

District of Metchosin

Minutes

**Agricultural Advisory Select Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 17 2026, at 7:00 P.M.**

Council Chamber

Metchosin Municipal Hall

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

**Regrets:** Matt

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Committee welcomed new member Judy Carter.

**1. Agenda, Additions and Approval**

**Moved and Seconded** by Peter Chettleburgh, and Sasha Kubicek  
THAT the Committee approve the agenda as presented.

**Carried**

**2. Presentations:**

- None

**3. Public Participation**

- None

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved and Seconded** by Brent Donaldson and Peter Chettleburgh  
THAT the Committee approve the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee meeting held on January 15, 2026.

**Carried**

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**a) Amendments to Terms of Reference**

**Moved and Seconded**

THAT the Committee recommend Council approve the following amendment to the Agricultural Advisory Select Committee's Terms of Reference:

To strike the word 'developing' and replace with 'implementing' under the Purpose of the Committee as long as the wording before says "assist Metchosin Council in".

**Carried**

**b) Event Subcommittee, Banner and Outreach Materials, Update**

- Deadline to finalize for the March 31<sup>st</sup> Agri Tourism event.
- Wording approved for the banner to be- Agriculture Advisory Select Committee "Supporting

Metchosin Farming".

- Include the District of Metchosin Logo
- Brent Donaldson and Alex Fletcher volunteered to complete a draft design and by Friday, March 20, for committee approval.
- Final design to be completed by March 23.

**c) Agricultural Plan, Priority Action Items and Funding Needs**

- Committee recommendations to Metchosin Agricultural Alliance (MAA):
  - Apply for a Local Line online store to have an impactful first deliverable with four anchor products:
    - Farms initially interested are Umi Nami Farm, Perry Bay Sheep/Still Meadow Farm, Wind Whipped Farm and Sea Bluff Farm;
    - Other farms to use the portal as they have product available.
  - Next step is for MAA to apply to the BC Association of Farmers Markets to access their services like online registration staff funding and eligibility to accept BC Nutrition Coupons.

**Committee Discussion:**

- Revenue options for Metchosin farmers;
- CRD use of Local Line;
- Presentation by Moss Street Market administrator Kyle Goulet on Local Line use;
  - Chair will reach out to the above.
- District funding possibilities for Plan implementation; and
- Local farmer attendance at Committee meetings.

**6. Reports**

**a) Chair Report**

- Planning update for the Agri Tourism workshop being held at Bilston Creek Farm on March 31:
  - Muse article, SIFI (South Island Farmers Institute) collaboration, marketing and planning.
- Tribute to J. Nikkels, one of the current owners and landlords of Metchosin's abattoir.

**b) Councilor Liaison Update**

- Council endorsement of AVICC Resolution on CSA program subsidy from province;
- Kitchen tour update; and
- Attendance at March PAAC meeting.
  - PAAC meeting minutes to be shared by Council Liaison.

**7. Correspondence**

- None

**8. Other Business**

**a) Agritourism Forum**

- Andrew Penn and Chair to confirm presenter; and
- Councillor Donaldson, on behalf of District, to invite local First Nations to event.
- Event details:
  - March 31<sup>st</sup> at Bilston Creek Farm from 2pm to 5pm,
  - 2pm-2:30pm: Social,

- 2:30-3pm: Discussion: Premiers Task Force tax changes, - MAA and Geese update.
- 3pm-4pm: Karma and Rebecca Agri Tourism presentation
- 4pm-5pm: Discussions, brainstorming, questions, refreshments and pizza
  - Detailed event plan with tasks and responsibilities will be sent out separately by Sasha Kubicek

**b) Metchosin Agricultural Alliance (MAA) update**

- Alex, Peter and Robin presented to Council;
- Creating membership structure, looking at individual farmers as members;
- Have reached out to Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance;
- Working closely with Metchosin Foundation;
- Local Line online store and BC Association of Farmers Market membership will be initial focus.

**c) Regional Goose Working Committee update**

- Guardians Of Our Salish Estuaries presented to the RGWC:
  - Key organization on island contracted and approved to do egg addling, estuary restoration and coordination of First Nation mult season harvests. One is scheduled for Metchosin this year.
  - Education gap within Metchosin community- Possibility for committee to assist CRD by providing more education.
    - Sasha Kubicek to have a booth for geese education at upcoming Agri Tourism Forum.

**d) 2025 Annual Report**

- Chair will provide staff with summary; and
- Councilor Donaldson will provide MPA and Community Garden summaries.

**9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

**Moved and Seconded** by Alex Fletcher and Sasha Kubicek  
THAT the Committee adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

**Carried**

The next meeting will be held on May 5th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.