

District of Metchosin

Minutes

Buffer Land Working Group

July 11, 2023 at 4:30 P.M.

Council Chambers
Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Councillor Jay Shukin (Chair), Councillor Shelly Donaldson (Vice-Chair), Bonnie Bouveur, Brian Grant, Anna Hall, Karen Hoffman, Richard Simpson, Gary Smirfitt.

Regrets: Bailey Spiteri

The meeting called to order at 4:30 pm

1. Agenda, Additions, Approval

Jay called the meeting to order. Agenda was approved with addition of 5. c) Discussion of look ahead schedule.

2. Presentation

There were no presentations.

3. Public Participation

Avril Yoachim, resident, reminded the Working Group that the first public meeting indicated a strong desire to rezone the Buffer land from Commercial/Recreational to another classification that supported the greenspace vision.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) Buffer Land Working Group Meeting, June 6, 2023 – **Approved**

5. New Business

a) Buffer Land vision/concept statement

The Working Group agreed that further development of the vision/concept will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Working Group.

b) Discussion of options and input into the tracking table

The Working Group discussed each of 23 concepts for consideration. Concepts included variants of status quo, rezoning, property sale, access options and rewilding.

Working through each concept, the Working Group determined if the concept required further research and development (Tier 1), could be consolidated into similar concepts (Tier 2), or relegated (no further study) at this time (Tier 3).

Members of the Working Group agreed to complete further research and report at the next scheduled meeting of the WG on the topics of:

- Zoning options that support the conservation protection vision for the Buffer Land;
- Feasibility of a land trust/land conservancy option for the Buffer Land;
- Capital Regional District collaboration that would support the long term vision for the Buffer Land;
- Additional detail and potential of the Trail & Swale concept; and
- A clearer understanding of re-wilding and possible implications for the Buffer Land.

c) Discussion of look ahead schedule

Next meeting: July 26th – 4:30 pm

The August 15th meeting is to be rescheduled (was subsequently rescheduled to August 16th)

A public meeting to report progress will be scheduled for September.

6. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.