DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

AGENDA

PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Metchosin Municipal Hall

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1. **Agenda, Additions, Approval**

2. **Presentations**

3. **Public Participation**

4. **Adoption of Minutes**
   a. Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee, August 26, 2026 1

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
   a. Trail Visit Update and Next Appointments
   b. Trail Steward Program - Volunteers
   c. Metchosin Day Update

6. **Reports**
   a. Parks & Trails Coordinator Verbal Report
   b. Chair Verbal Report
   c. Buffer Land Report

7. **Correspondence**

8. **Other Business**
   a. Beckingham Trail

9. **Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

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MINUTES

PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
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Present: David Shanks (Chair), Jay Shukin (Council Liaison), Ron Aubrey, Ian Baxter, Emma Horgan, Chris Thibideau

Regrets: Kathy Atherton, Caroline Donohue

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. **Agenda, Additions, Approval**
   - Approved by consensus

2. **Presentations**
   - **Buffer Land Signage and Trail Stewards**
     Richard Simpson presented on behalf of Friends of the Buffer Land (FoBL) regarding two matters: signage and the Trail Stewards Program:
     - The Buffer land lacks formal signage to inform, address risk, and promote ecological restoration; and
     - Trail Stewards for the Buffer Land could help manage risks.

Committee Clarification:
- Commercial dog walkers in the Buffer Land;
- Creek crossings and signage.
- Buffer Land sign recommendations for PTASC, the Trails Coordinator and staff to be brought forward at future Committee meeting.

> **Moved by** David Shanks
> That David Shanks, Ian Baxter and Caroline Donahue form a Trail Steward Sub-Committee to coordinate interest regarding the Buffer Land and other parks that may come through PTASC's booth at Metchosin Day.
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> **Carried**

3. **Public Participation**
   - None.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**
   - **Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee, June 16, 2026**
     - Approved by consensus.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
   - **Trail Visit Update and Next Appointments**
     - Updates:
       - David Shanks, La Bonne Connector: No issues;
       - Ian Baxter, Blinkhorn: No issues;
       - Chris Thibideau, Lusse Way and Lissandra Trail: Some drainage issues/moist areas; some impact from horse travel. Trail sign should be fixed; and
       - Emma Horgan, Hillman Trail and Chapel Heights: No issues.
     - Next Appointments assignments:
       - Jay Shukin - Deer Park entry to Eleanor Mann;
       - Ron Aubrey and David Shanks - Latoria Creek Bridge; and
       - Ian Baxter - Buckbrush Swamp.

   - **Parks & Trails Master Plan Update**
     - The Committee reviewed changes and discussed:
       - Commercial dog walking.

   - **Metchosin Day**
     - The Committee discussed and appointed tasks for the PTASC table.

   - **Hillman Trail**
     - The Committee discussed the following issues:
       - Low spots which should be graveled; and
       - Gravel supply.

6. **Reports**
   - **Parks & Trails Coordinator Verbal Report**
     - None

   - **Council Liaison Verbal Report**
     - CAO request for feedback on park closures due to wildfire risks.
     - Committee meetings on hold until new Council term in October 2026.

     Committee Discussion:
     - Do not agree with closing parks

   - **Chair Verbal Report**
     - Beckingham Trail work in progress to connect with the Galloping Goose Trail.

- **Buffer Land Report**
    - FoBL draft five-year plan update;
    - Royal Roads student research on plant composition within the Buffer Land;
    - Biologist recommendation to explore artificial regeneration; and
    - Metchosin Day.

    Moved by Ian Baxter:
    THAT David Shanks, Ian Baxter and Jay Shukin form a sub-committee to liaise with the CAO and Friends of the Buffer Land.

    Carried

7. Correspondence

- None.

8. Other Business

- None.

9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned and next meeting to be called by the Chair.