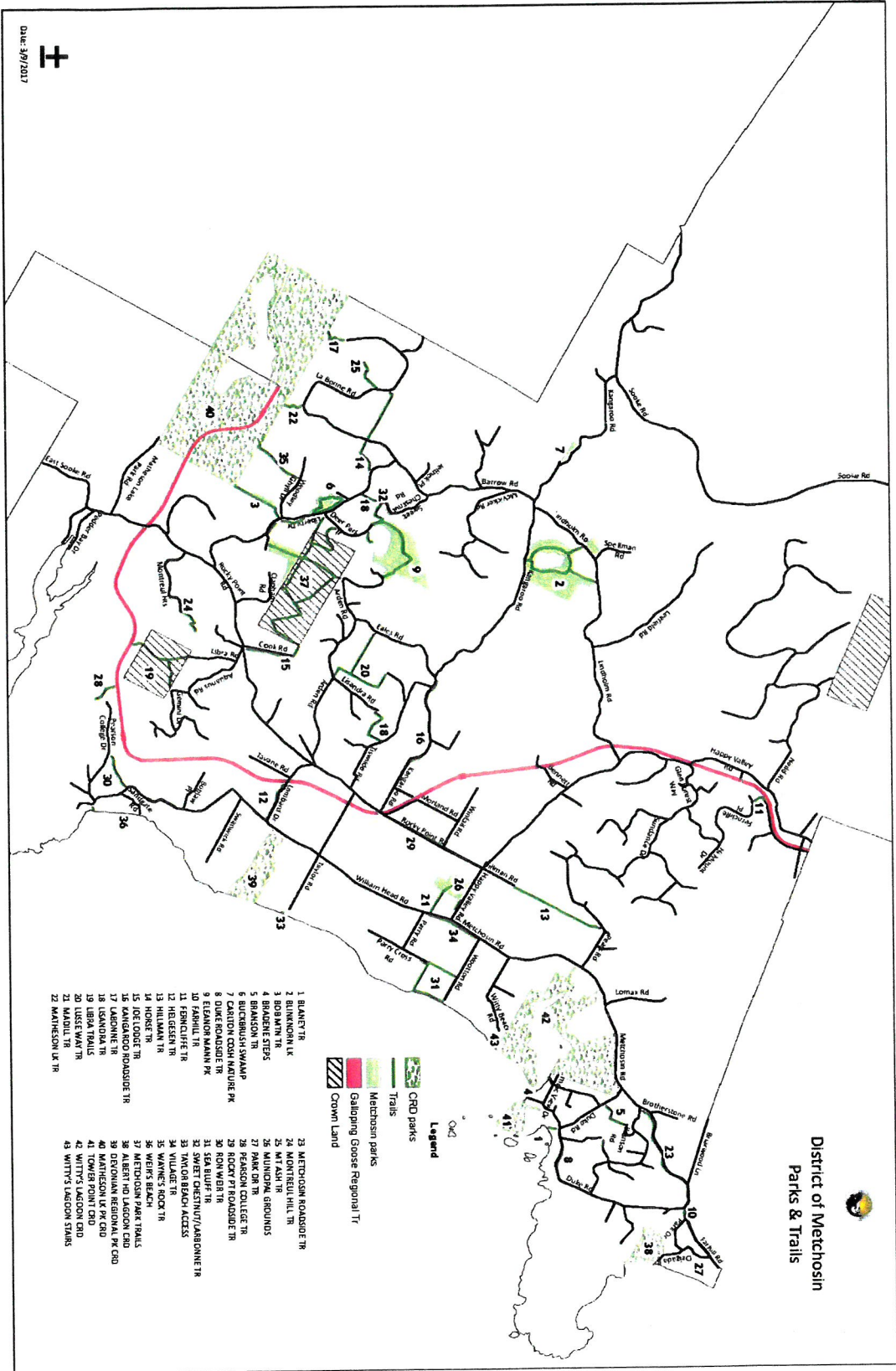
9. Do you have any additional suggestions for activities or uses they would like to see the Metchosin Green Space used for?


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](mailto: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.**



DATE: 3/9/2017

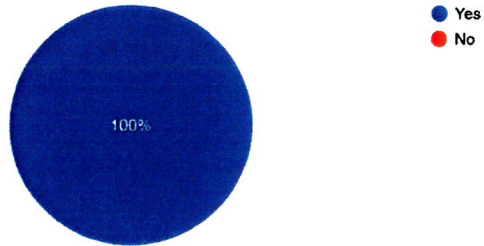




## Metchosin Greenspace Community Survey

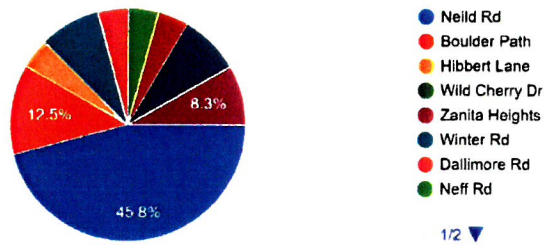
Are you a resident?

24 responses



What area do you live in?

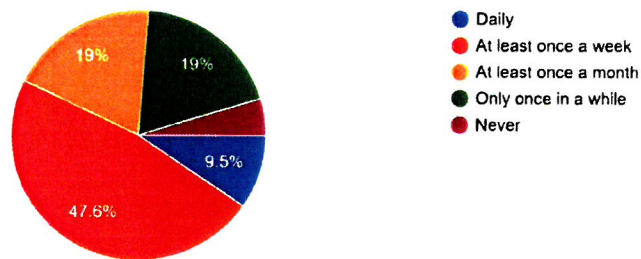
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- Happy Valley Rd
- Other

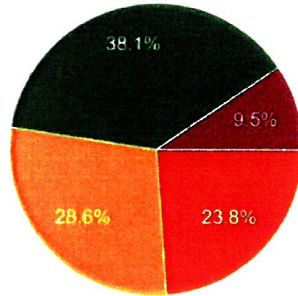
How frequently do you visit parks?

21 responses



How do you get to parks?

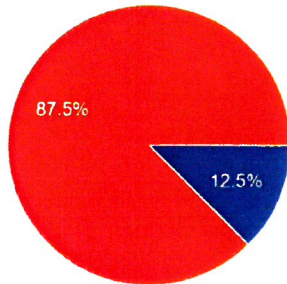
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- Always walk
- Usually walk
- Always drive
- Usually drive
- Other

Does anyone in your household have mobility challenges?

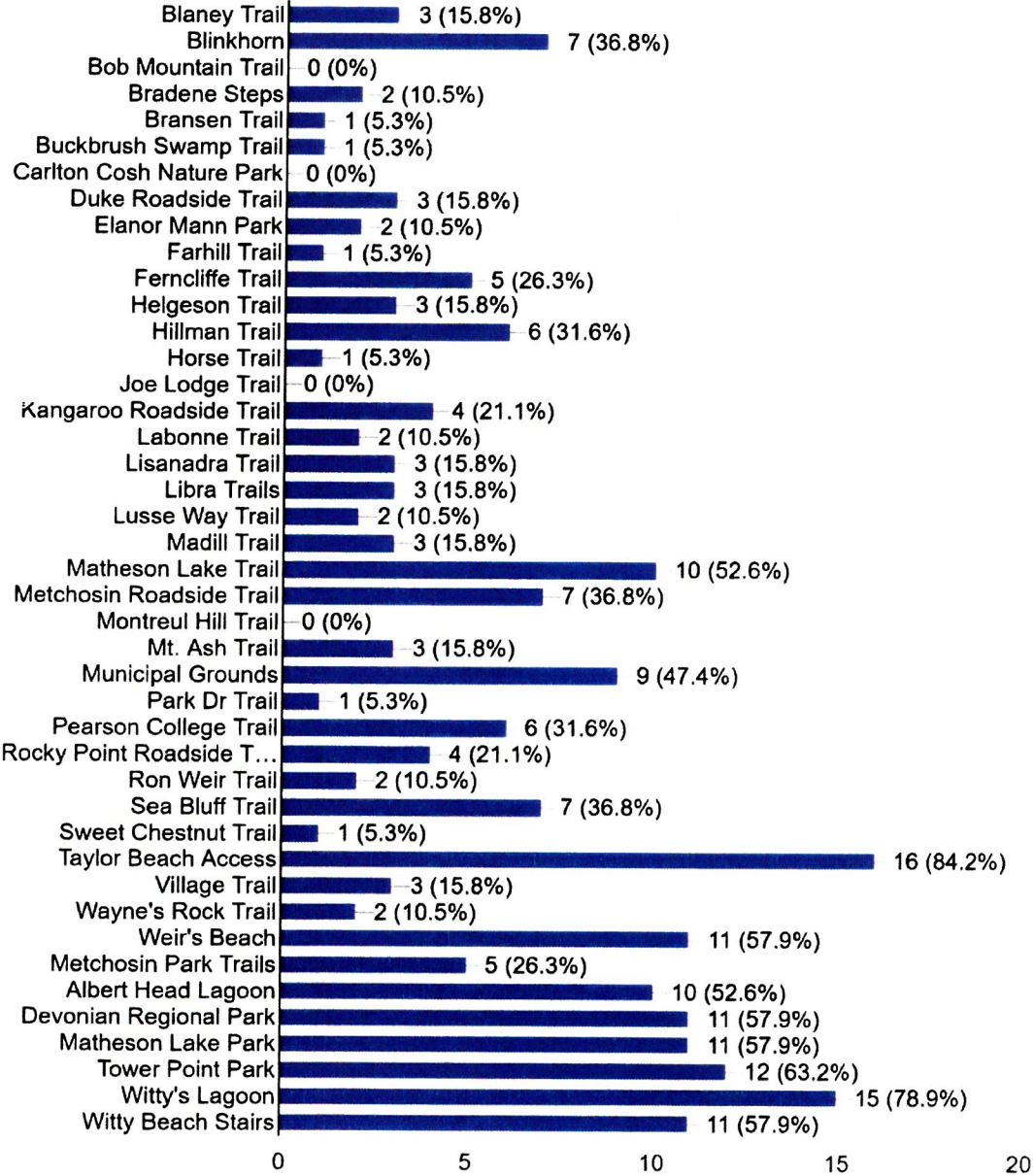
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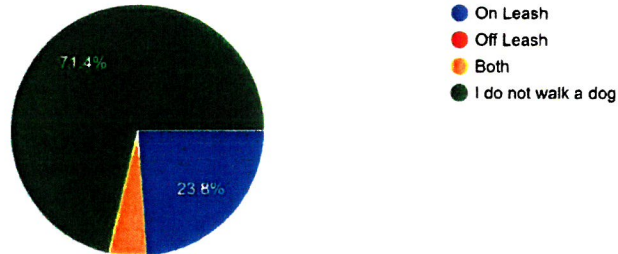
- Yes
- No

What Parks have you visited?

19 responses

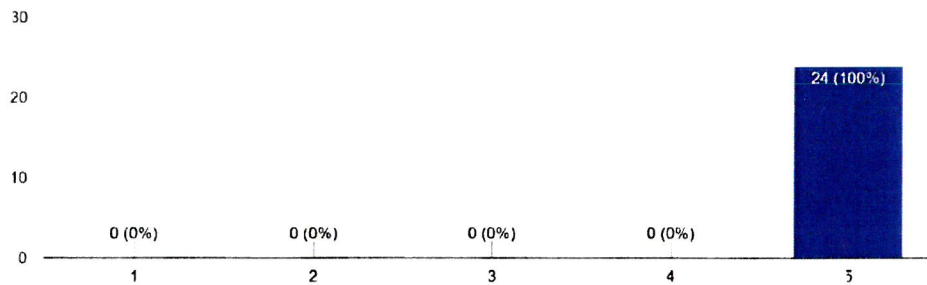


**Do you walk a dog?**  
21 responses

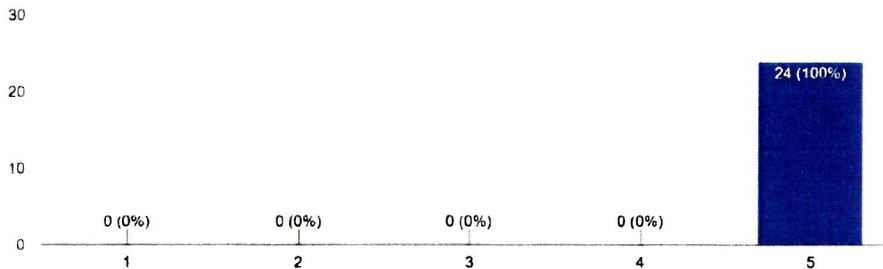


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**A place to protect greenspaces**  
24 responses



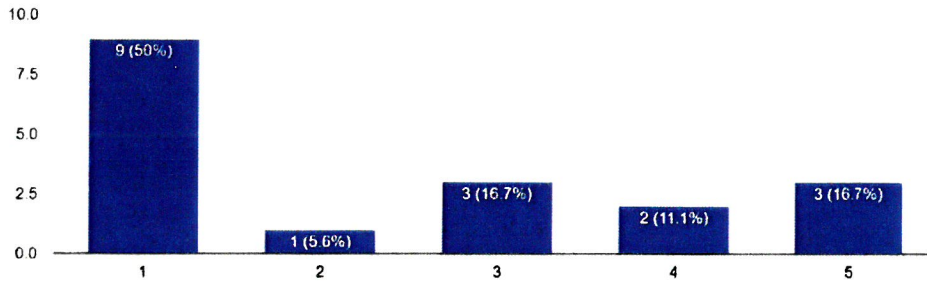
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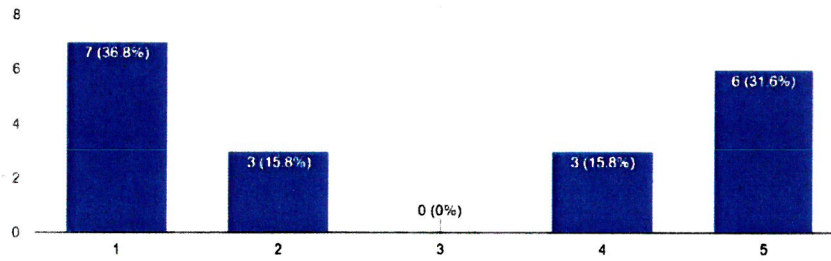
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18 responses



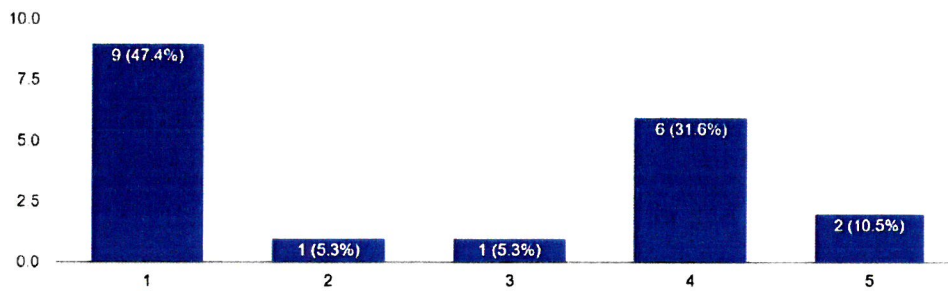
**A place to walk/hike**

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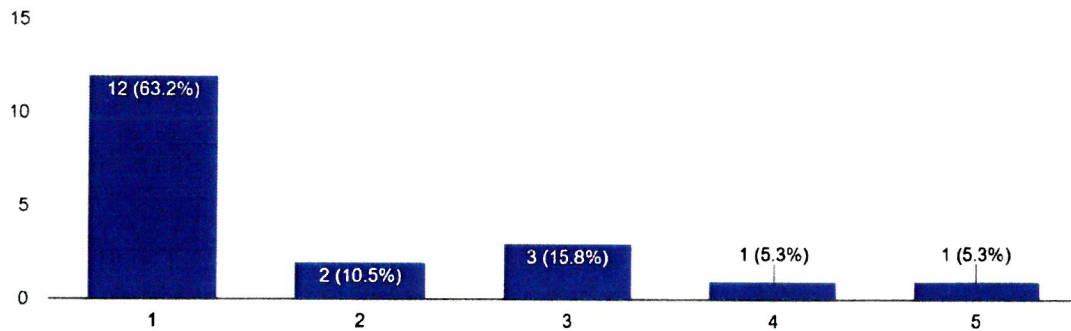
**A place to walk a dog**

19 responses



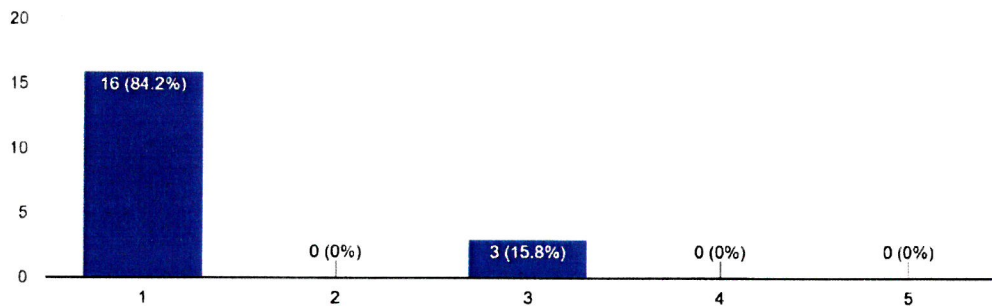
### A place to ride a horse

19 responses



### A place to ride a mountain bike

19 responses



### Other, please specify

- Access to shoreline
- What are you guys thinking?
- As Community residents, we believe strongly in acting as stewards for protecting and preserving the parks and natural areas in Metchosin. We will report any damage we find as a result of weather events (strong winds, flooding, erosion, etc.), and try to educate fellow park users about local flora and fauna habitats. Trail etiquette (where conflicts exist) can be explained to visitors – for example mountain bikes or unleashed dogs.
- I don't like this question. It is misleading and misdirected away from the Buffer Land. For example, I love to hike, and mark a "4", this indicates I'd prefer to have the Buffer Lads as a Park or with a trail. I DO NOT.
- to be left as is for locals to walk including wildlife

- Left alone please

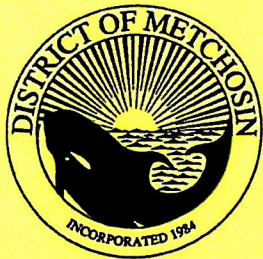
**Do you have any additional suggestion for activities or uses they would like to see the Metchosin Green Space used for?**

- It was to be used as a buffer between Langford and Metchosin.
- Green Space only! Why do we want it used for anything?
- Please less human use and more wildlife corridor. No more mountain bike trails.
- Buffer land only - protect the greenspace
- Keep all greenspace - Not to sell to CRD
- Should be left as animal corridor, + species protection with some hiking.
- No bikes or horses. Too hard on trails/land. Connection to Section 95 and top of Neild Rd, and also to Wild Cherry (gazetted road allowance).
- It must stay as a greenspace
- None - It is the headland water for Metchosin Creek and Bilston Creek - Leave it alone-
- Ideally we would like a few trails through mostly untouched forest. Something like #37. Maybe as developed as Devonian Park - maybe - but no more than that.
- As a Buffer from development.
- No activities, leave as Greenspace/Buffer
- No Human Use. This area should be regarded as an important conservation area to reduce further impacts.
- It does not have to be a Metchosin Park as long as the habitat is protected by some authority.
- Leave it alone (Natural)
- There are enough places to walk a dog/ride a horse/bike and the Buffer Lands should remain undeveloped, used only by animals as a corridor. Not by humans.
- I'm in Metchosin and my pins were buried during development
- I want the bufferland to be left alone. Left natural. I do not want people walking through behind my property already having problem with theft Langford is already close enough
- Please keep it as a Buffer Zone as we voted on in January 2017.
- Stay as it is - Bush land as a wildlife refuge and corridor "a Buffer Land"
- Left as a protected greenspace/Buffer for adjacent residents, creeks/wetlands & sensitive ecosystems.

**Do you have any other comments?**

- The land swap referendum that was voted on Jun 2017. This land is referred to a Greenspace Buffer between the 2 boundaries.
- Please: No Parking Lot, no bathroom facilities, no groomed trails keep it natural.
- Please ensure all properties have to ask to tear down forest.
- Do not remove Bufferland between Langford + Metchosin - We voted on it

- We do not want "Langford Style" competitive sports in our parks. If anything we would like more nearby parks + greenspace - This Area is supposed to be a Greenspace Buffer - not a park!
- How about a trail along the motorcycle club boundary from high on Neild to Galloping Goose? Or to Leefield/Lindholm connecting Blinkhorn?
- The referendum regarding the change of Metchosin land to Langford - Guaranteed a Buffer Land between municipalities - Leave it as such a - Buffer Land - not a park -
- We want this to remain as a Buffer. Other than question 1 + 2, the rest are irrelevant!
- Not happy with the direction that Mayor and some Council members are heading. Broken promises.
- The green buffer lands need to be left in their natural state to protect the riparian area along Bilston Creek, the natural bio-diversity, the surface and ground water ecology, the native plant and wildlife populations, without need for "human recreational use". Simply, as was promised in the 2017 Reconciliation Agreement!
- Please see attached. (B Bouveur's letter attached in file).
- "Insist" Langford has a buffer land against our buffer land. They've already changed the zoning to densify their residential area after this property was exchanged in the Scianew/Metchosin/Langford deal. At least they can provide some open space buffer alongside of ours. Key corp has a poor offer. They can do much better. \* Pretty much question 7 nullifies the entire survey for the reason above.
- Undisturbed land is often best just left alone to be enjoyed. Maybe look to something else to raise adequate funds that would be useful such as secondary suite building permits since we are over 5000 people for on disturbed land.
- We were told in beginning that It would be a natural buffer now your trying to sell it for way under value of 112 acres Non of that makes sense as CRD has paid proper land values for parks in Colwood and Langford Leave buffer land alone! all park will do is bring fire risk, theft, trash do your park on Mary Hill... Thanks for your time if someone actually reads this
- We voted to keep the Greenspace a BUFFER!
- Honour the 70% of Referendum voters who voted in favour of a Buffer Zone - NOT a CRD park! No Mention of Galloping Goose trail here - a very well used Recreational Trail in Metchosin. WHY NOT MENTIONED?? We have 43 listed Parks & Trails plus the Galloping Goose Trail. I don't see the need for another! It will only benefit the new subdivision home owners in Langford.
- This survey ask questions about parks usage the Greenspace/Buffer is not a park. Democracy ruled January 28, 2017 that the residents agreed to a land swap with Langford and Scianew FN. In that vote was the protection of neighbors & creek be Buffer land from Langford development!



## DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

File No. 5430-20

October 6, 2022

**NOTICE – TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WEIR BEACH TRAIL ACCESS**  
(located between 5195 and 5283 William Head Road)

Attn: Residents adjacent to Weir Beach Trail Access

At it's October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Regular Council meeting, Council passed a motion to temporarily close the Weir Beach trail access to all users due to unsafe conditions.

Following the General Local Election October 15, 2022, the District of Metchosin Council will be considering options to resolve issues related to the matter. You are invited to provide your input to Council at the time of consideration. Please watch the District of Metchosin website at [www.metchosin.ca](http://www.metchosin.ca) for further information.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at [sltarnowski@metchosin.ca](mailto:sltarnowski@metchosin.ca) or 250-474-3167.

Sincerely,

Sue-Lin Tarnowski, CPA, CMA  
Chief Financial Officer/ Interim CAO

cc: Mark Atherton, PTASC Chair





**DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

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

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

**DATE:** **June 27, 2022**

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

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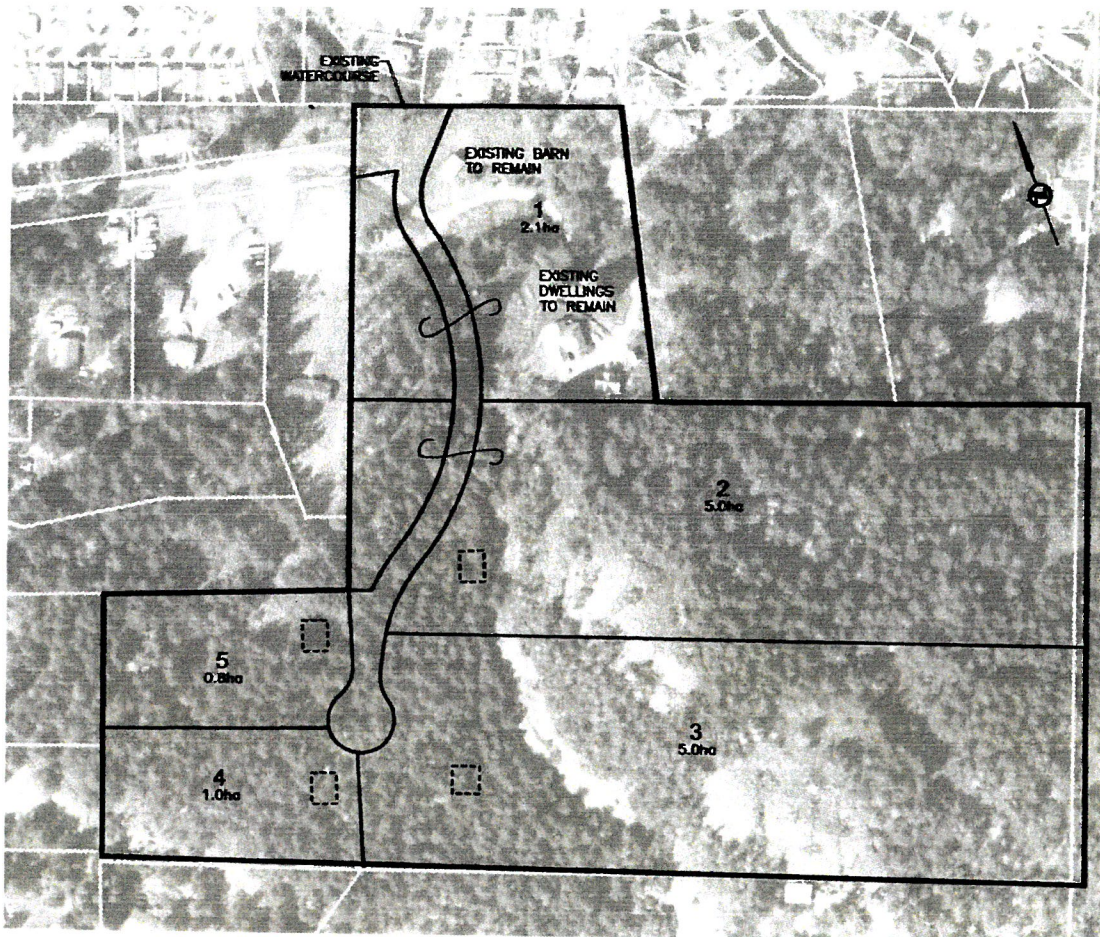
**Re: Proposed 5-Lot Subdivision of:**  
**Lot 9, Section 82, Metchosin Land District, Plan 2228**  
**(942 Winter Road)**

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

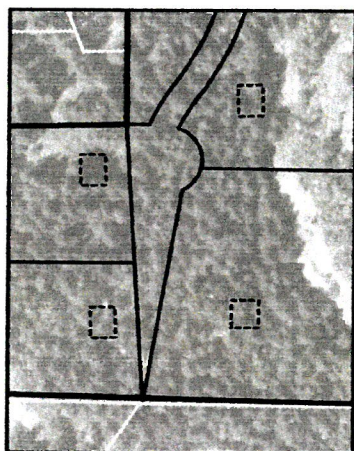
The applicants are:

Lee Johnston  
942 Winter Road  
Victoria BC V9C 3X4  
Tel: 250-812-1525

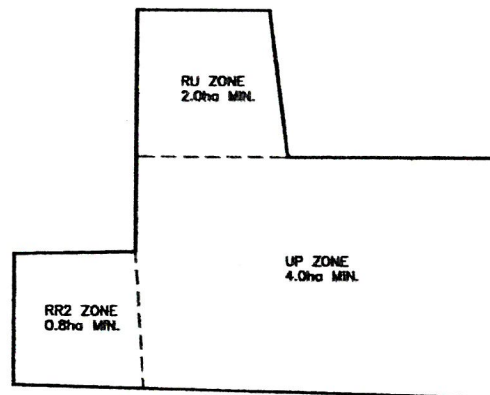
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PLAN  
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ALTERNATE CDS LOCATION  
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ZONING  
H 1:5000

PARK CALCULATIONS:  
SITE AREA = 36 acres (APPROX.)  
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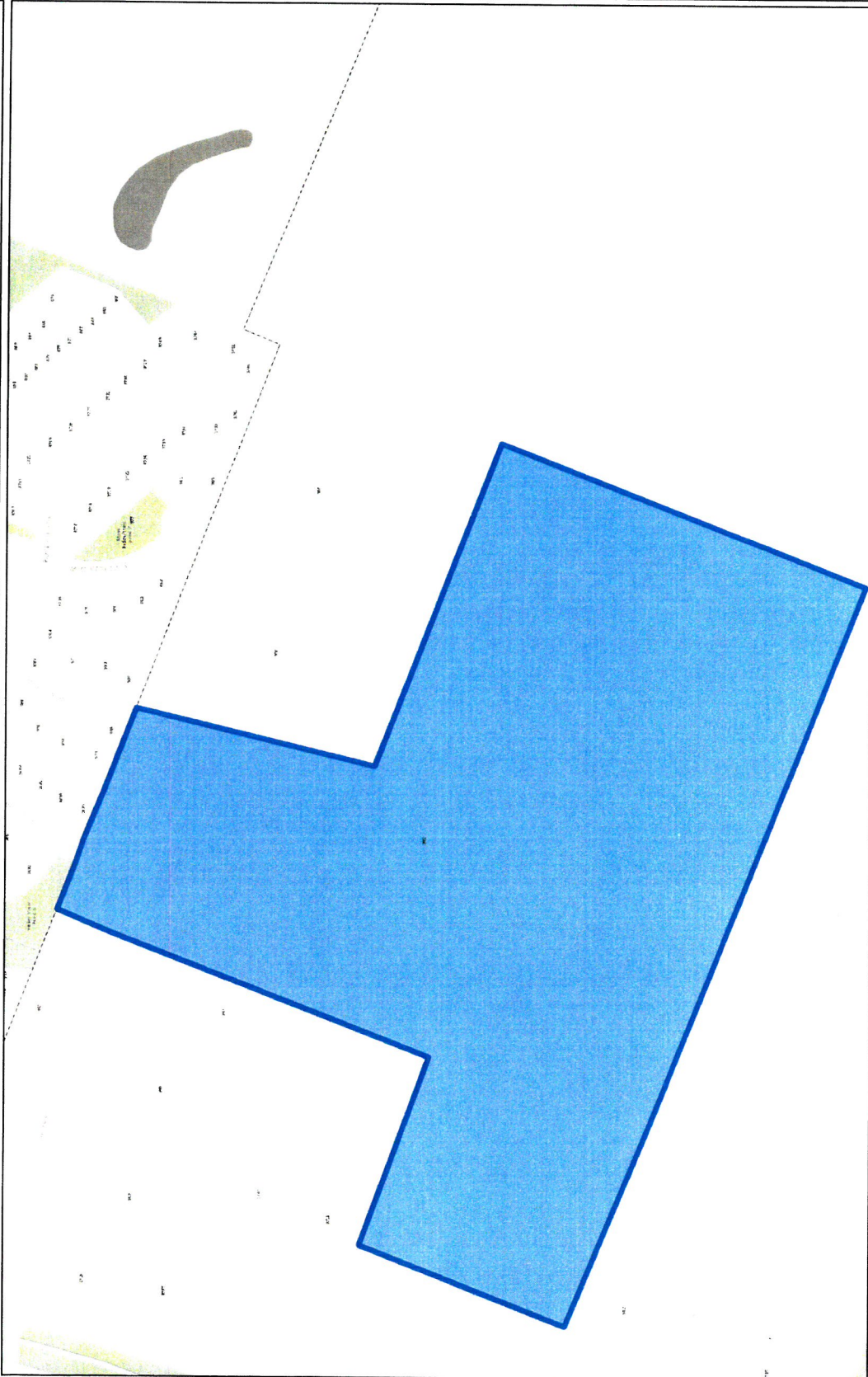
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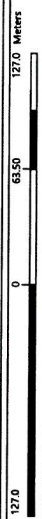


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Upcoming PTASC.

**Tina Hansen**

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**From:** Blaney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** December 12, 2022 8:47 AM  
**To:** Mayor and. Council  
**Subject:** Fwd: Blaney Trail Ocean Lookout

Greetings,

I sent the attached back in September of 2022. I will admit my timing was not ideal because all of you would have been fully engaged with your community for the municipal elections in Oct./22.

I'm sending the message again now just so it doesn't get lost in the myriad of action items for 2023 that must need to be considered in the course of a year.

Even now I realize the Festive Season is upon us, so I would not expect a reply until January of 2023. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests, and I wish all of you a very happy festive season and new year.

Sincerely,

Chris Blaney

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Blaney [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Blaney Trail Ocean Lookout  
**Date:** September 23, 2022 at 1:04:40 PM PDT  
**To:** [mayorandcouncil@metchosin.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@metchosin.ca)

Greetings,


I last wrote to you in June of 2019. The purpose was to thank all those responsible for developing a trail system within the District of Metchosin, and to provide you with some history regarding the naming of the right-of-way where the Blaney Trail Ocean Lookout now exists.

Long story short, I named Blaney Road after my Grandfather. Needless to say, my family is thrilled about the Blaney Trail Ocean Lookout.

You may still have a record of the email I sent you in 2019. If you don't, I could send it again.

Since that time, I've only been able to visit the trail five times; most recently on September 22, 2022.

[REDACTED]



I did not have a camera with me when I visited the trail on Sep.22/22 so I can't send you any recent photos. I noticed there were two Memorial Benches at the site. I also noticed that although the trail is named "Blaney Trail Ocean Lookout", the foreshore area is growing rapidly and the overgrowth is starting to affect what would be spectacular views. Within a few years, there might be no "Ocean Lookout" left. This is such a beautiful trail, it would be a real shame to lose the spectacular views. On one of the islands located just offshore, there was a colony of seals basking in the sun on the rocks. Meanwhile, there was a squirrel frolicking in a nearby tree. The trail really is a hidden gem, and a very peaceful place.

I have two requests:

- If the Memorial Bench Program is still going, I'd like to request a third bench be constructed in memory of the Blaney Family. I think there's enough room to locate the new bench between the other two that already exist. I understand there is a cost associated with the Memorial Bench Program which I'd gladly pay. I would supply the wording for the plaque whenever the timing is right.
- I was also hoping some funds can be budgeted to remediate the overgrowth at the waterfront. Such a beautiful view should be preserved throughout time.

Thank you for your consideration to these matters. I look forward to hearing from appropriate staff in due course.

Most sincerely yours,

Chris Blaney





**District of Metchosin**

4450 Happy Valley Road, Victoria, BC V9C 3Z3  
tel 250-474-3167 fax 250-474-6298  
www.metchosin.ca

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**Volunteer Parks & Trails Coordinator**

Would you enjoy working outdoors with other Metchosin volunteers on community parks and trails? Metchosin Council is seeking a new Volunteer Parks & Trails Coordinator. There are great rewards for this position, although there is no financial compensation.

Appointed by Metchosin Council, reporting to Council's Community Planning Committee and acting as a resource to the Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee, the Trails Coordinator is responsible for:

- Coordinating volunteers to maintain community parks and trails,
- Coordinating volunteers to develop new trails approved by Council,
- Drafting an annual maintenance and construction budget, and
- Reporting on maintenance and construction works

The new coordinator should be a talented volunteer, work well with others, and have a sensitivity to concerns and issues of both trail users and neighbours living near Metchosin's parks and trails. The full role and responsibilities of the Coordinator may be found in Council's Policy C-100.74, *Terms of Reference for the Parks & Trails Coordinator*.

*"It's an interesting position, it makes you physically active, and you get to help plan where future trails will go in Metchosin,"* said Mark Atherton, Chair of the Parks & Trails Advisory Committee, and interim Trails Coordinator. *"The Committee will mentor the new Coordinator until the individual gains experience. After that, it will be the Coordinator's role to guide the Advisory Committee and Council."*

To apply for the Volunteer Parks & Trails Coordinator position, please submit a letter of interest and a brief resume of experience in confidence to Metchosin Council by email to [mayorandcouncil@metchosin.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@metchosin.ca) before Tuesday, January 31, 2023. If you would like further information, please contact the Municipal Hall at 250-474-3167.





DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN  
M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Mark Atherton, Chair PTASC  
**FROM:** Melissa Kirk, Building/Planning Clerk  
**DATE:** November 18, 2022  
**Our File:** 3320-22-04

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**Re: Proposed 3-Lot Subdivision of:  
Lot 7, Sections 40, 41, 42, 43, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54, Esquimalt Land District, Plan 2004 Except  
Part in Plan 41938  
(384 Seaspray Drive)**

Please find enclosed a proposed 3-lot subdivision plan for the above noted properties.

The applicant(s) are:

James Jake Allan Snowden  
2957 Irwin Road  
Victoria BC V9B 5Y6  
Tel: 250-882-3222

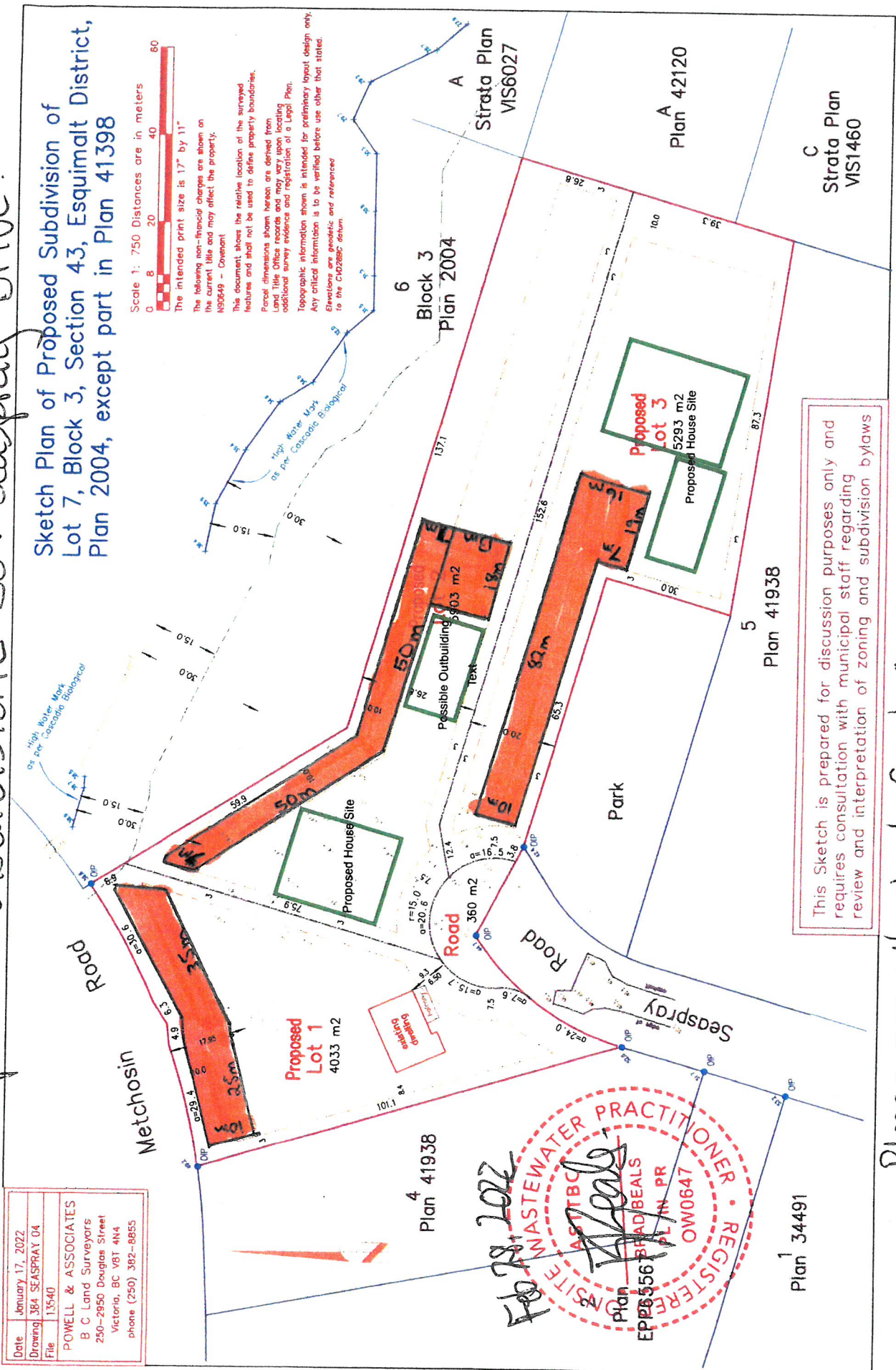
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# Proposed Subdivision @ 384 Seaspray Drive

Sketch Plan of Proposed Subdivision of Lot 7, Block 3, Section 43, Esquimalt District, Plan 2004, except part in Plan 41398

Date	January 17, 2022
Drawing	384 SEASPRAY 04
File	1.3540
<b>POWELL &amp; ASSOCIATES</b> B C Land Surveyors 250-2950 Douglas Street Victoria, BC V8T 4N4 phone (250) 382-8855	

Scale 1: 750 Distances are in meters  
 0 8 20 40 60  
 The intended print size is 17" by 11"  
 The following non-financial charges are shown on the current title and may affect the property.  
 890849 - Covenant  
 This document shows the relative location of the surveyed features and shall not be used to define property boundaries.  
 Parcel dimensions shown hereon are derived from Land Title Office records and may vary upon locating additional survey evidence and registration of a Legal Plan.  
 Topographic information shown is intended for preliminary layout design only. Any critical information is to be verified before use other than stated.  
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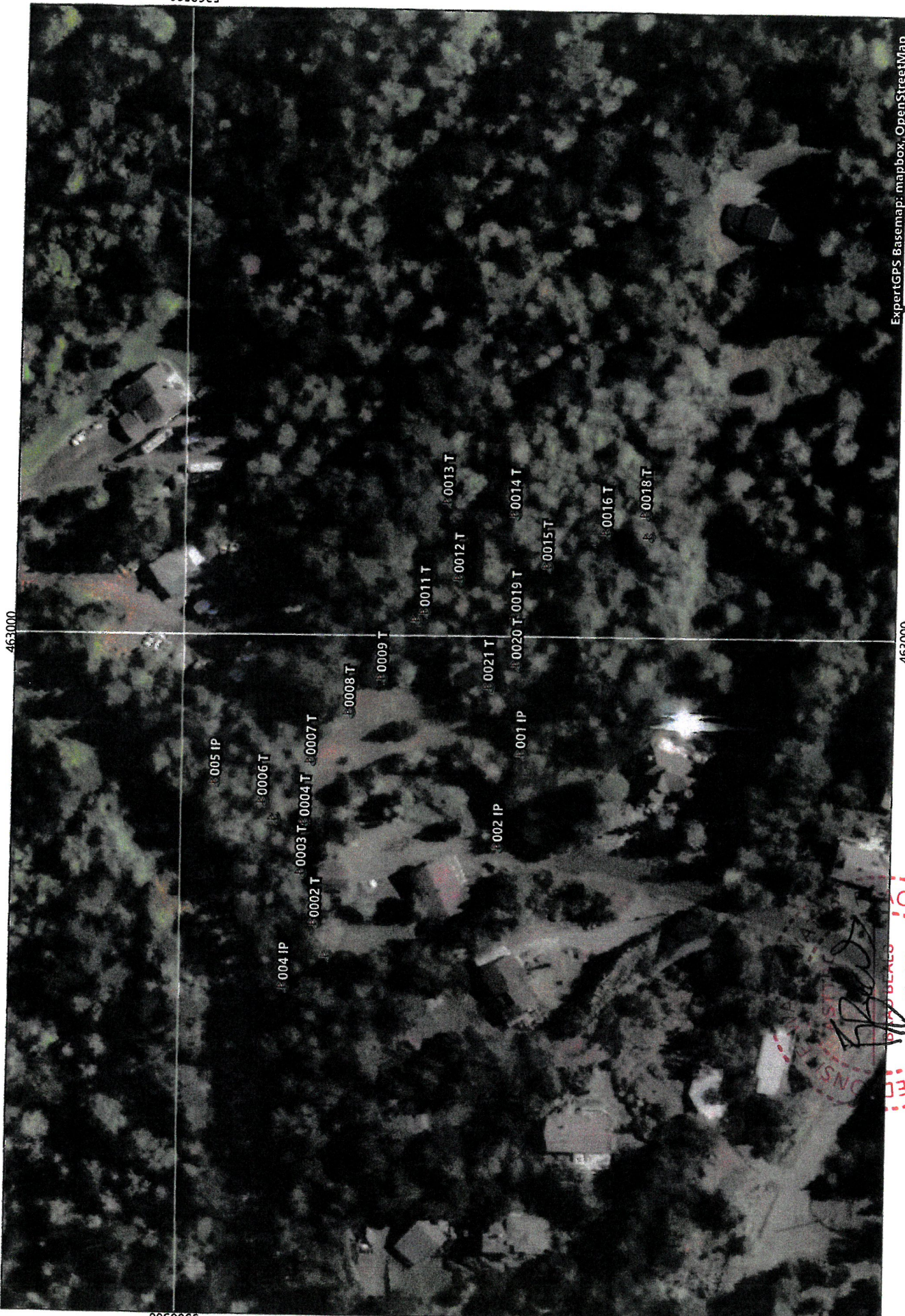


This Sketch is prepared for discussion purposes only and requires consultation with municipal staff regarding review and interpretation of zoning and subdivision bylaws

Feb 29, 2022  
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 REGISTERED WASTEWATER PRACTITIONER  
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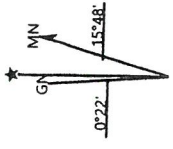
Please see attached Google Earth map with exact GPS coordinates and test pit locations.





ExpertGPS Basemap: mapbox, OpenStreetMap

Seaspray Drive - 384  
Test pit Locations.



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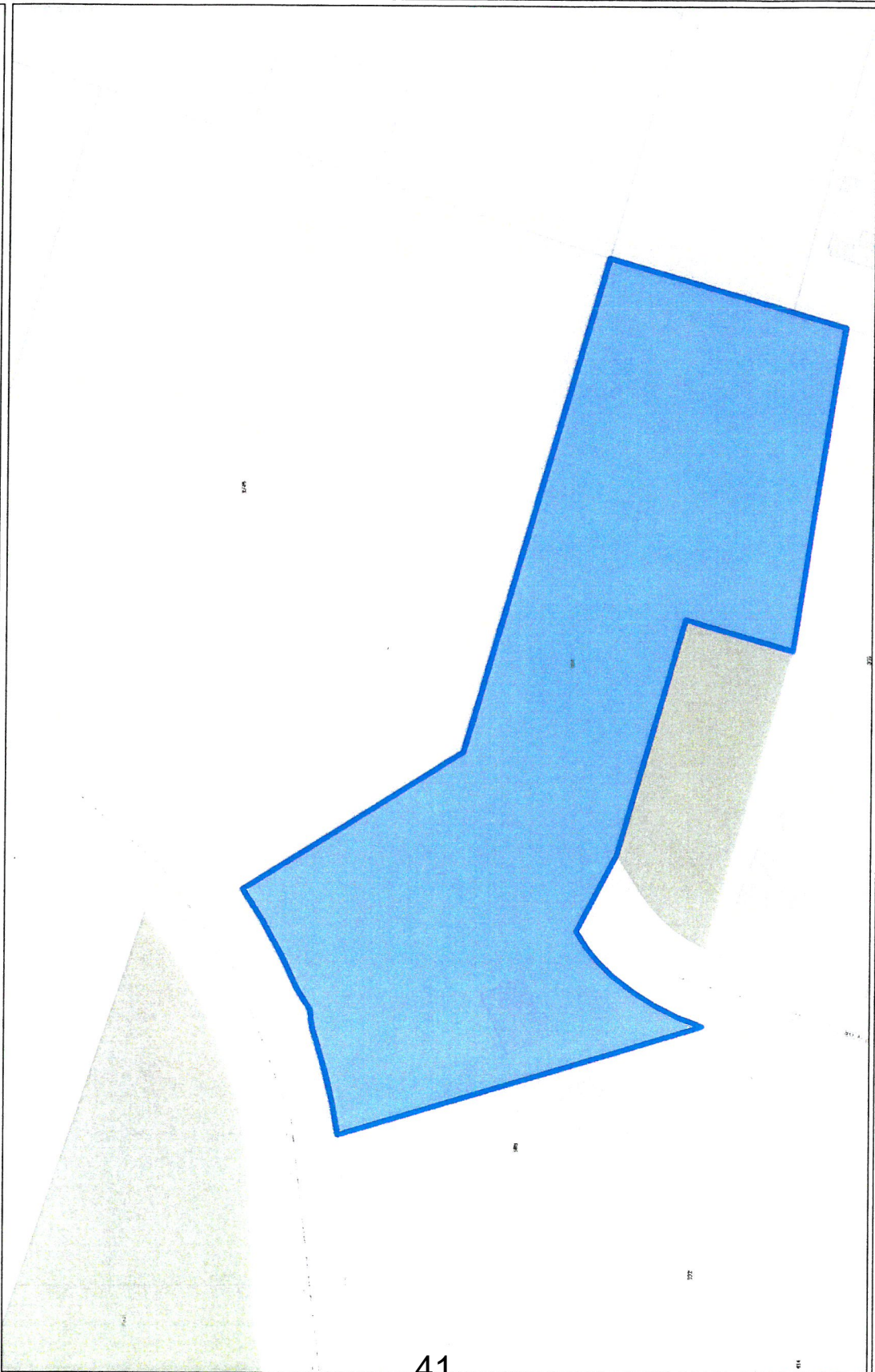
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DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

MEMORANDUM

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

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

**DATE:** **November 21, 2022**

**Our File:** **3320-22-05**

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**Re: Proposed 7-Lot Subdivision of:**  
**Section 40, Goldstream Land District, Except Parts in Plans 23191, VIP76597 and VIP78325**  
**(Section 40, Neild Road)**

Please find enclosed a proposed 7-lot subdivision plan for the above noted properties.

The applicant(s) are:

J.E. Anderson & Associates  
Phil Buchanan  
4212 Glanford Avenue  
Victoria BC V8Z 4B7  
Tel: 250-727-2214

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.



LOT 7  
5.95ha +  
3.42ha P.H.

SEC 40 NEILD ROAD HOLDINGS LTD.  
TENTATIVE PLAN OF SUBDIVISION  
PHASE 1 - 7 LOTS  
DRAWING No. 31328 - 01 - TP1  
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Sheet 1 of 1  
Eng. Project No. 31328

**JEA** J E ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES

SURVEYORS - ENGINEERS  
VICTORIA NANAIMO PARKSVILLE CAMPBELL RIVER  
PHONE: 250-727-2214 hb@janderson.com

SITE AREA: 35.17ha

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 40,  
GOLDSTREAM DISTRICT, EXCEPT  
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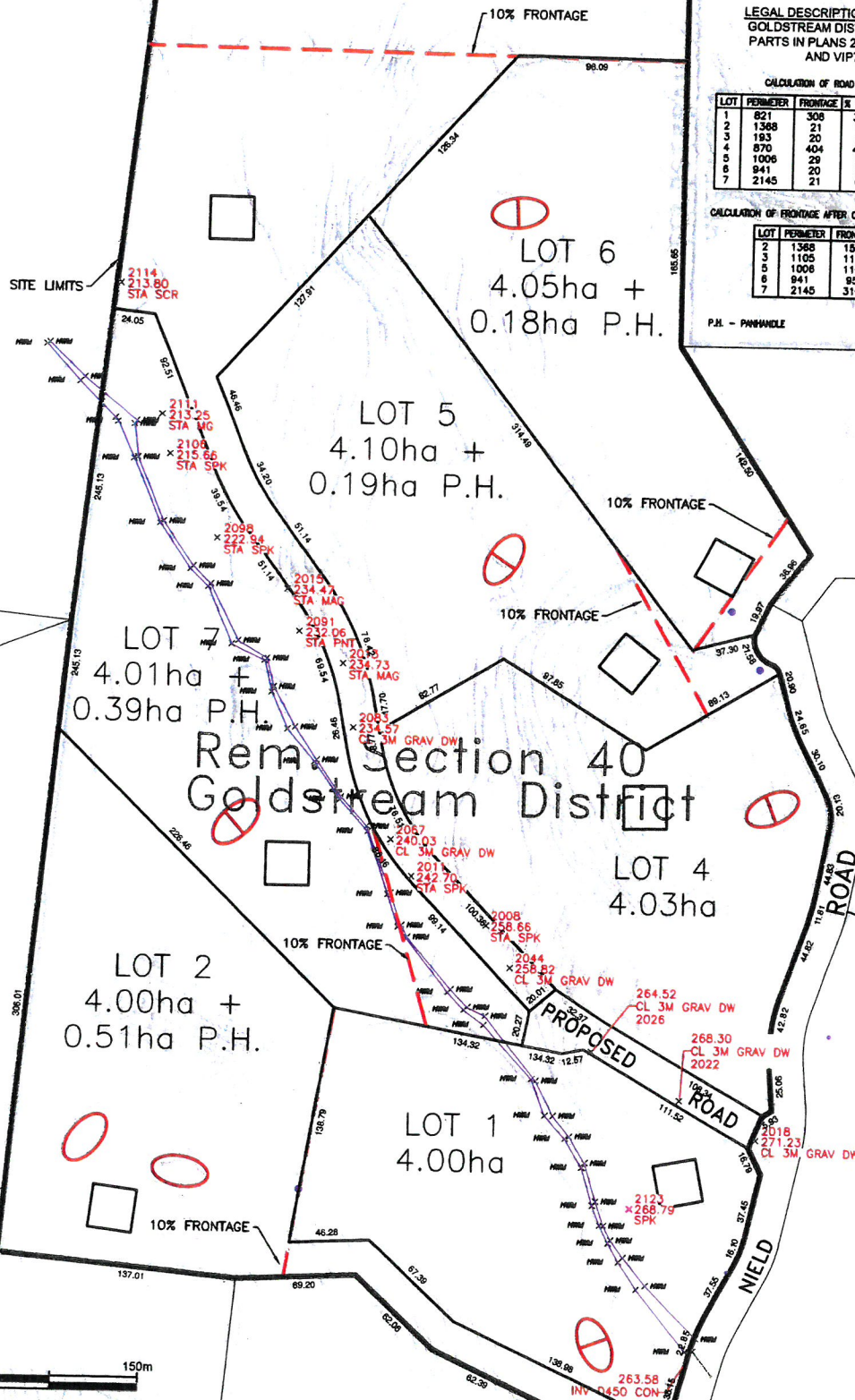
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4	870	404	46.0%	NO
5	1006	20	2.0%	YES
6	941	20	2.1%	YES
7	2145	21	0.9%	YES

CALCULATION OF FRONTAGE AFTER CONSIDERING NARROW FRONTAGE

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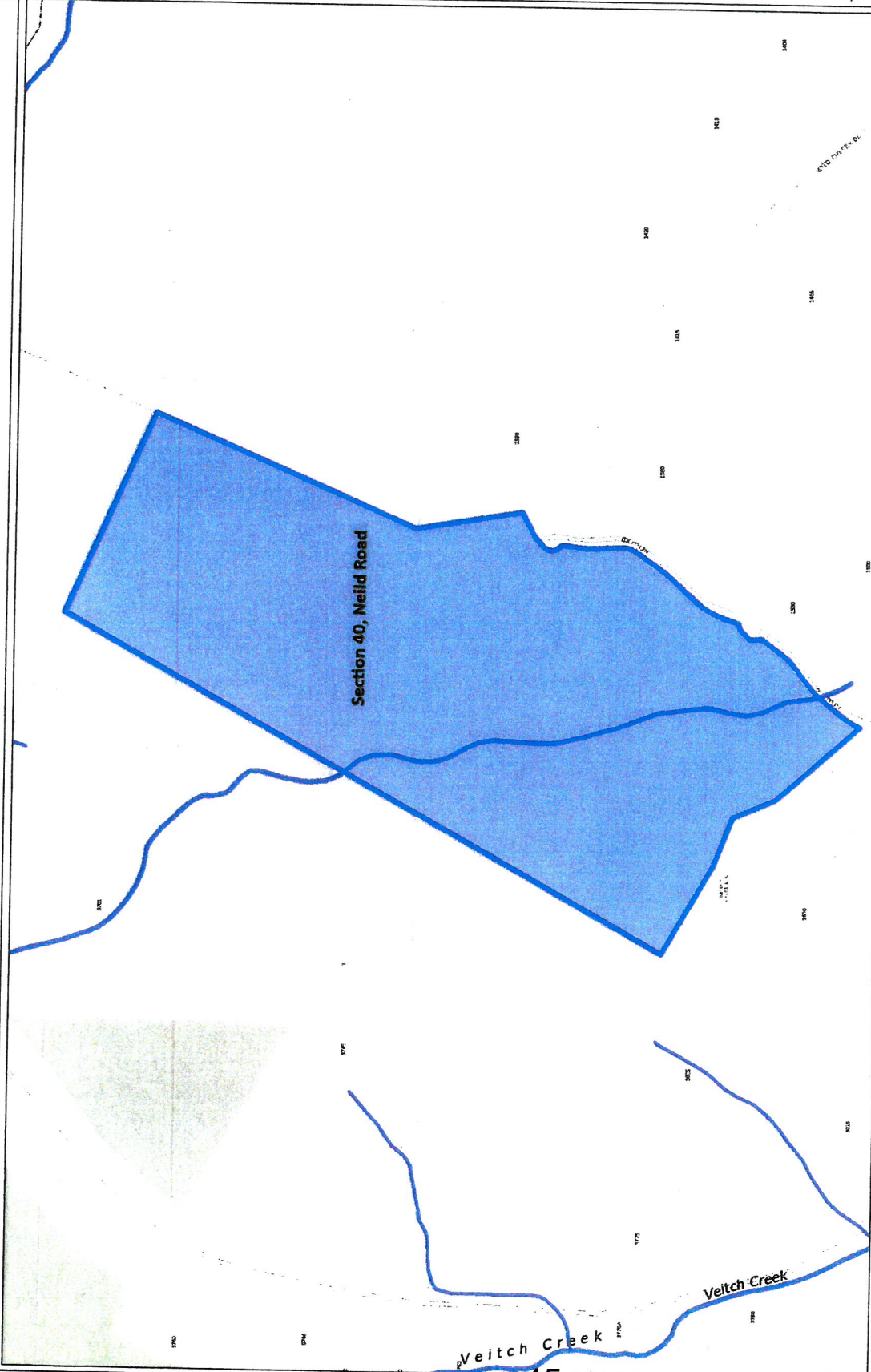


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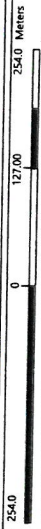
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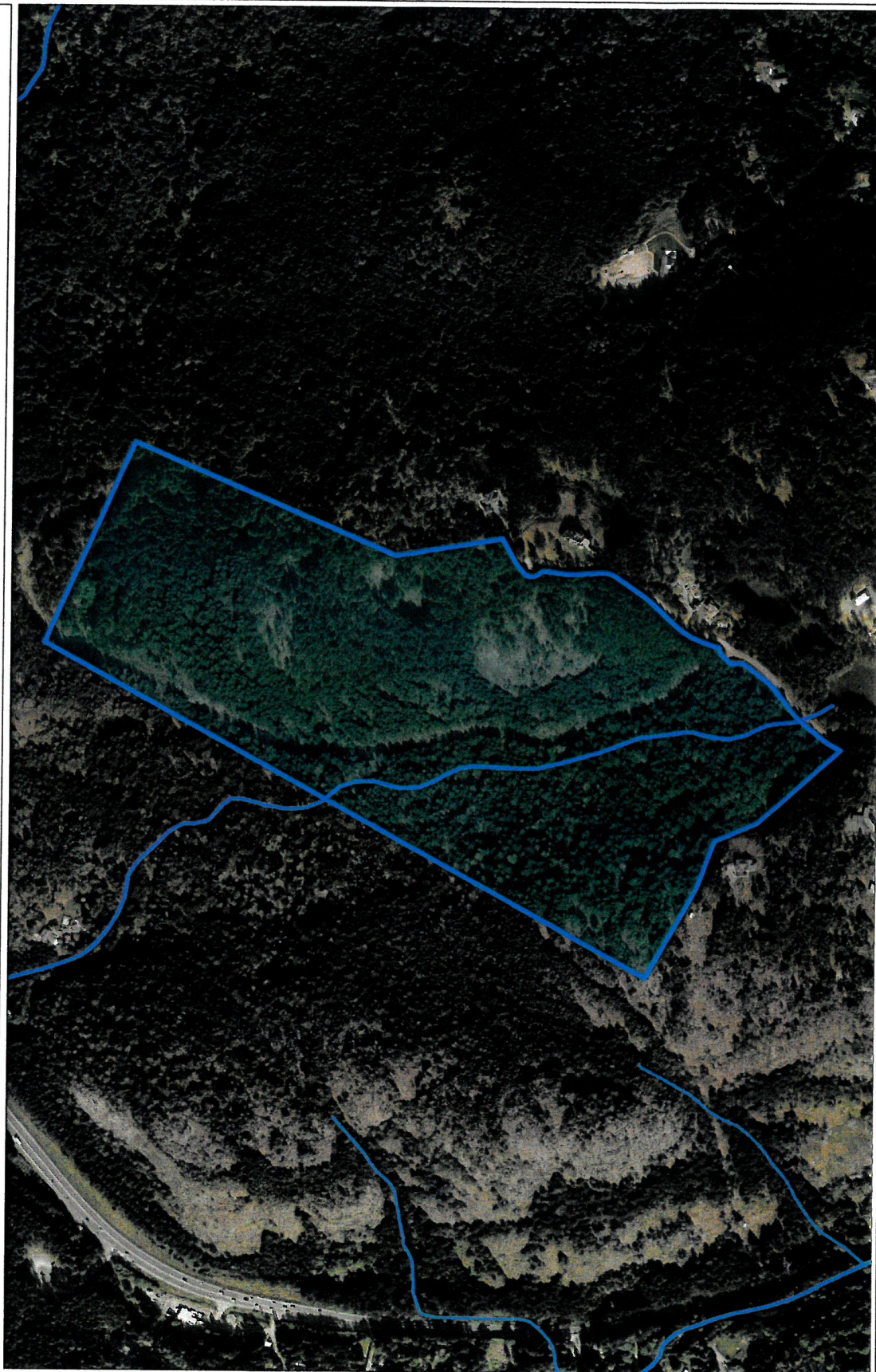
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