DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

AGENDA

Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: David Shanks (Chair), Jay Shukin (Council Liaison, Recorder), Ron Aubrey, Ian Baxter, Caroline Donohue, Emma Horgan

Regrets: Kathy Atherton, Chris Thibodeau

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. **Agenda, Additions, Approval**
   - The June 16, 2026, PTASC Agenda, with the addition of Item 9. b) Metchosin Day, was approved by consensus.

2. **Presentations**
   - None.

3. **Public Participation**
   - Jim Nan, as the Blinkhorn Trail Steward, addressed the Committee with an update on Blinkhorn trail, including information on:
     - Graffiti and signage;
     - Entry point use and maintenance from Lindholm Drive; and
     - Metchosin Invasive Species Collective (MISC) removal of European Ash, Herb Robert (Stinky Bob) and English Bluebells from the park.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**
   - The May 19, 2026, Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee Meeting minutes were adopted.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

   a) **Trail Visit Update and Next Appointments**
   - Emma Horgan - Montreal Heights:
     - Trail entry is not clearly marked, and the trail route is not clear on the upper portion;
     - Possibility of trail sign relocation to outside of the gate before the private road.
   - Ian Baxter - Village Core trail and Sea Bluff Trail:
     - No issues.
   - Caroline Donohue - Libra Trails:
     - Broom.
   - Jay Shukin – Chapel Heights:
     - No issues.
   - Jay Shukin - Bob Mountain and Wayne's Rock:
     - Some overgrowth.
   - Future Trail Assignments: PTASC members will send in their goals for future walks ASAP.

b) Beckingham Trail, Galloping Goose Regional Trail Connector

- Work party to clear and demarcate the trail for Galloping Goose (GGRT) connection. **Action: Jay Shukin to schedule and discuss with CAO.**
- Monitor in wet season.

c) Hillman Trail Clean-up

a) Completed by Westmount School volunteers on June 2nd.
b) The CAO met the volunteers on site to provide an orientation, and a sign-in sheet was used.
c) Trail needs to be graveled in sections to address mud and wet. **Action**: develop a brief plan to share with CAO.

6. Parks & Trails Master Plan Update

- No update.

7. Reports

a) Parks & Trails Coordinator Verbal Report

- Corresponding with public interested in a memorial bench; the Village area or Duke Road could be options.
- Local Scout troops have offered to place bat boxes at Buckbrush Swamp with CAO approval.

b) Council Liaison Verbal Report

b) Buffer Land Park Dedication Bylaw to be adopted by Council.
c) A future 'workshop' session on climate change and environment has been discussed.

c) Chair Verbal Report

d) Meeting with a MISC member to discuss on-going work at Blinkhorn, particularly around European Ash, Bluebells, and Stinky Bob.
e) Duke Road South subdivision update.
f) Recruitment for Trail Steward Program: Muse, Metchosin Day, Fire Hall sign
g) Map updates for Parks and Trails Master Plan.

d) Buffer Land Report

h) Creating a five-year plan;
i) Table at Metchosin Day;
j) Royal Roads student research has begun;
k) Water level monitoring stations on Metchosin and Bilston; and
l) Clarification desired on Buffer Reserve Fund

8. Correspondence

- None.

9. Other Business

a) Park Bench Inventory

- Provided to PTASC for information.
- Suggestion that this be posted on the PTASC page on the District's webpage.
- Inventory needs to be updated with the recently installed Hillman Trail bench (April 2026).

b) Metchosin Day

- Presentation materials to bring
  - Info on the Trail Stewards program;
  - Maps and trails information (including the Big Map);
  - Contact sheets;
  - Giveaways;
- Update Big Map and bigger print version of the map book.
- Contact the M-Day organizers to confirm. (completed).

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

- Next meeting date August 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.