



DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

AGENDA

PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Metchosin Municipal Hall**

- 1. Agenda, Additions, Approval**
- 2. Presentations**
- 3. Public Participation**
- 4. Adoption of Minutes**
 - a. Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee, May19, 2026 1
- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - a. Trail Visit Update and Next Appointments
 - b. Beckingham Trail, Galloping Goose Regional Trail Connector
 - c. Hillman Trail Cleanup
- 6. Parks & Trails Master Plan Update**
- 7. Reports**
 - a. Parks & Trails Coordinator Verbal Report
 - b. Council Liaison Verbal Report
 - c. Chair Verbal Report
 - d. Buffer Land Report
- 8. Correspondence**
- 9. Other Business**
 - a. Park Bench Inventory5
- 10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**



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MINUTES

PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: David Shanks (Chair), Jay Shukin (Council Liaison, Recorder), Ian Baxter, Emma Horgan, Chris Thibodeau.

Regrets: Kathy Atherton, Ron Aubrey, Caroline Donohue.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

1. Agenda, Additions, Approval

The May 19, 2026, Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee Meeting agenda was approved by consensus.

2. Presentations

- No presentations

3. Public Participation

- No public participation

4. Adoption of Minutes

a. Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee, April 29, 2026

The April 29, 2026, Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee minutes were approved by consensus.

5. Receipt of Minutes

a. Metchosin Environmental Advisory Select Committee, April 28, 2026

The April 28, 2026, Metchosin Environmental Advisory Select Committee Minutes were received for information.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Trail Signage Status

- The Committee discussed trail sign examples and noted the following trails without signage:
 - Annie Jackson;
 - Chapel Heights;
 - Duke Roadside.
- Signage at Taylor and Weir Beaches on the removal of garbage should be explored.
- Standards for future signs and replacement:
 - Sign damage;
 - Information/graphics faded;
 - Graffiti;
 - Missing key information (e.g. No ATVs);
 - Post or standard damaged;
 - Poor placement or visibility.
- Action: Councillor Shukin to contact former Trails Coordinator regarding graphic standards and potential to replicate.

b. April-May PTASC Trail Visits:

- **Beckingham Trail**
 - Entrance is a bit steep;
 - Some debris on the trail and overgrowth;
 - Observe low area during the rainy season;
 - Next steps:
 - connect this trail to the Galloping Goose Regional Trail (GGRT).
- **Cliff Trail**
 - No concerns.
- **Blinkhorn Nature Park**
 - Poor visibility with the sign at the Lindholm exit (northwest entry);
 - Graffiti on several signs;
 - Additional signage may add clarity for walkers at trail fork.
- **Hillman Trail**
 - Faded signs, particularly the “No Motorcycles” icon;
 - First 100 meters overgrown with blackberries;
 - New bench has been installed;
 - Near Pears Rd, sections of the trail get narrow and muddy;
 - Drainage problem;
 - Could accessibility be improved by gravel.
- **Eleanor Mann**
 - No concerns.

Requests – April - May Trail Visits

- Seek process clarification from CAO about how to advance the following:
 - Beckingham:
 - Extending trail to the GGRT;
 - Additional trail cleaning/clearing; and
 - Install signs.
 - Hillman:
 - Remove overgrowth;
 - Drainage/erosion issues;
 - Gravelling section of the trail;
 - Replace faded sign.
 - Blinkhorn:
 - Graffiti (parking lot);
 - Signage at both ends (Kangaroo and Lindholm).
 - Weir and Taylor Beach
 - Signage to pack out waste.
 - Dangerous trees on trails.

May - June. Trail Assignments:

- David - Horse Trail & Deer Park Connector Trail;
- Ian - Madill, Sea Bluff, Village;
- Chris - Buckbrush, Lusse Way & Lissandra;
- Emma – Montruel; and
- Jay - Chappel Heights; Wayne Rock; Bob Mountain.

7. Parks & Trails Master Plan Update

- Additional comments received;
- Access to mapping files.

8. Reports

a. Parks & Trails Coordinator Verbal Report

- No report.

b. Council Liaison Verbal Report

- No further update.

c. Chair Verbal Report

- Request stormwater management plan for Colwood and Latoria Creek from CAO.
- Sharepoint site request.
- Digital trail maps need to be sorted out and resources confirmed.
- Interest by Metchosin Invasive Species Collective to work in Blinkhorn Nature Park.

d. Buffer Land Report

- Royal Roads University student Nic DeCarlo will pursue his research;
- Upcoming Friends of Buffer Land Meeting;

9. Correspondence

- None.

10. Other Business

a. Invasives Check Requested for Blinkhorn Park from Metchosin Invasive Species Collective (MISC)

- MISC request for a walk about to look at status of European Ash in Blinkhorn.
- Return to working in Metchosin parks.

11. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

- Next meeting will take place June 16, 2026, 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

District of Metchosin Memorial Bench/Picnic Table Inventory

Updated: May 11, 2026

Summary of Benches / Tables / Monuments – Part 2 of 2 (as of January 2025)

Location	Type	Person / People Memorialized	Date installed	Condition
Blaney Trail	Bench	Devon Harmony Michaud Jones	TBD	Excellent
Blaney Trail	Bench	Lloyd George Crowther	TBD	Excellent
Blinkhorn Nature Park	Bench	Moralea Milne	TBD	Excellent
Duke Road	Bench	John W.E. Harris	Jan. 2025	Excellent

Summary of Benches / Tables / Monuments – Part 2 of 3 (as of January 2025)

Location	Type	Person / People Memorialized	Date installed	Condition
Hillman Trail	Bench	Mac Tipton	TBD	Remove summer 2024
Farhill Road	Bench	Tom Goldie	TBD	Excellent
Metchosin Community House	Bench	Janice Poulin	TBD	Excellent
Municipal Grounds - Riding Ring	Table	Merle Rimmer	TBD	Good
Municipal Grounds – Cricket Pitch	Bench	Ian and Sonja Young	Jan 2025	Excellent
Municipal Grounds – Cricket Pitch	Bench	Jim and Olive Buchanan	Jan 2025	Excellent

Summary of Benches / Tables – Part 1 of 3 (as of January 2025)

Location	Type	Person / People Memorialized	Date installed	Condition
Weir Beach	Bench	Doug and Flo McLeod	TBD	Excellent
Weir Beach	Bench	Tom & Georgina Vaulkard	TBD	Excellent
William Head Rd & Lombard Drive	Bench	The Helgesens (Brett, Alvin, Eric are named)	TBD	Excellent
Taylor Beach				
Sea Bluff Trail	Picnic Table	Ken Farquharson	2023 (??	Excellent
Sea Bluff Trail	Bench	Deborah “Bobum” Hertberg Elizabeth Harrison Herndorf	TBD	Excellent
Sea Bluff Trail	Bench	Gordon Reimer Peter Beltgens	TBD	Excellent
Sea Bluff Trail	Monument	Sonja Young	TBD	Excellent

Weir Beach



Bench

Tom and Georgina Vaulkhard
Date installed – TBD

Plaque statement:

**In Loving Memory of
Tom and Georgina Vaulkhard**

Bench

Doug and Flo McLeod
Date installed – TBD

Plaque statement:

**In Loving Memory of
Doug and Flo McLeod
“88”**

William Head Rd & Lombard Drive



Bench
The Helgesens
Date installed – TBD

Plaque statement:
**In Memory of the Helgesens
Brett, Alvin and Eric
Nothing Loved is Ever Lost**

Taylor Beach <<forthcoming>>



Bench

???

Date installed – TBD

Plaque statement:

?????

Sea Bluff Trail

Monument

Sonya Young
Date installed – TBD

Plaque statement:

**Sonja Young
1937 – 2010**

**Lived in Metchosin 1970 – 2000
She loved the backwoods and
worked to make them accessible
always.**

Bench (two names)

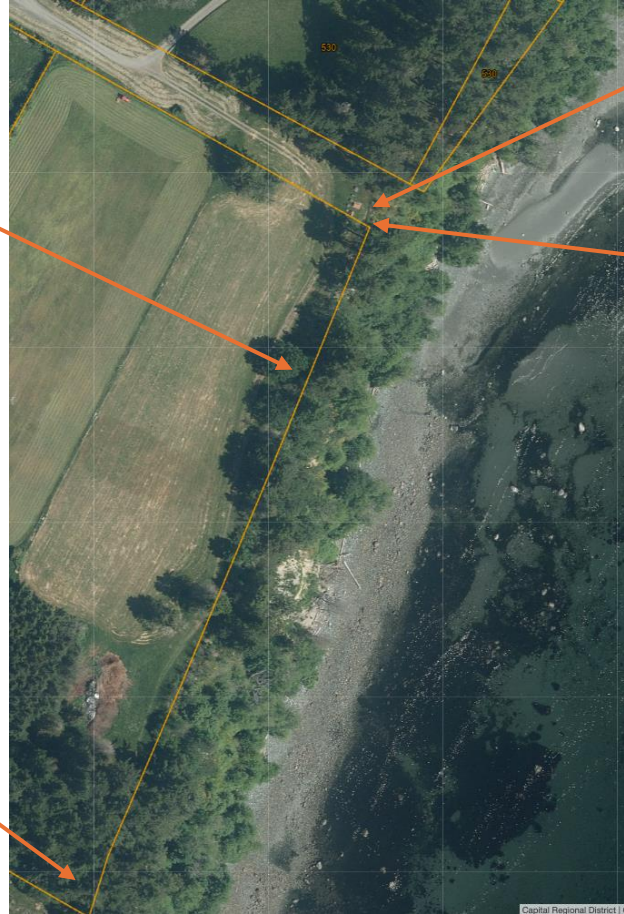
Gordon Reimer
Peter Beltgens
Date installed: TBD

Plaque statement:

**Metchosin Search And Rescue
Members**

**Gordon Reimer
1952 – 2002**

**Peter Beltgens
1954 - 2014**



Table

Ken Farquharson
Date installed – 2022

Plaque statement:

**Defender of BC wild places and
rural Metchosin**

Bench (two names)

Deborah “Bobum” Hertberg
Elizabeth Harrison Herndorf
Date installed – TBD

Plaque statement:

**Deborah “Bobum” Hertberg
1987-2003**

**She cooked above the treetops
at Killma**

&

Her Sister

**Elizabeth Harrison Herndorf
1938– 2022**

Beloved wife of Fred

They loved the Earth’s Gardens

Blaney Trail

Bench
Lloyd George Crowther
Date installed – TBD

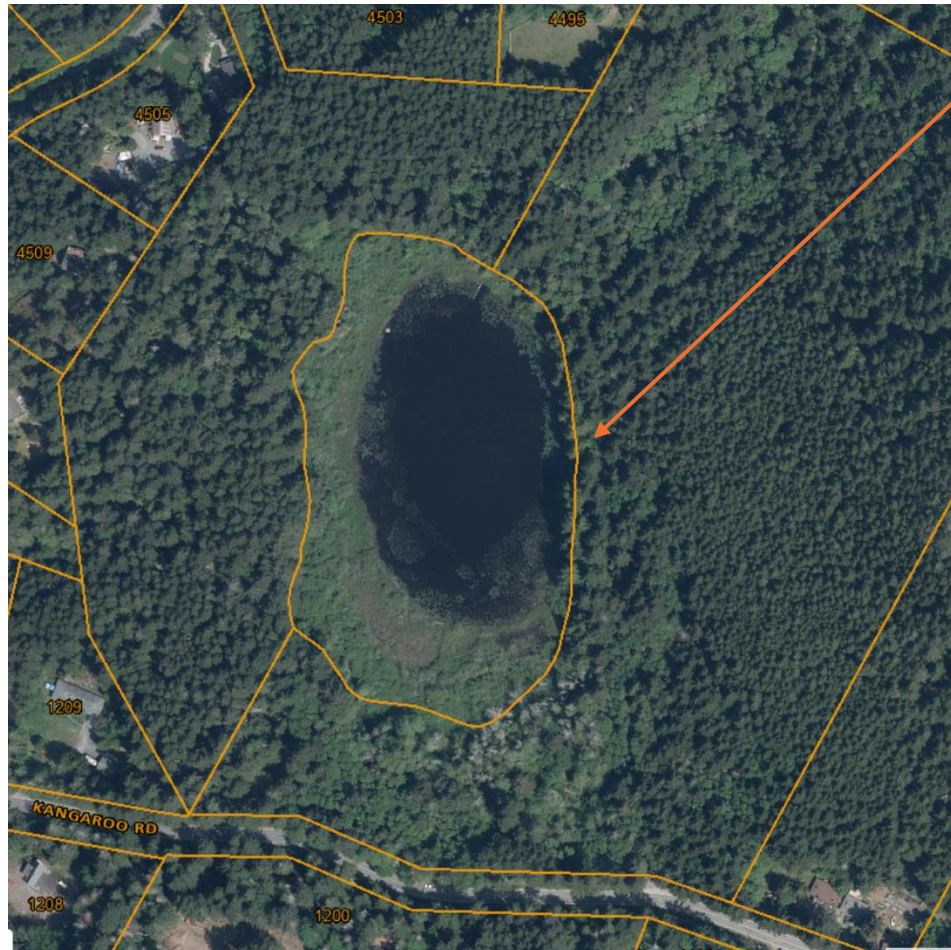
Plaque statement:
Lloyd George Crowther
1948 – 2018
A life that touches others goes
on forever...even after they are
gone.



Bench
Devon Harmony Michaud Jones
Date installed – TBD

Plaque statement:
Devon Harmony Michaud Jones
No Rain. No Rainbows.

Blinkhorn Nature Park



Bench

Moralea Milne

Date installed – 2022

Plaque statement:

**For MORALEA MILNE – who
loved and cared for this park.**

Hillman Trail



Bench

Mac Tipton

Date installed – TBD (bench removed due to damage in Summer 2024)

Plaque statement:
<<forthcoming>>

Farhill Road

Bench

Tom Goldie

Date installed – TBD

Plaque statement:

**In Loving Memory of Tom Goldie,
1941-2018**



Municipal Grounds



Bench

Janice Poulin
Installed - TBD

Plaque statement:

In Memory of Janice Poulin (nee Bligh) 1948-2021

Table

Merle Rimmer

Date installed – TBD

Plaque statement:

In Loving Memory of Merle Rimmer, 1924-2003

Bench

Ian and Sonja Young

Date installed – January 2025

Plaque statement:

Sit. Remember Ian and Sonja Young. 30 years of contributions to Metchosin life. With gratitude from their family and friends.

Bench

Jim and Olive Buchanan

Date installed – Fall 2025

Plaque statement:

In loving memory.

Duke Road



Bench

John W.E. Harris

Date installed – January 2025
(adjacent to 3816 Duke Road)

Plaque statement:

In loving memory of

John W.E. Harris, 1937 – 2021

**A believer in strong community,
An advocate for public
transportation.**

Please take a rest.