



DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

AGENDA

HEALTHY COMMUNITY ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Metchosin Municipal Hall

- 1. Agenda Approval**
- 2. Presentations**
- 3. Public Participation**
- 4. Adoption of Minutes**
 - a) Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee, May 26, 2026 1
- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - a) Committee Initiatives Update
- 6. Reports -Verbal**
 - a) Chair
 - b) Council Liaison
 - c) Fire Chief
 - d) Seniors Information Resource Centre (SIRC) Liaison
- 7. Correspondence**
 - a) Leah Wilson, Request to hold Music in the Park events 5
 - At the Monday, June 22, 2026, Council meeting, the District of Metchosin Council carried the following resolution:

THAT Council refer the correspondence from Leah Wilson, regarding music in Metchosin, to the Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee for consideration and recommendations.
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

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MINUTES

HEALTHY COMMUNITY ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Metchosin Municipal Hall

Present: Shari Rourke, Sarah Anthony, Shannon Carman, Stacey Weir, Councillor Shukin, Deirdre Chettleburgh, Charla Huber, Stephanie Spinney

Regrets: Barrett Fullerton, Patrycja Fatla

The meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m.

The Chair welcomed new members and all members in attendance gave a brief introduction.

1. Agenda Approval

- **Addition of** 6. (a) village initiative; 8. (a) village square, (b) old school update, (c) committee initiatives.

Moved and seconded by Sarah Anthony and Shannon Carman
THAT the Committee approve the agenda.

Carried

2. Presentations

- None.

3. Public Participation

- Jane Hammond, resident, addressed the Committee to request youth involvement, acknowledge the Village Initiative – Program Coordinator private fundraising and recommend further fundraising events.

Action item: Shari R. to research the process for youth stakeholder involvement and report back.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee, February 24, 2026

b) Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee, March 19, 2026

Moved and seconded

THAT the Committee approve the minutes of the Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee meetings held on February 24, 2026, and March 19, 2026.

Carried

5. Receipt of Draft Minutes

- None.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Village Initiative

Committee Discussion

- Private citizens raised funds for the first year;
- Importance of a Program Coordinator for expanded services and shorter wait times; and
- Grant in Aid budget increase.

7. Reports – Verbal

a) Chair Report

- Council and Committee summer meeting schedule.

b) Council Liaison Report

- Old School gymnasium use; and
- Public engagement event regarding Old School site signage.

c) Fire Chief Report

- None.

d) Seniors Information Resource Centre (SIRC) Liaison Report

- \$10,000 received to provide transportation supports, seniors working with driving coaches, coach presentations, and coupons for persons who need transportation.
- The Parisian Café is back for another year, June 6th.

8. Other Business

a) Village Square

The Chair provided an update on the Village Square project.

Committee Discussion

- Potential design features;
- Accessibility considerations;
- Grant opportunities; and
- Donations, and volunteer recruitment.

b) Old School Update

Committee Discussion

- Hours of operation;
- Community access;
- Booking practices;
- Youth programming;

- Community impact;
- Accessibility improvements; and
- Committee interest in researching options to improve community accessibility with attention to diversity, equity, and inclusivity.

c) Committee Initiatives

Committee Discussion

- Recommendations to Council based on public feedback.

Action: Shari Rourke to provide all committee members with the current Terms of Reference and the previous document outlining initiative ideas, including recommendations received from public input.

9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 23, 2026, pending availability of Chambers.

From: [leah wilson](#)
To: [Mayor and Council](#)
Subject: Music in Metchosin - Community Summer Concert Pilot
Date: June 9, 2026 9:51:27 AM

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to suggest that Metchosin consider trying a small "Music in the Park" program during the summer months.

Many municipalities are already doing something similar. Colwood, for example, hosts two-hour evening concerts from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. They keep it simple... the municipality provides power, and the musicians provide everything else. Residents bring lawn chairs and picnics, and often there are one or two food trucks on site. It creates a relaxed, family-friendly community gathering with very little infrastructure required.

I believe Metchosin is well-suited to a similar approach. We already have a stage on Municipal Grounds that seems underutilized, and on a weeknight such as Tuesday or Wednesday, there would be plenty of parking available when no other events are taking place.

My suggestion would be to start small. Rather than committing to a full season, we could simply try a few evenings this summer and see how they are received by the community. The events could feature local Metchosin Bands, and run for just two hours over the dinner period, and remain family-friendly, alcohol-free community gatherings.

Based on what I have seen in other municipalities, people tend to arrive with lawn chairs, enjoy the music, visit with neighbours, and head home shortly afterward.

I would be happy to help organize the program and coordinate local musicians. I believe there is enough local musical talent and community interest to make it successful without requiring a large budget or significant municipal resources.

At its core, this would simply be an opportunity to bring neighbours of all ages together, support local musicians, and make better use of an existing community space.

I would appreciate your thoughts on the idea. It may even be possible to try a few dates this summer as a pilot project and see what kind of response it generates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Leah Wilson
Metchosin Resident