

District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Agricultural Advisory Select Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, Dec 9, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.**

Council Chamber

Metchosin Municipal Hall

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**Present:** Alex Fletcher, Brent Donaldson, Peter Chettleburgh, Sasha Kubicek, Andrew Penn, Shelly Donaldson, Robin Tunnicliffe

**Regrets:** Matt Ashton

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**1. Agenda, Additions and Approval**

- Addition of Committee Elections to agenda under business arising.

**Moved and Seconded** by Brent Donaldson and Peter Chettleburgh

THAT the Committee approve the agenda as amended to include the addition of Committee Elections as item no. 5.a).

**Carried**

**2. Presentations**

- None

**3. Public Participation**

- None

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved and Seconded** by Sasha Kubicek, and Peter Chettleburgh

THAT the Committee approve the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee meeting held on October 15, 2025.

**Carried**

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**a) Committee Election**

- January will begin a new term for some Committee members;
- One open appointment for Council appointment in 2026;
- Current Chair will step down and new chair will be appointed in January; and
- Co-chairing and possible meeting dates were discussed.

**b) UBCM Resolution Update**

- Goose and rabbit resolutions endorsed at AVICC;
- Feral Rabbit issue is getting media coverage right now;
- Council Liaison shared update:
  - Province announced plans to increase the minimum farm income amount from \$2,500
  - A tiered increase implementation is expected.

- Committee could provide education materials, workshops for local farmers to help them increase production to meet new minimum limits;
- Workshop regarding leasing land as possible first workshop, info session; and
- Use of MUSE article as an educational piece.

**c) Agricultural Plan Implementation**

- Biggest challenge on Plan implementation is not having an entity that can apply and receive grant funding.
- Andrew Penn will reach out to the Metchosin Foundation and see if they can be key entity to apply for grants and accept funding for Agricultural Plan implementation.
- Committee could host a Speakers Series and workshops on key Plan topics.
  - Andrew Penn offered Bilston Creek Farm as a venue and will reach out to Karma Brophy as a possible speaker.
- Council Liaison shared an update on the Metchosin Farmers Market:
  - Will not be a part of BCAFM for 2026;
  - New Vice-President;
  - Committee concerned that Market's direction does not align with Agriculture Plan as per their constitution.

**Moved by** Sasha Kubicek

THAT the Committee recommend Council Support the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee hosting a Speakers Series and Workshops to facilitate the implementation of the Agricultural Plan. The first series to be a speaker on Agri-Tourism and take place this winter.

**Carried by Consent**

**d) COMMITTEE BANNER AND BRANDING**

- Design and wording in progress;
- Request \$500 budget for 2025 be carried forward to 2026 when banner printing to occur. Banner will be key for upcoming Speaker Series.

**e) PAAC**

- Chair gave update:
  - Awaiting 2026 Appointment for District of Metchosin representative(s).
  - Councillor liaison to provide an update at a future meeting as information becomes available.

**f) Farm Event**

- Speaker Series, item 5.c), is 2026 priority; and
- Letter of invitation to be drafted by Andrew Penn, and sent by the Chair, to potential speakers regarding presenting for the committee at the first of the Speakers Series.

**6. Reports**

**a) Chair update**

- No further update.

**b) Councillor Liaison Update:**

- Encouraged attendance at Public Hearing on Housing, December 15, 7:00 p.m. in chambers;
- Rezoning of 4409 William Head Road was finalized to include portion for commercial with potential for positive impact to Metchosin Agriculture;

- 2026 Budget allocated funds for Dog signage for District parks and municipal lands.
- Community Garden update; and
- Metchosin Grown Society update:
  - Focus on membership and workshops for revenue.

**7. Correspondence**

**a) Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food Letter**

- Draft letter to Anne Kang, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport to see if there are funding opportunities for Agricultural Plan implementation.

**8. Other Business**

**a) Regional Canada Goose Working Group**

- Metchosin needs a representative and appointed Sasha Kubicek to register and attend Dec 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

**Moved and Seconded** by Sasha Kubicek, and Alex Fletcher  
THAT the Committee adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**Carried**

The next meeting will be held on January 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.