

Rooted in Metchosin: A Look at Local Agriculture



Role of the Agricultural Land Commission

The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) regulations play a vital role in preserving farmland, guiding development, and ensuring the long-term viability of agriculture in Metchosin. These regulations support sustainable farming and help maintain the district's rural character. However, it is important for property owners to understand how these regulations apply to their land and activities.

Whether managing an ALR farm, small-scale agricultural operation, or rural property, landowners benefit from clear information about regulations affecting their property and farming activities. Increased awareness of ALC guidelines helps preserve Metchosin's agricultural integrity and ensures our community continues to thrive as a rural, farming municipality.

For further details on ALC regulations and how they apply to your property, residents are encouraged to visit the Agricultural Land Commission website

<https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/resources/alc-policies-and-bulletins/> or contact the District of Metchosin at info@metchosin.ca or visit www.metchosin.ca for additional resources or guidance.



A Community Commitment

In 2024, the District of Metchosin approved the first-ever **Metchosin Agricultural Area Plan**, reinforcing our collective commitment to strengthening local agriculture, food security, and sustainable farming practices. Learn more and read the full plan here: www.metchosin.ca

Together, we grow a healthier, more resilient community.

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Food Security: Why Local Food Matters More Than Ever

Recent years have shown us how fragile our food supply chains can be. During the COVID-19 pandemic many of us faced empty grocery store shelves. Now, rising food costs and the threat of tariffs are making food affordability and availability even more challenging.

The Benefits of Supporting Metchosin Grown

Supporting local agriculture has a ripple effect, benefiting not just farmers but also businesses that rely on farming, such as local abattoirs, wheat mills, hay suppliers, tractor and equipment sales. By choosing Metchosin Grown, we create a more resilient food system and enjoy benefits such as:

Economic strength – purchasing from local farmers keeps money in our community, strengthens the economy, and creates jobs.

Food Sovereignty – A robust local food system makes us less dependent on global supply chains, ensuring access to healthy, affordable food.

Fresher food and fewer emissions – Local produce travels shorter distances, reducing environmental impact.

Environmental sustainability – reduced carbon footprints, lower use in packaging, and promotes healthier soil through sustainable practices.

How You Can Support Local Agriculture



By choosing to buy directly from our farmers, at roadside stands, the Metchosin Farmers Market, or participating in our Community Garden, you strengthen our local food network. Your support ensures fresh, healthy food remains accessible to all.

Let's invest in our local farmland – for our economy, the environment, and our own food security.



Metchosin is fortunate to have rich agricultural land, giving us the opportunity to grow nutritious food and support local farmers. Choose *Metchosin Grown* and help our community thrive!