

District Of Metchosin

Minutes

Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee Meeting

March 19, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Shari Rourke, Sarah Anthony, Barrett Fullerton, Shannon Carman (Virtual), Councillor Jay Shukin

Regrets: Stacey Weir

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

1. Agenda, Additions and Approval

Moved and Seconded by Sarah Anthony and Shari Rourke.

THAT the Committee approve the agenda.

Carried

2. Presentations

- None.

3. Public Participation

- Jane H, resident, addressed the Committee in support of item 8.a) The Village Initiative – Request for Funding for MLAT Coordinator The initiative involves collaboration between Westshore municipalities and approximately 70 service organizations. The initiative proposes a shared Municipal Leaders Advisory Team (MLAT) Coordinator, with a requested contribution from Metchosin of \$4,800 annually for three years. The speaker emphasized the need for improved youth programming, particularly for older youth, noting limited local opportunities after elementary school and reliance on travel outside the community. The speaker highlighted opportunities for collaboration between organizations including Juan de Fuca services, RCMP, School District 62, Pearson College, and Island Health, and encouraged formation of a youth subcommittee, community roundtables, and exploration of alternative funding approaches.
- Tamara Ballard, resident, addressed the Committee in support of the previous speaker and the need for increased coordination and youth support.

4. Adoption of Minutes

SIRC report to be added for review and adoption at next meeting.

5. Receipt of Draft Minutes

- None.

6. Business Arising

a) 2025 Annual Report

- Discussion for next meeting.

7. Reports

a) Chair:

- Community event was held to recognize and thank Chief Dunlop as she transitions to her new position in Central Saanich, with a strong turnout from the community.
- Appreciation was expressed to Councillor Shukin, the Fire Department, and community members for their efforts in organizing the event.
- A new Fire Chief has been hired and is currently working with the CAO to determine any role changes related to committee representation for the Fire Department.

b) Council Liaison:

- Council is currently working through the municipal budget process.

c) Fire Chief:

- None.

d) SIRC:

- Provided a handout for February meeting update

e) Health & Safety:

- None.

8. Other Business

a) The Village Initiative – Request for Funding for MLAT Coordinator

- Request had already been considered by Council, and Council resolved not to make a financial commitment toward the funding request.
- Community interest in privately securing funding to support the initiative and may work directly with The Village Initiative to provide financial support for the first year.
- Gap in youth programming, particularly for older youth, and the limited availability of local opportunities within the community.
- Transportation challenges, many youth must travel outside Metchosin to access programs and services.
- Lack of dedicated gathering spaces for youth, with potential opportunities through future developments such as the Village Square.
- Support for increased collaboration and coordination between agencies, with recognition that a regional approach could improve outcomes and reduce duplication of efforts, improve equity and accessibility.
- Potential for a youth-focused committee and community-based events.

9. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on April 28, 2026.