



## DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

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**SUBJECT: Buffer Land Working Group Terms of Reference**

**Approved by Council: March 6, 2023**

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### **PURPOSE**

The Buffer Land Working Group (the “Working Group”) is being formed to identify and evaluate options for the future management of the Buffer Land, keeping in mind the concept of the Buffer Land being a “greenspace buffer,” as presented in the 2017 land swap referendum.

As part of this process, Working Group members will:

- Contribute their own ideas, views and insights to the Working Group’s considerations.
- Hear from community members, and bring these ideas, views and insights into the Working Group considerations.
- Hold at least two community information meetings: one at the start of the process and one prior to the delivery of the Working Group’s recommendations to Council.
- Include in their considerations the input received to date, notably from:
  - The Metchosin Environmental Advisory Select Committee.
  - The Metchosin Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee.
  - The on-line resident survey of August/September 2022.
- Evaluate options in a fair and objective manner, using a range of criteria, including (but not limited to):
  - Environmental protection
  - Neighbour impacts
  - Financial impacts
  - Practicality
  - Legal and land use considerations (i.e. covenant considerations)
- Through either the Chair or Vice-Chair, request input from District staff and consultants, as needed, in terms of financial, land use, legal, and other matters.
- Develop a report to Council on the options evaluated and the input received.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Working Group will be composed of up to nine individuals:

- Councillor Shukin (Chair)
- Councillor Donaldson (Vice-Chair)
- Residents of the Neild Road and general area.
- A member of PTASC and/or MEASC (and Alternate member)
- A community member(s)

The members shall be appointed by Council.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BUFFER LAND WORKING GROUP SHALL BE TO:**

1. The Working Group's meetings shall be open to the public.
2. The Working Group may suggest changes to these terms of reference for consideration by Mayor and Council.
3. Report back to Council within six months of the Working Group's first meeting. The report shall include the options considered and the Working Group's recommendations for consideration by Council.

Councillor Shukin is the Council Liaison for the Working Group.

*The Working Group is appointed by Council as an advisory committee. Council appreciates the input of its advisory committees. However, when committee recommendations are considered by Council this will often be done with a wide context and within the full scope of Council's mandate. Council, therefore, will always reserve its right to exercise its discretion in terms of committee recommendations.*