



DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

AGENDA

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

December 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Metchosin Municipal Hall

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9. **Other Business**
 - a) Geese Update
 - b) Fill Dumping on ALR Land
 - c) Metchosin Agricultural Area Plan - Next Steps
 - d) Working with Reimagine Westshore
10. **Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

District of Metchosin

Minutes

Agricultural Advisory Select Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber

Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Robin Tunnicliffe (Chair), Brent Donaldson, Shelly Donaldson (Council Liaison), Alex Fletcher, Sasha Kubicek (Recorder), and Candace Lecompte via telephone.

Regrets: Peter Chettleburgh and Andrew Penn

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

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Moved and Seconded by Sasha and Brent that the Committee approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

2. Presentations

None.

3. Public Participation

Heather Ramsey, of Umi Nami Farm, gave a background on produce donations by local farms to local families in need. Umi Nami Farm made connection and started donations. Wind Whipped Farm and Sea Bluff Farm joined in. Wind Whipped Farm had solidarity funds raised through its customers that have been used to pay farms for produce. These funds have run out and looking to District if Ag Committee can help maybe via Ag Plan get funds to continue program. Scope right now is 7 to 12 families, weekly if possible, costing \$6K. This is a great example of local food security.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Brent and Alex that the Committee approve the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee meeting held on May 15, 2024.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes

The following minutes were received:

- a) Finance Committee Meeting, June 3, 2024
- b) Special Finance Committee Meeting, July 9, 2024
- c) Special Finance Committee Meeting, September 9, 2024

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Livestock/Wildlife Conflict

Matt provided an update that there have been no kills of livestock since the summer cougar issues. Bears are active right now with lots of sightings but no livestock conflicts.

The group discussed a messaging tool between farmers that could give heads up when carnivores have been sighted. Matt will investigate selecting and setting up a messaging tool.

7. New Business

a) Goose Update

Robin presented at the Capital Regional District Board Meeting representing Peninsula & Area Agricultural Commission and advocated for a full cull in 2025. Discussion had about Royal Bay's success on culling geese, can District reach out to them and ask how process was carried, out, costs, logistics, etc. Can the District write a letter to the CRD asking/supporting a cull of geese in 2025?

b) Metchosin Agricultural Area Plan

A copy of the Agriculture Plan was provided. Council approved the plan which has been posted on the District website. Robin updated the group on discussions with Reimagine Westshore and how they could be supportive of the plan. Initial leads were them helping with Metchosin Grown Map, setting up a virtual online market for Metchosin producers or some kind of local food event. More to come.

c) Metchosin Grown Society and Funding Opportunities

Shelly reported that the Society is registered and has an executive. More administrative tasks to complete including District of Metchosin occupancy lease. Bramble excavation is complete. Next steps – soil amendments and fencing.

d) Metchosin Grown Brand Building

The group brainstormed ideas. Stickers have been printed and could be sold at farmstands as fundraiser. Need for a bank account, who/how? Discussion on a Metchosin Grown Day in April 2025 as a major fundraiser for the initiative.

8. Reports

- Metchosin Producers' Association follow up meeting scheduled for Oct 30/31st. No one volunteered to join Shelly and Peter at the meeting.
- Shelly attended UBCM and reported on agriculture related items:
 - Pitt Meadows presented a resolution for the threshold for farms to increase from \$2.5K to \$7K. Province will now review.
 - Farmland tax brought forward also for Province to review.
 - Inventory review planned by BC Assessment. No actual dates/timelines
 - Human wildlife conflict presentation attended; no new material presented from what we already know/have seen at similar presentation.
- Rabbit update – Shelly has an information article coming out in the November Muse. Budget for control is still available with trapper coming out again. No dates/timeline given.

9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Moved and Seconded by Alex and Sasha that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Carried

No next meeting date selected.

District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Finance Committee Meeting
October 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

Metchosin Municipal Hall
Council Chambers

PLEASE NOTE: The meeting has been recorded.

Present: Councillor Donaldson in the Chair, Mayor Little, Councillors Epp, Gray and Shukin. Also present was Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer, Geoffrey Kreek, Chief Financial Officer, and Tina Hansen, Deputy Corporate Officer.

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

The Chair provided a territorial acknowledgement.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Moved and Seconded by Councillor Shukin and Mayor Little that the Committee approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

2. Public Participation

Garry Lamb, resident, commented on the Third Quarter Financial Report including operating expenditures, fire department operating costs overages, and concerns of stating that revenues and expenditures to date are consistent with the financial plan when certain areas are over budget.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Councillor Gray and Mayor Little that the Committee adopt the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held, June 3, 2024.

Carried

Moved and Seconded by Councillor Epp and Mayor Little that the Committee adopt the minutes of the Special Finance Committee Meeting held, July 9, 2024 (Joint Meeting with the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee and the Environmental Advisory Select Committee).

Carried

Moved and Seconded by Councillor Shukin and Mayor Little that the Committee adopt the minutes of the Special Finance Committee Meeting held, September 9, 2024.

Carried

4. Reports for Information

a) Staff Report, 2025-2029 Budget and Public Consultation

Staff provided an overview of the Staff Report the 2025-2029 Budget and Public Consultation process.

Committee discussed:

- Reference to public consultation
- Timing for considering capital projects
- Approach for budget process and priority setting
- Public consultation aspect during meetings and public open house
- Opportunity for public to meet with staff to have questions addressed
- Public engagement at meetings during last budget process

Moved and Seconded by Councillors Shukin and Epp that the Committee receive the Staff Report, 2025-2029 Budget and Public Consultation, for information;
And That the Committee approve the proposed public budget consultation schedule.

Carried

b) Staff Report, Third Quarter Update

Staff provided an overview of the Staff Report regarding the Third Quarter Financial Update on the financial results for the first nine months of the 2024 fiscal year including:

- Actual results, 61 percent of budgeted expenditures
- Revenue from Metchosin School
- Revenue from Building permits
- Administration costs will need to be increased due to the Collective Agreement
- Fire Department training, revenues and expenditures

Committee discussion:

- Fire Department training and collected revenue
- Unbudgeted over expenditures will be collected by year end
- Unbudgeted over expenditures not related to training
- Communications between Administration and Fire Department related to budget
- 24/7 Fire Department personnel coverage
- Capital projects update
- Growing Communities Fund

Action: Staff to provide an update on the 2024 Capital Projects at the upcoming Finance Committee Budget Meeting.

c) Councillor's Update

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

- Fire Prevention Week
- Juan de Fuca Water Commission – water main repair
- Greater Victoria Library Board
 - Summer programming
 - Nellie McClung Branch relocation
 - Union of BC Municipalities Advocacy
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 - Travel to convention
 - Communities in transition
 - Meeting etiquette – role play
 - Housing – successes, failures and challenges
- West Shore Parks and Recreation Society
 - BMX Nationals
 - Triangle Athletic Association

- Colwood and Langford looking into community recreation facilities
- Pickleball court project update
- Agriculture
 - Metchosin Agricultura Area Plan

5. Adjournment

Moved and Seconded by Councillor Shukin and Mayor Little that the Committee adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Carried

Certified Correct

Chair

Corporate Officer