

District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Agricultural Advisory Select Committee Meeting**

**July 10, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.**

Council Chamber

Metchosin Municipal Hall

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**Present:** Robin Tunnicliffe, Matt Ashton, Peter, Andrew Penn, Alex Fletcher, Sasha Kubiek, Shelly Donaldson (Councillor)

**Regrets:** Candace LeCompte, Brent Donaldson

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**1. Agenda, Additions and Approval**

- Additions 8.d) Metchosin Foundation update 8.e) Firehall ALR land issue

**Moved and Seconded by** Sasha Kubiek and Shelly Donaldson

**THAT** the Committee approve the agenda as amended.

**Carried**

**2. Presentations**

- None

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved and Seconded by** Sasha Kubiek and Shelly Donaldson

**THAT** the Committee approve the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee meeting held on July 10, 2025.

**Carried**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**a) Farm Solidarity Update**

- Discussion to remove this item from further agendas, and bring back when relevant. No update to report.

**5. Reports**

**a) Chair Update**

- Reimagine Westshore posters and maps, discussion had, consensus is positive that something is happening and being circulated, room for improvements on printed material.

**b) Councillor Liaison Update**

- Work on tax handouts.
- Upcoming Muse poultry article for September 2025, and hay article for spring 2026.
- Updated Facebook and submitted photos for the annual report.

- Reimagine Westshore grant applications.
- Metchosin Grown Society had successful plant sale, garden is fenced, irrigated and planted for fall pumpkin event.
- UBCM is on Island this year, Councillor speaking on Goose issue.

## 7. Correspondence

- None

## 8. Other Business

### a) Metchosin Biodiversity and Natural Assets Plan

- Appreciation for the opportunity to provide feedback.
- Committee feedback:
  - Create a plan for positive direction for the district, with emphasis on community education and awareness of issues tying into enforcement.
  - Edit soil deposits on ALR land to include all Metchosin lands as upland properties are biggest receiver of fill and weed/invasives that result.
  - Idea of a community owned and run composter for invasive species waste material.

### b) Draft Invasive Species on Municipal Land and Roadsides Policy

- Appreciation for the opportunity to provide feedback and recognition of policy as a great first step.
- Committee feedback is to create a plan for a positive direction for the district.

### c) Metchosin Community Day

- Agricultural Advisory Select Committee has a booth reserved.
- Zucchini races will be an official event this year. A new racetrack is going to be built via a volunteer from Sea Bluff Farm.
- Issues with signage last year. Matt volunteered to work on signage this year.

**Moved and Seconded by** Sasha Kubiek and Matt Ashton

THAT the Committee approve the use of up to \$150 from the AASC Expense Budget, for Metchosin Community Day signage to promote the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee and the Metchosin Grown brand.

**Carried**

### d) Metchosin Foundation Update

- Robin met with two members of the Foundation board who are exploring a project for the Foundation to fund.
- Food bank Solidarity fund is one option as well as a coordinator position to help implementation of Ag Plan.
- Need for an established organization. Suggestion C.R.F.A.I.R.

e) **Firehall ALR Land Issue**

- Chair brought up concerns that Agricultural Advisory Select Committee was not utilized in Firehall ALR Land Issue.
- Committee has expertise that can inform Council in decisions related to Agriculture.
- Chair to draft a letter to the District to voice concern.

9. **Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

**Moved and Seconded by** Sasha Kubiek and Alex Fletcher  
THAT the Committee adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

**Carried**

The next meeting will be held potentially Sept 2025.