

District of Metchosin

Minutes

Environmental Advisory Select Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Council Chamber

Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Andy MacKinnon (Chair), Bill Cave (recorder), Ric Perron, Councillor Steve Gray, Merrilee Hoen, Erin Van de Water

Regrets: Anna Hall, Gary Fletcher

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

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Moved and Seconded by Steve Gray and Merrilee Hoen
THAT the Committee approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

2. Presentations

None

3. Public Participation

None

4. Adoption of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Ric Perron and Merrilee Hoen
THAT that the Committee approve the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Select Committee meeting held on October 28, 2020.

Carried

5. Receipt of Minutes

Moved and Seconded by Bill Cave and Andy MacKinnon
THAT the Committee receive the Parks and Trails Advisory and Select Committee along with the Draft Parks and Trails Master plan.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Roads Resurfacing program

- Council agreed that both MEASC and PTASC will be notified by the CAO when road resurfacing is proposed so that the Committees might comment on trail construction and other issues.

b) Invasive Species

- CAO will be using the CRISP invasive species list for treatment priorities.

c) Bullfrog Management

- The bullfrog management will continue under contract into the next year. A repeat look at Blinkhorn Lake will be added to the contract. The Mayor will request the CRD inventory Matheson Lake for bullfrogs.

7. Reports

a) Chair's Verbal Report

- With our chair currently out of town Merrilee Hoen and Andy MacKinnon have been the acting Chairs. Our Committee thanks Steve for his efforts to bring our Committee's concerns before Council.

b) Council Liaison Verbal Report

- The 2026 budget process is well underway.
- The PTASC recommendation regarding the Duke Rd subdivision on a proposed trail from Duke Road to the very large arbutus will align with MEASC recommendations.

8. Correspondence

None

9. Other Business

a) Draft Parks and Trails Master Plan Input

- There was an open house last weekend to consider the first draft and comments were collected. During public participation at Council, several residents raised their concerns that the environment was not getting enough coverage. Committee members agreed that PTASC has done a good job on the first draft.
- There was some concern by the public regarding the suggestion that some Metchosin Parks may be sold and the funds may be used for the purchase of other, more suitable, properties or for a rainy day.
- There was discussion on the permitting of bikes on trails in Metchosin parks. The draft says trailheads should have signs permitting or denying bike use.
- There was discussion of liability responsibility for Parks and Trails volunteers in regard to injuries while working in parks.

Action Item: All members of MEASC are to submit comments to Andy MacKinnon regarding the Parks and Trails Master Plan within the next week or two.

b) Oil Tanker Moratorium ACT

Moved and Seconded by Andy MacKinnon and Merrilee Hoen

THAT the Mayor write a letter on behalf of Council to the provincial and federal governments in support of continuing the *Oil Tanker Moratorium Act* tanker ban protection of BC's coast from the threat of oil spills and environmental harm associated with new oil pipelines and tanker traffic.

Carried

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Moved and Seconded by Bill Cave and Erin Van De Water
THAT the Committee adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Carried

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.