

District of Metchosin

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Community





Territorial Acknowledgement

The District of Metchosin conducts its business on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples. The District works to be increasingly mindful of its commitment to more inclusive governance with our neighbours, the Sc'i̓Anew and T'Sou-ke Nations with whom we are committed to building stronger working relationships.

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Welcome to Metchosin

The District of Metchosin is a rural farming community located on the Southern Vancouver Island, approximately sixteen kilometres southwest of downtown Victoria adjacent to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Metchosin has a population of approximately 5,067 (2021 census) and is neighbour to the Sc'iAnew First Nation, the City of Colwood, City of Langford, District of Sooke, and Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.

Regionally, Metchosin plays an important role in productive agricultural land within the Capital Regional District supplying local markets. It offers opportunities for rural living on large lots and hobby farms and features a diverse natural environment with strong marine influences and extensive greenspaces. The community also serves as a gateway to four regional parks and includes schools, a golf course, marina, and resort.



Message from the Mayor

I am pleased to share the District of Metchosin's 2025 Annual Report on behalf of Council. The initiatives of the 2025 fiscal year are highlighted to include an overview of the past year's accomplishments, challenges, and audited financial statements. The annual report includes a summary of the District of Metchosin's administration, finances, fire protection services, land use, emergency program, road maintenance, transportation, and library, bylaw, and police services. The annual report is one of many instruments we use to ensure transparency and accountability; it also includes Council's updated Strategic priorities and the Five-Year Financial Plan.

As the Mayor for the 2022-2026 term, I am pleased to highlight our annual achievements. We have remained focused on the identified issues and priorities to preserve and protect our vibrant community, rural environment and agriculture. We continue to foster and enhance our relationships with our subregional and regional municipal colleagues and First Nations communities.

I am pleased that the 2022-2026 Metchosin Council has continued to implement and refine Metchosin's first-ever Strategic Plan, charting the path forward. The Strategic Plan is meant to be a live document and focuses on four sustainability pillars: economic, environmental, social and governance. The priorities include fiscal responsibility, environmental stewardship, a resilient and engaged community, and the priority to build an effective and stable organization. We acknowledge our dedicated municipal staff in carrying out Council's priorities in alignment with our community's needs, and financial and resource capacity.

Amongst our many strategic priorities, the aging Firehall, future of the Buffer lands, public safety, Provincial housing legislation and our financial health were major themes of Council discussions and decisions this past year. These discussions included a healthy public engagement component as we have remained committed to an open and transparent dialogue with our community. Except for the housing legislation, all of these projects were identified in our strategic plan.

A great deal of effort and time were directed towards discussing the outdated Firehall and the Firehall Building assessment. The firehall is outdated; the older administrative building and the newer apparatus bay both have a range of deficiencies that can no longer be patched over or ignored. Planning for the new firehall continues; however, there are many difficult decisions still needed to assess and align our needs, available funding, funding options and designs.

Council is currently considering options for the Buffer Land that emerged directly from community input. Future plans include retaining ownership and control of the Buffer Land to maximise environmental protection and conservation of this community asset. We are pleased to welcome the Stewardship group called "Friends of the Buffer land".

This Council continues to be committed to public safety and safe passage throughout the community. The stairs at Weir Beach have been rebuilt allowing for safe beach access for local residents and international students at Pearson College. We now have a draft of Metchosin's first Active Transportation Plan. This

plan provides direction toward achieving improved active transportation conditions in alignment with our values and objectives important to the community. Funding opportunities are being pursued to advance the implementation of the plan. In response to community concerns, road safety improvements have been completed along Duke Road to enhance safe passage. Similarly, a lighted crossing at the Hans Helgesen school crosswalk was completed this year.

The District of Metchosin has responded to the province regarding their ambitious Housing Action Program designed to increase housing options in BC; this is now a legislated reality. A great deal of effort by staff on behalf of Council was spent aligning Metchosin's OCP and Land Use Bylaw with the provincial housing mandates. The District of Metchosin's Housing Needs Report has been completed. Extensive community engagement was key to proposing these changes.

In terms of financial health, in 2025, Council had several important discussions about our financial position. The District ended the year with \$23.6 million in reserves and unappropriated surplus, placing Metchosin among the top three B.C. municipalities with populations around 5,000 for overall reserve and surplus levels. While this provides us with strong short-term financial stability, the long-term financial outlook requires careful management. Significant infrastructure replacement needs, along with rising RCMP and E-Comm 911 costs, will place increasing pressure on future budgets and reserve balances. To begin addressing these challenges, Council approved an annual 1% tax increase dedicated to infrastructure funding and used RCMP savings from 2024 to reduce the tax impact of E-Comm 911 and RCMP costs over the next four years. Additional measures are needed.

As a rural community with a small municipal budget, we recognize that we rely on local community volunteer talent working cooperatively. We are indebted to our many volunteers at the Fire Department, emergency program and other innovative programs such as our Emergency Communications Network, Neighbourhood POD Program, and Residential Pre-Fire Planning help to keep Metchosin residents informed and safe. We recognize that our community continues to thrive due to the commitment and work of the various community volunteers; from members of advisory boards, working groups, societies, community organizations, and small volunteer cooperatives.

This annual report provides an overview of our collective challenges and opportunities to understand Metchosin as a rural coastal community on the Southern tip of Vancouver Island.

Marie-Térèse Little

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Mayor



Message from the CAO

This past year was productive for the District's Administration and Operations, with many efforts focused on setting the stage for even greater progress in 2026; Council's final year of a 4-year term. We are working toward completing many of the priorities that this Council set out to accomplish in their original strategic plan.

Council's strategic plan continued to receive an annual update in 2025 and I would encourage residents to review the evolving plan as we move into 2026.

My work with Mayor and Council continued to focus on governance initiatives; most notably Council continued their focus on roads, asset management planning, the buffer land initiative, parks and trails master planning and the provincial legislative updates on housing.

Throughout 2025, we collectively made advancements across a range of priorities that reflect the values and aspirations of our residents. Please take the time to review the entire report to gain an appreciation of the many efforts and tasks accomplished by our incredibly dedicated staff, volunteers, Council, and committees within the District.

Public participation was central to our work through the budget process, the fire hall feasibility review, and the legislative housing requirements. The public's engagement helped inform Council decisions.

I cannot stress enough how grateful I am to our amazing staff and volunteers for their tireless efforts, day in and day out, even given the international political and economic turbulence. Our mission continues to focus on our local community services.

Thank you for remaining involved in the District of Metchosin. I would encourage you to sign up for our regular email updates, via the District of Metchosin website at www.metchosin.ca.

Bob Payette

Chief Administrative Officer



Municipal Council

The District of Metchosin Council represents the community and provides leadership as the municipality's legislative and policy making authority. Council is composed of a Mayor and four Councillors, each elected to a four year term.

Regular Council meetings are generally held at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Council Chambers, with Committee of the Whole meetings held on the second Monday of each month. Members of the public are encouraged to attend meetings or watch them live through the District's meeting portal at www.metchosin.ca.

Left to right: Chief Administrative Officer Bob Payette, Councillor Shelly Donaldson, Mayor Marie-Térèse Little, Councillor Jay Shukin, Councillor Steve Gray and Councillor Sharie Epp.



Mayor Marie-Térèse Little

Elected as Mayor in October 2022 (Councillor 2018)

Mayor Little currently serves on the following Boards, Committees and Commissions:

- Capital Regional District (CRD) Board Director and Vice Chair
- CRD Hospital Board and CRD Housing Corporation
- CRD Accessibility Committee
- CRD Finance Committee
- CRD Governance & First Nations Relations Committee (Chair)
- CRD Planning & Protective Services Committee
- South Island Reconciliation Advisory Committee (SIRAC)
- Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association Board
- Victoria Regional Transit Commission
- Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (Chair)
- Citizen Advisory Committee, William Head Institution



Councillor Shelly Donaldson

Elected October 2022

Councillor Donaldson currently serves on the following Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

- Metchosin Finance Standing Committee, Chair
- Metchosin Agricultural Advisory Select Committee, Council Liaison
- Peninsula & Area Agricultural Commission (PAAC)
- CRD JDF Water Distribution Commission
- CRD Regional Housing Trust Committee
- CRD Water Supply (Alternate)
- Greater Victoria Public Library Board
- West Shore Parks and Recreation Society Board
- Metchosin Producers' Association, Council Liaison
- Metchosin Hall Society, Council Liaison



Councillor Sharie Epp

Elected October 2022 (Councillor 2018)

Councillor Epp resigned from Office in January 2026. In 2025, Councillor Epp served on the following Boards, Committees and Commissions:

- Metchosin Public Works and Protective Services Standing Committee, Chair
- Metchosin Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee, Council Liaison
- CRD Arts Commission
- Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications (CREST) Board
- West Shore RCMP Community Policing Advisory Committee
- West Shore Parks and Recreation Society Board (Alternate)
- Metchosin Senior's Association, Metchosin School Site & Metchosin Hall Society, Council Liaison



Councillor Steve Gray

Elected October 2022

Councillor Gray currently serves on the following Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

- Metchosin Environment and Natural Areas Committee, Chair
- Metchosin Environmental Advisory Select Committee, Council Liaison
- CRD Arts Commission
- CRD Regional Water Supply Commission
- CRD Climate Action Inter-municipal Task Force
- CRD JDF Water Distribution Commission (Alternate)
- Capital Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP)
- West Shore Arts Council



Councillor Jay Shukin

Elected October 2022

Councillor Shukin currently serves on the following Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

- Metchosin Community Planning Committee, Chair
- Public Hearing Chair
- Metchosin Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee, Council Liaison
- Metchosin Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee, Council Liaison
- Metchosin Arts & Cultural Centre Association, Council Liaison
- Metchosin Seniors' Association, Council Liaison
- Metchosin Community Day Committee, Council Liaison
- Municipal Property and Grounds Group, Council Liaison
- CRD Board – Alternate Director
- CRD Arts Commission (Alternate)
- Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunications (CREST) Board
- Sc'ianew First Nation, Council Liaison
- West Shore Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association (Alternate)
- Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership (Alternate)

Organizational Profile

The Chief Administrative Officer leads a small team responsible for providing policy advice to Council and overseeing the municipality’s day-to-day operations.





District of Metchosin Council – 2026 Priorities

Metchosin's Mayor and Council have set the following as priorities for its work in 2026. Council looks forward to working with District staff, volunteers and community members in achieving these goals.

Support District staff in maintaining day to day operations in Metchosin.

- Ensure the general workload originating from Council is manageable and staffing levels are appropriate.
- Set realistic expectations with residents, volunteers and community groups around service and responsiveness levels.

Develop a responsible operations and capital budget for 2026.

- Continue to maintain District roads through capital management.
- Replace the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) roof.

Support the continuing development of Metchosin School as a thriving, community-focused multi-use facility.

- Confirm the overall vision on the School's role and purpose.
- Continue to work on a financial and management plan.
- Continue to build appropriate revenues versus expenditures for the School.

Continue exploring the future of Metchosin's Fire Hall.

- Continue to assess options for the Fire Hall.
- Ensure community engagement is undertaken around the options under consideration.
- Continue to explore grants and other financial support.

Update bylaws/policies that support environmental protection, a peaceful / livable community, housing requirements, and good governance.

- Priorities bylaws are as follows:
 - *Good Neighbour Bylaw; Bylaw Notice Enforcement Regulation; Tree Preservation Bylaw; Alcohol Consumption Policy.*
- Pending completion of the priorities other bylaws may be reviewed, including:
 - *Subdivision Servicing Bylaw, Council Procedure Bylaw, Business Licence Bylaw; Development Procedure Bylaw.*

Address public safety matters.

- Install traffic barriers / delineators on Happy Valley and William Head Roads.

Continue working to protect our environment, supporting initiatives focused on land conservation, biodiversity enhancement, and water / watershed protection.

- Continue working towards a new conservation-oriented zone for the Buffer Land through:
 - A title review for a proposed draft Park Dedication Bylaw;
 - A draft Section 219 Covenant for long-term protection of the Buffer Lands;
 - A Staff Report to Council with draft bylaws and covenant text; and
 - A review of next steps on all other additional Planning recommendations.
- Initiate a Biodiversity and Natural Assets Plan.

Support and be involved in opportunities to enhance agricultural, recreational, cultural, and community building activities.

- Continue with implementation of Metchosin's Agricultural Area Plan.
- Complete the District's Parks and Trails Master Plan.

Continue community engagement.

- Develop opportunities to share information and receive community input on key issues, including the School, Buffer Land, and Fire Hall.





Progress on Council’s Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan outlines Council’s key priorities for the 2023–2026 term and provides a clear framework to guide corporate planning and decision-making by Council and staff. Supported by the community’s values and long-term aspirations, the Plan translates Council’s vision into focused goals, initiatives, and actions that support responsible governance, community well-being, environmental stewardship, and fiscal sustainability.

Aligned with the District of Metchosin’s Official Community Plan (OCP), the Strategic Plan serves as both a policy compass and a public accountability tool. It communicates to residents how Council is advancing the community’s shared vision, highlights progress made, and ensures that organizational resources and efforts are directed toward initiatives that strengthen the District now and into the future.

The following highlights successes over the past year in implementing Council’s Strategic Plan and priorities for 2025.

<h3>Economic Pillar</h3> <p>Fiscal Responsibility</p>	<h3>Environmental Pillar</h3> <p>Practice Sound Environmental Stewardship</p>
<h3>Social Pillar</h3> <p>Be a Resilient, Inclusive and Engaged Community</p>	<h3>Governance Pillar</h3> <p>Build an Effective and Stable Organization</p>

Economic Pillar

Fiscal Responsibility

2025 Highlights

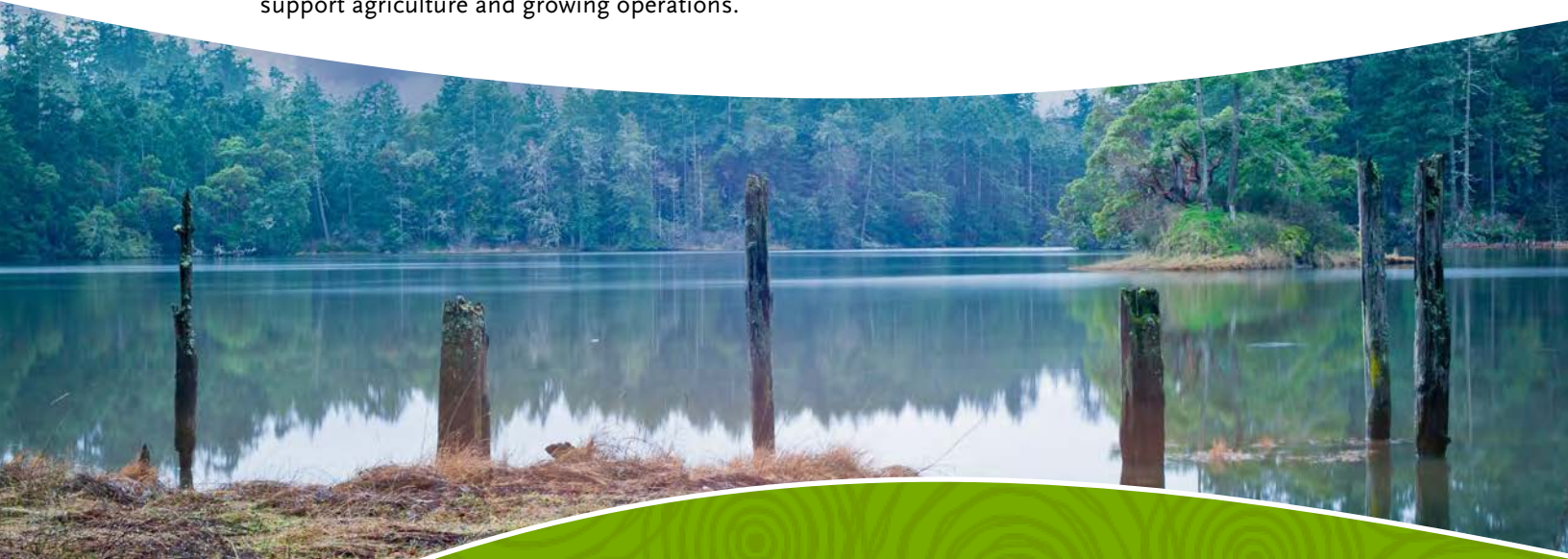
- Endorsed the preferred option identified in consultants Johnson Davidson Architecture (JdA) Fire Hall Building Assessment to replace Metchosin’s Fire Hall and applied to the UBCM Strategic Priorities Fund for a \$7 million grant.
- Endorsed a grant application to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation for the Metchosin Grown Society.
- Adopted the 2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Plan and 2025 Property Tax bylaws.
- Completed the District of Metchosin Pavement Management Plan.
- Provided \$5,000 in Grants in Aid to the following not-for-profit organizations:
 - ReImagine West Shore Community Society;
 - Metchosin Preschool Society;
 - Need2: Suicide Prevention;
 - South Vancouver Island Farmers Institute;
 - Access West Shore Society;
 - Juan de Fuca Performing Arts Centre Society;
 - Victoria Humane Society;
 - Compost Education Centre;
 - Metchosin Equestrian Society; and
 - Vancouver Island South Film and Media Commission.
- We wish to acknowledge and thank the following organizations that awarded the District generous grants in 2025:
 - SPARC BC Local Community Accessibility Grant – \$25,000;
 - UBCM Next Generation 9-1-1 Grant Program – \$98,500;
 - UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) Emergency Operations Centre – \$39,700;
 - UBCM CEPF Emergency Support Services – \$29,859;
 - Island Health Vision Zero – \$11,000;
 - Province of BC Indigenous Engagement – \$48,000;
 - UBCM FireSmart – \$99,835;
 - UBCM CEPF Disaster Risk Reduction – \$114,000;
 - Province of BC Small Community Grant – \$509,000
 - Province of BC Traffic Fine Revenue – \$13,000
 - Community Works Fund – \$294,132

Environmental Pillar

Practice Sound Environmental Stewardship

2025 Highlights

- Approved funding in the Five-Year Financial Plan for a bulk water station in Metchosin, in partnership with the Capital Regional District (CRD).
- Entered into an agreement with the CRD to replace the existing public EV charging stations in Metchosin.
- Submitted a “Province-Wide Ban on Fireworks” Resolution for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Convention.
- Submitted a “Non-migratory Resident Canada Geese” Resolution for consideration at the AVICC and Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Conventions.
- Endorsed a resolution in support for the Province of BC’s Coastal Marine Strategy.
- Considered the 1st draft Biodiversity and Natural Assets Plan for the District.
- Included a “Rooted in Metchosin” insert with the 2025 property tax notice.
- Completed a Community Risk Assessment Plan for Metchosin.
- Continued to support the bullfrog management program in Metchosin.
- Considered a Buffer Lands Update Report and recommendations including:
 - A title review for a proposed draft park dedication bylaw;
 - A draft section 219 covenant for the long-term protection of the Buffer Land;
 - A report to Council with draft bylaws and covenant text; and
 - A review of next steps on all other additional planning recommendations.
- Sent letters of support to the provincial and federal governments advocating for:
 - Enshrining the BC Coastal Marine Strategy into law;
 - Addressing concerns regarding the transit of oil tankers off BC’s coast and oil spill response; and
 - Management strategies of non-migratory resident Canada geese to support agriculture and growing operations.



Social Pillar

Be a Resilient, Inclusive and Engaged Community

2025 Highlights

- Conducted the Phase two survey for the Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) and hosted a community open house on the draft plan.
- Approved the Metchosin Active Transportation Network Plan.
- Held two community open houses on the draft Parks and Trails Master Plan.
- Held a community open house on the Firehall Feasibility Study.
- Completed a comprehensive Housing Capacity Analysis and conducted community engagement in response to the provincial housing legislation.
- Completed capital improvements to the bike rack, Metchosin map, bike shelter and farmer’s market building in the Village Centre.
- Initiated the District’s Accessibility Plan by installing a paved accessible parking area at the Metchosin Community House and a new accessibility ramp at the Metchosin Schoolhouse Museum through SPARC BC funding and in-kind contributions from Museum Society and the local business community.
- Supported two Metchosin youth in attending the 97th British Columbia Youth Parliament.
- Approved the Village Square Society’s proposal for a village square at the Metchosin school site.
- Completed the “Maturing Metchosin” Final Report.
- Held two workshops with community stakeholders and Council on the District’s Community Risk Assessment Plan.
- Approved a new Licence of Occupation with the Metchosin Grown Society for a community garden at the Metchosin School grounds.
- Sent a letter of support to the province in support of the Mobile Youth Services Team (MYST) critical status report and its recommendations.
- Continued hosting monthly Coffee with the Mayor sessions.



Governance Pillar

Build an Effective and Stable Organization

2025 Highlights

- Moved to Committee of the Whole for a more efficient process for Standing Committees.
- Continued development of a Draft Management Plan for a Community & Arts Centre at Metchosin School, defining governance, revenue, human resources, and operational requirements.
- Began bookings for the Metchosin School gymnasium and classrooms through the District office.
- Held a Council workshop to review and strengthen understanding of the subdivision process.
- Initiated a review of the District of Metchosin Parks and Trails Master Plan to help guide future parks and trails planning.
- Sent a letter to the province requesting a pause on Bill M216 – *Professional Reliance Act*.
- Adopted the following District bylaws and policies:
 - Soil Removal and Deposit Amendment Bylaw No. 687;
 - Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 693;
 - Advisory Select Committee Amendment Bylaw No. 706;
 - 2025-2029 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 707;
 - Tax Rate 2025 Bylaw No. 708;
 - Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 712;
 - Metchosin Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 713;
 - Donations to Community Parks Policy PW-100.86;
 - Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy W-100.65; and
 - Permissive Tax Exemption Policy F-100.60.



Council Advisory Bodies

The District of Metchosin Advisory Bodies support Council's governance and decision making by providing advice and recommendations within their respective mandates or as directed by Council.

Council and staff recognize and value the skills, expertise, and contributions of the Advisory Body volunteer members.

Advisory Body 2025 Volunteer Members

Agricultural Advisory Select Committee

- Robin Tunnicliffe, Chair
- Councillor Shelly Donaldson, Council Liaison
- Matt Ashton
- Peter Chettleburgh
- Brent Donaldson
- Alex Fletcher
- Sasha Kubicek
- Candace Leconte
- Andrew Penn

Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee

- Shari Rourke, Chair
- Councillor Sharie Epp, Council Liaison
- Sarah Anthony
- Shannon Carman
- Kathleen Sutherland
- Stacey Weir

Environmental Advisory Select Committee

- Garry Fletcher, Chair
- Councillor Steve Gray, Council Liaison
- Bill Cave
- Anna Hall
- Merrilee Hoen
- Andy MacKinnon
- Ric Perron
- Erin Van de Water

Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee

- Ron Aubrey, Chair
- Councillor Jay Shukin, Council Liaison
- Kathy Atherton
- Karen Hoffman
- Jim Nan
- David Shanks
- Caroline Donohue, Trails Coordinator

Firehall Steering Committee

- Mike Hornick, Chair
- Councillor Shelly Donaldson, Council Liaison
- Councillor Sharie Epp, Council Liaison
- Johnny Carline
- Shayne Cyr
- Brent Donaldson
- Scott Henning
- Bruce McCall
- Steve Malkow

Board of Variance

- Johnny Carline
- Lee Johnston
- Gary Smirfitt

Council Advisory Committees

Agricultural Advisory Select Committee (AASC)

The AASC provides recommendations and advice to Council on agricultural matters, promotes awareness and education within the community, and supports the implementation of the Metchosin Agricultural Area Plan to strengthen agricultural viability. The Committee met five times in 2025; highlights include:

- Considered the District of Saanich’s Home Plate regulations to inform the Metchosin Land Use Bylaw, supporting clustered development and protection of agricultural land within the ALR;
- Provided feedback regarding updates to the District’s Land Use Bylaw and OCP regarding the provincial housing requirements to align housing with ALR use regulations;
- Provided input to the Metchosin Environmental Advisory Select Committee on the Metchosin Biodiversity and Natural Assets Plan, supporting alignment between agriculture and environmental stewardship;
- Pursued funding opportunities to advance the District’s Agricultural Area Plan initiatives, explore a coordinator role, engage growers, and support regional Agri-tourism collaboration;
- Developed an Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) and Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) educational insert, Rooted in Metchosin, included with the 2025 property tax notices, highlighting farm retail and soil deposit regulations, food security, and the local agricultural economy;
- Promoted community engagement through Metchosin Muse articles, encouraging support for local farms, roadside stands, and Farmers’ Market participation; and
- Proposed a draft resolution for Council endorsement to submit to AVICC and UBCM calling for management, including culling, of non-migratory Canada geese to reduce crop damage and farmer hardship; endorsed by the membership at both Conventions.

These efforts reflect AASC’s ongoing role in supporting a resilient, informed, and sustainable agricultural community in Metchosin.

Environmental Advisory Select Committee (MEASC)

MEASC considers environmental matters and reports its findings and opinions to Council. MEASC held eight meetings in 2025 and hosted an information booth on Metchosin Community Day.

During 2025, MEASC advanced work on a local Biodiversity and Natural Assets Plan consulting with Council, staff, Council's Advisory Select Committees and local environmental groups.

MEASC recommendations to Council in 2025 included matters related to:

- Improving protection of wetlands and riparian areas;
- Seeking to control rather than eradicate invasive Himalayan Blackberry;
- Encouraging Public Works staff representation with the Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP);
- Liaison with the West Coast Marine Response Corporation on oil spill response;
- Local input on the Provincial spraying program for Spongy Moth;
- Mapping sensitive ecosystems in accordance with Metchosin's Official Community Plan;
- Protecting Significant Trees;
- One subdivision referral with specific recommendations designed to minimize the proposed development's environmental impact;
- Climate action plan reporting;
- Continued municipal support for the federal Oil Tanker Moratorium Act;
- Invasive American Bullfrog management;
- Roadside trails alongside road paving projects; and
- Retaining forest canopies on tax exempt properties.

The Committee investigated and promoted opportunities for UVic students to engage with and support local environmental initiatives. MEASC also reviewed for comment the PTASC draft Parks and Trails Master Plan.



Healthy Community Advisory Select Committee (HCASC)

The HCASC assists Council by supporting community activities that pursue improvements in all aspects of living in Metchosin which reflect health, well-being and happiness while strengthening a sense of community.

In 2025, the HCASC met regularly and explored opportunities to increase community participation through accessible and inclusive events, including a community open house-style gathering and seasonal activities. These initiatives were intended to foster connection, encourage participation, and increase awareness of community resources.

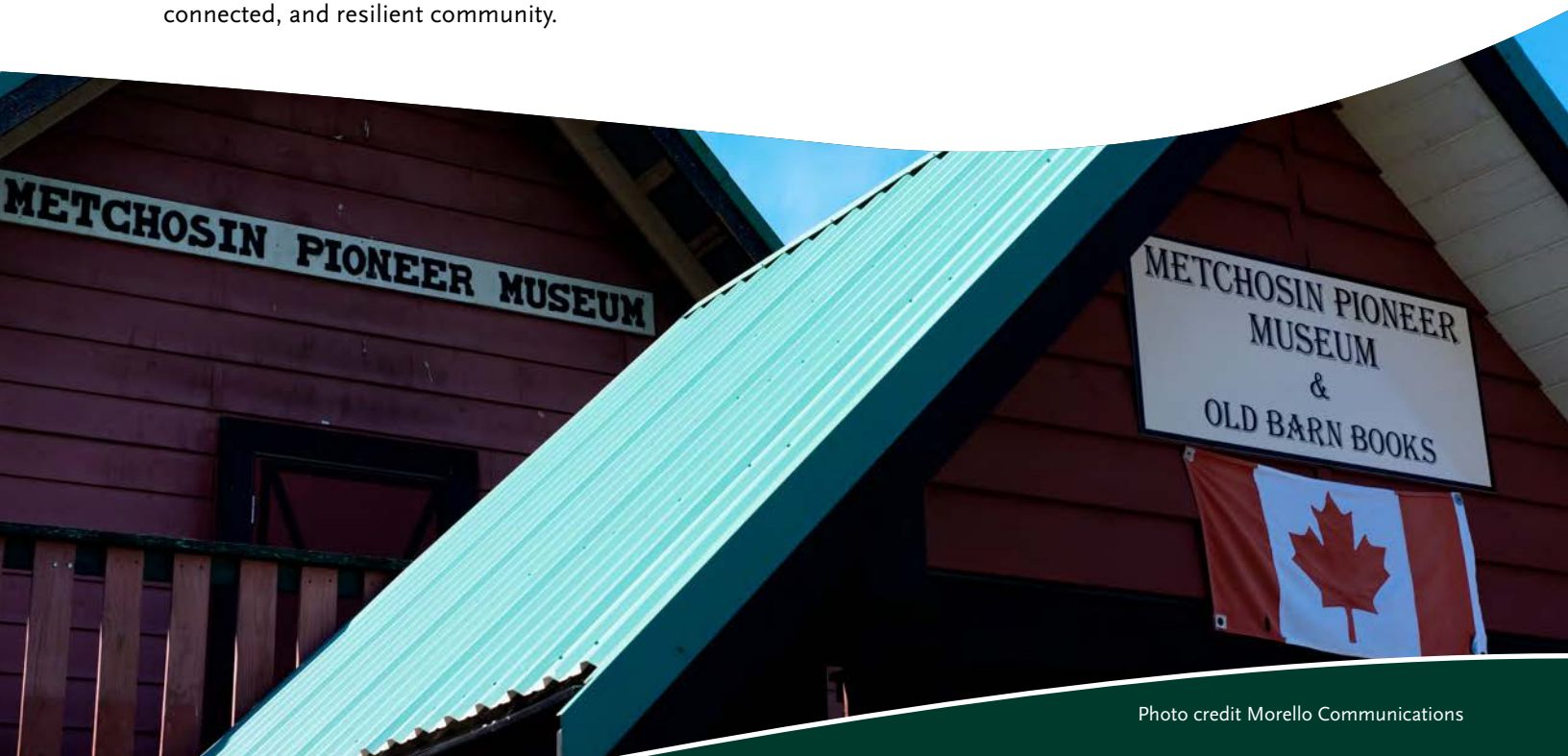
The HCASC continued its collaboration with the Fire Chief and community partners in supporting public education and awareness related to health and safety, first aid preparedness, and broader emergency readiness within the community.

Throughout the year, the HCASC participated in discussions related to shared community spaces, including the Village Square, recognizing the importance of accessible and welcoming spaces that support community gathering and connection.

The HCASC also maintained ongoing engagement with community organizations, including the Seniors' Information Resource Centre (SIRC), supporting initiatives that promote social connection, wellness, and access to services.

In 2025, the HCASC received feedback from community groups regarding challenges with volunteer recruitment and retention as some organizations are experiencing difficulty attracting and sustaining volunteers, impacting their ability to deliver programs and events. The Committee recognizes the important role these groups play in the community and the need to improve awareness of available supports, strengthen communication, and help connect residents with opportunities to get involved.

The HCASC continued to carry out its advisory role through collaboration with Council, staff, and community partners, with a focus on supporting a healthy, connected, and resilient community.



Parks & Trails Advisory Select Committee (PTASC)

The PTASC considers parks, trails and recreation matters and reports its findings and views to Council. The Committee met eleven times in 2025 and members worked on a number of projects and initiatives. Highlights include:

- Recommended pedestrian safety improvements on Duke Road East. Work took place in the fall to increase the width of the road shoulder for pedestrians and cyclists;
- Continued work on the Parks and Trails Master Plan;
- Continued to advance the Trail Stewards Program, to enable volunteer involvement in our parks and trails system;
- Undertook maintenance of District trails to remove fallen trees and hazards;
- Many thanks to ‘retiring’ members Jim Nan and Karen Hoffman. Jim was named Metchosin’s Friend of the Earth in 2025; and
- PTASC members regularly heard from or actively engaged with the community. Two community input sessions (April and November) were held relating to the Parks and Trails Master Plan process, and a first draft of the plan was presented for review in November. Community input will be incorporated into a new draft expected in early 2026.

The PTASC continued its well-established tradition of hands-on work within the District’s parks and trails system. Maintenance work was done on the Branson-Duke Trail, and members joined other community residents with invasive removal work in 100-Acre Wood and the Buffer Land. Members continually worked at clearing fallen trees, removing invasive species, and taking steps to improve places where community members go to enjoy the wonderful place in which we live.

Fire Hall Steering Committee

The Firehall Steering Committee met a total of seven times in 2025 and began work on the Firehall Feasibility Study with District staff and consultants from Johnston, Davidson Architecture (JDa).

Throughout the year, the Committee reviewed the Metchosin Firehall Building Assessment and seismic analysis reports of the existing apparatus bay, and considered post disaster building requirements in the BC Building Code.

In June 2025, the Committee participated in a joint Committee of the Whole meeting to receive a presentation from JDa consultants on the Firehall Building Assessment final report and preferred option for the firehall.



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Administration

Administration is led by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), who is responsible for the corporate leadership of municipal operations, implementing Council’s strategic priorities and decisions, and providing policy advice to Council.

The department ensures that all municipal statutory requirements are adhered to and promotes accountability and transparency in municipal processes. Administration provides support to the CAO, Mayor and Council, and Committees, and plays a key role in advancing municipal objectives and providing efficient service delivery.

In addition, Administration coordinates all Council and Committee meetings, including the preparation of agendas, minutes, and live streams. The department is also responsible for maintaining District bylaws and policies; administering leases and agreements; overseeing corporate records management; managing the municipal website; coordinating events; liability insurance and claims; conducting elections; processing Freedom of Information requests and oversees bylaw enforcement.

There was a total of 89 meetings held in 2025 which included 39 Advisory Select Committee meetings, 15 Special Standing Committee meetings, 9 Committee of the Whole meetings, 23 Council meetings, and 3 Public Hearings.

Staff coordinated numerous events in 2025, including monthly Coffee with the Mayor sessions, Pride Day, two Community Risk Assessment Plan workshops for Council, staff, and community stakeholders, a Subdivision Process workshop for Council and staff, a Metchosin Firehall Feasibility Study community open house, bookings for Metchosin Community Day, and Council attendance at the AVICC and UBCM conventions.

“Administration coordinates all Council and Committee meetings, including the preparation of agendas, minutes, and live streams”

2025 Highlights

- Moved to Committee of the Whole, creating a more efficient process for Standing Committees.
- Moved to electronic agendas for Council and Committee of the Whole meetings.
- Facilitated in the development of a Community Risk Assessment Plan and the Metchosin Active Transportation Network Plan.
- Updated and consolidated the following bylaws and policies:
 - Amendments to:
 - Advisory Select Committee Bylaw;
 - OCP and Land Use Bylaws;
 - Soil Deposit Bylaw.
 - Donations to Community Parks Policy.
 - Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy.
- Coordinated numerous contracts and agreements with outside agencies and municipalities.
- Coordinated ongoing records management for the organization.
- Supported Council with Strategic Planning.
- Compiled the 2024 Annual Municipal Report.

2026 Objectives

- Administration of the 2026 Municipal Election.
- Continue to draft and update priority Bylaws and policies including:
 - Good Neighbour Bylaw;
 - Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw;
 - Bylaw Notice Enforcement Regulation Bylaw;
 - Tree Protection Bylaw;
 - Council Procedure Bylaw;
 - Council Correspondence Bylaw;
 - Alcohol Use Policy;
 - Advisory Committee Bylaw and Terms of Reference.
- Assume administrative duties for the Capital West Accessibility Advisory Committee (CWAAC) for 2026.
- Provide shared administrative support for the Peninsula and Area Agricultural Commission (PAAC).
- Finalize the Management Plan for the Metchosin School Site.
- Initiate the District's Accessibility Plan.
- Continue to support Council initiatives and public engagement opportunities.
- Coordinate the installation of Hearing Loop and additional speakers in Council Chambers.

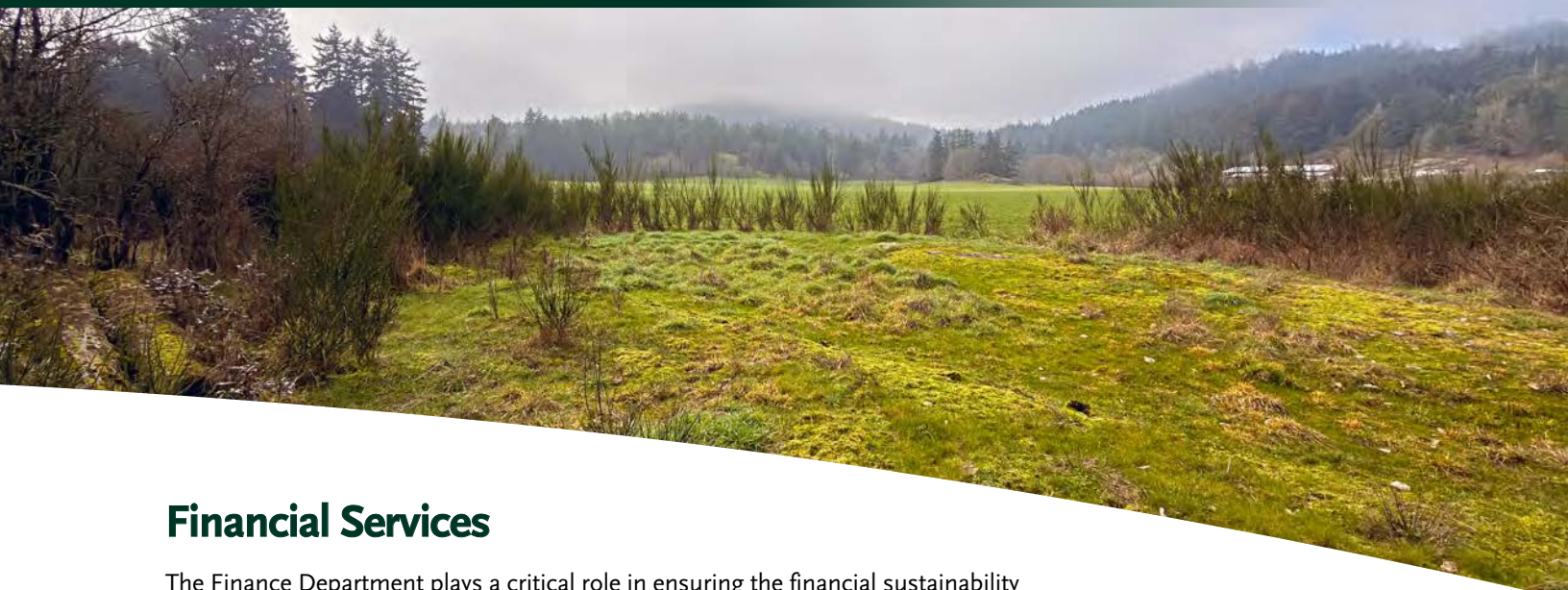
Freedom of Information Requests

The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the “Act”) requires all public bodies to be accountable by providing the public the right to access records that are in the custody or control of a public body. In 2025, the District of Metchosin received a total of seven (7) requests under the *Act*.

Freedom of Information Requests		
Year	Number of Requests	OIPC* Reviews
2025	7	0
2024	11	1
2023	9	0
2022	16	0
2021	10	0

* Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner





Financial Services

The Finance Department plays a critical role in ensuring the financial sustainability of the District. Responsibilities include long-term financial planning, budget development, cash flow management, and the administration of property taxes, business and dog licenses, school bookings, and various user fees.

The team also manages the District’s investments, procurement processes, general accounting, and all statutory financial reporting, including the preparation of the annual audited financial statements.

2025 Highlights

The Finance Department issued approximately 1,909 property tax notices and collected more than \$10.5 million in taxes on behalf of the District, Province of B.C., School District, Capital Regional District, Greater Victoria Public Library, West Shore Parks and Recreation, B.C. Assessment, B.C Transit, and the Municipal Finance Authority.

“ The Finance team plays a critical role in ensuring the financial sustainability of the District ”

Property Tax Levied and Collected from Property Owners 2021-2025

Taxing Authority	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Municipal	\$2,404,732	\$2,579,115	\$2,883,795	\$3,188,404	\$3,330,405
School	2,278,928	2,512,808	2,689,191	2,836,997	2,885,147
BC Transit	283,713	336,952	405,305	580,022	783,147
CRD	419,319	476,437	504,552	554,737	587,156
WSPR	400,229	399,891	399,730	401,999	422,234
CRD Hospital	278,575	287,041	284,690	284,438	277,362
Library	205,486	205,361	205,890	218,156	277,084
BC Assessment	64,635	72,856	78,078	80,952	82,025
MFA	306	407	454	456	450
Total	\$6,335,923	\$6,870,868	\$7,451,685	\$8,146,161	\$8,645,010

Finance staff processed more than 2,300 payments totalling \$9.4 million, while also ensuring timely and accurate payroll to 16 full-time employees and over 40 volunteer firefighters.

The District successfully secured over \$1.3 million dollars in grant funding to support capital projects, purchase new equipment, and implement environmental initiatives.

2025 Highlights

Investment Strategy: The District built a ladder-investment strategy to ensure a better return on taxpayer dollars that are held in reserve for capital projects. This helps to offset the cost of inflation on capital projects by earning higher rates of interest on long-term investments.

New Budget Software: The District implemented a new budget software to assist with quarterly and annual reporting. The new software also allows for easier budgeting and more accurate information for each department.

Internal and External Reporting: Quarterly budget to actual reports were presented to Council in 2025 helping to inform Council and the public of the ongoing operations of the District. In addition, the District started the 2026-2030 budget process in October with four meetings held in 2025 which were open to the public for additional inquiries.

2026 Priorities:

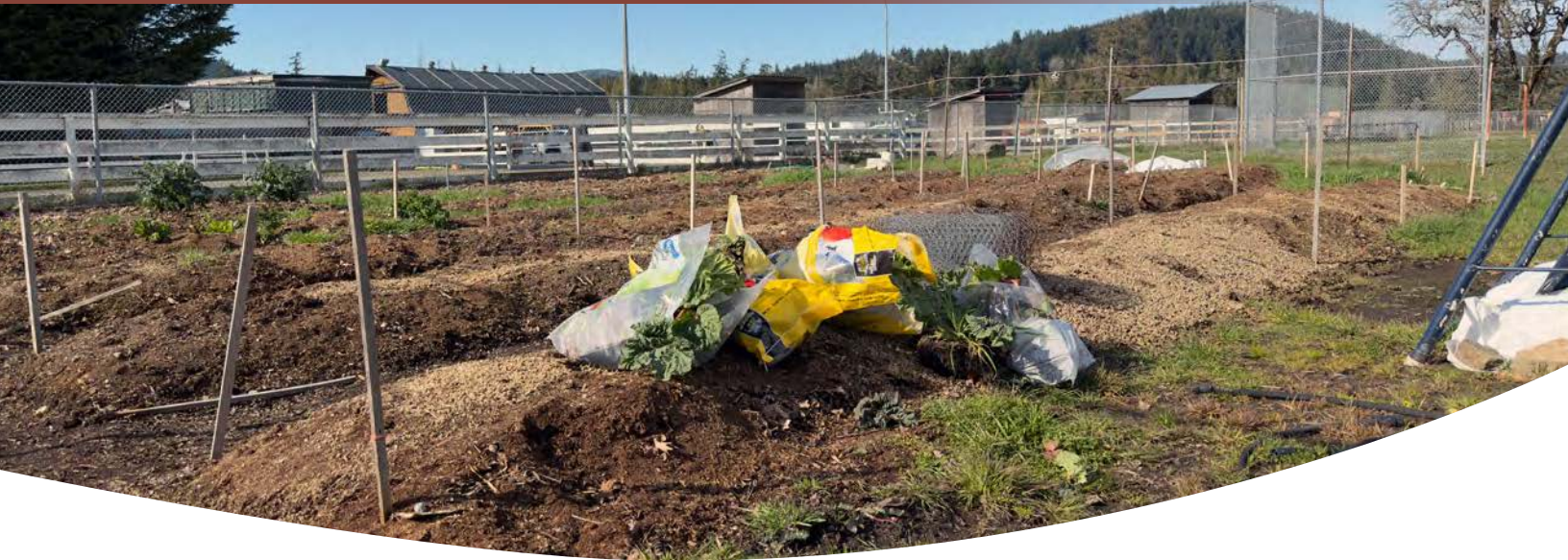
- Explore options for **digitizing financial records** to reduce office supply costs and improve departmental efficiency.
- **Enhance payment options for residents and businesses** in Metchosin when paying for taxes, permits, and licenses.
- Develop **benchmarks and written documentation** for financial processes to ensure consistent application of policies and procedures.

School Site Growth: New leases were established in 2025 for a 2026 opening of a Wellness Collective in the Metchosin School. Work began in 2025 on one additional lease for the School which would add another commercial tenant to the property, targeting for a late 2026 grand opening.

2025 Grant-in-Aid Program

Council approved a total of \$6,090 in grant-in-aid funding in 2025 to the following non-profit organizations:

Organization	Amount Paid
Access WestShore Society	\$250
Need2	\$575
Metchosin Equestrian Society	\$575
Juan de Fuca Performing Arts Centre Society	\$300
Metchosin Preschool Society	\$575
Relmagine West Shore Community Society	\$500
South Vancouver Island Farmers Institute	\$500
Vancouver Island South Film & Media Commission	\$575
Compost Education Centre	\$575
Victoria Humane Society	\$575
Youth Parliament of B.C.	\$1,090
Total	\$6,090



Land Use, Planning & Environmental Services

2025 saw a steady interest in the District of Metchosin, with inquiries about building and subdivision on the rise. The department oversees environmental planning and stewardship, municipal infrastructure, roads, long range and current land use planning, subdivision review, tree management, blasting approvals, soil removal and soil deposit permits, driveway access, and building permit approvals and inspections. The focus is to ensure that consistent information and guidance is provided to residents, applicants, and other interested stakeholders, while making recommendations to support Council.

Department staffing includes:

Staffing Role	Hours per week
Contract Planner	14
Contract Engineer	As needed
Building Inspector	22.75
Public Works Supervisor/Bylaw	12.25
Development Services Coordinator	35
Total Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff	2.2 staff

“ Interim Housing Needs Report completed and appended to the District’s 2021 Housing Needs Report ”

2025 Highlights

- 54 new permits issued.
- Approximately 250 inspections/site visits conducted.
- 69 historical building record information requests fulfilled.
- Completed updates to building permit application forms and streamlined process for submission.
- Completed work with BC Assessment to update internal process of providing permit information.
- Continued work of civic addressing assignment in support of the provincial Next Generation 911 implementation.
- Continued work with GIS consultant to bring the District's mapping up to date and accessible on the website.
- Prepared a comprehensive planning report for a Business Licence Appeal Hearing for a request for reconsideration of a short-term rental business licence application.
- OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 693 was adopted to address housekeeping amendments to the Village land use designation, following a Public Hearing and third reading.
- Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 711 was given third reading following a Public Hearing.
- Assisted an external consultant in the preparation of the Buffer Lands Update Report, presented to Committee of the Whole.
- Completed the update of the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw in response to Provincial Housing legislative requirements through adoption of Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 712, 2025 and Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 713, 2025. This was informed by a comprehensive housing capacity analysis and community engagement process.
- Continued the review of the District's short term rental regulations for compliance with Bill 35 and participated in provincial workshops related to the Short-Term Rental Portal.
- Continued progression of a Development Procedures Manual outlining internal processes for cross training efficiencies.
- Participated in CRD Transportation Working Group, Victoria Regional Transit Plan, and Development Planning Advisory Committee.

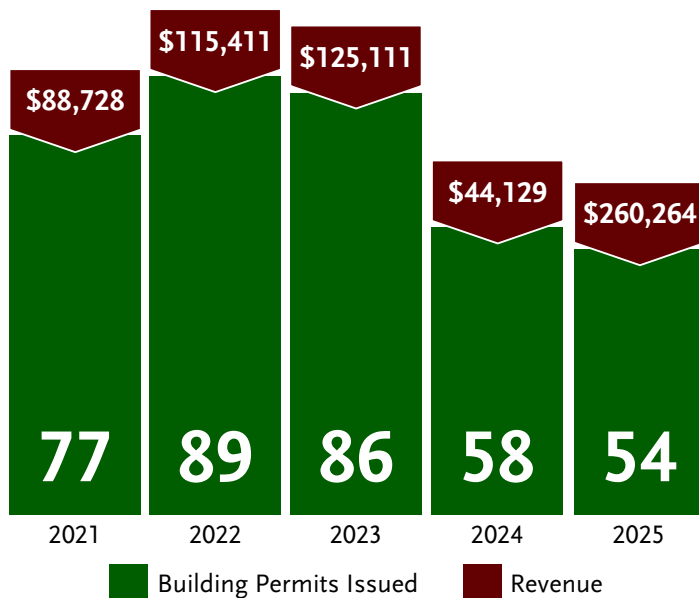
“Completed updates to the OCP and Land Use Bylaws in response to Provincial Housing legislation”

The department continued to process and review applications, including 5 development variance permits, 2 development permits, 1 Temporary Use Permit (TUP) renewal, 2 ALR non-farm use, and 4 subdivision applications. In addition, staff continued work on outstanding applications and also responded to an increasing number of inquires related to potential development, multi generational housing, aging in place, business licensing, and short-term rentals. The department also supports bylaw enforcement initiatives, the review of business license applications, daycare and sign permit review and processing throughout the year.

NEW Land Use/Planning/Subdivision Applications Received

Year	Rez /OCP	Temporary	Dev Permit	Dev Variance Permit	Board of Variance	Subd	ALR	Total
2025	2	1	2	5	0	4	2	16
2024	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	7
2023	3	0	0	5	0	2	1	11
2022	1	1	2	8	2	5	1	20
2021	5	0	2	3	0	2	1	13

The Building Department approved and issued 54 new permits in 2025. Permits and inspections are conducted to ensure construction complies with the BC Building Code and municipal bylaws, including building, plumbing, woodstove, fireplace, and civic addressing approvals.



The review of legacy files is ongoing. Dozens of open building permits remain, with approximately one third inactive since 2021 or earlier. Each file is being assessed to determine next steps, and applicants are notified of pending expirations, extension fees, and required actions under the new building bylaw.

In 2025, the inspector also conducted approximately 200 on-site building inspections and assisted with bylaw complaints related to both building and other land use matters.

Other department functions include the administration, approval, and inspection for permits related to blasting, tree removal, road access, work in road right-of-way, soil deposit, and soil removal.

Applications Received

Year	Soil Deposit/ Removal	Tree Cutting	Driveway Access	Work in Roadway	Blasting
2025	4	6	5	2	5
2024	3	6	3	0	4
2023	3	6	6	2	11
2022	3	9	7	0	5
2021	4	8	9	7	6





Transportation & Road Maintenance

The District of Metchosin's Public Works Department is staffed by four full-time employees who deliver a broad range of transportation and road maintenance services. Core activities include culvert and ditch maintenance, upkeep of roadside trails, and the installation and repair of road signage, including solar-powered speed indicator signs.

The department provides responsive service during inclement weather events. Ice control and snow removal are conducted using District trucks equipped with plows, supporting safe travel throughout the District.

As a heavily treed municipality with significant vegetation, Metchosin also requires regular response to storm-related debris and damage, including addressing danger trees and clearing fallen trees and branches from roadways.

Public Works crews complete seasonal mowing of municipal properties and undertake aerial brushing and trimming of roadside vegetation. The team is also responsible for maintenance of the Municipal Hall and associated grounds, including upkeep of the Metchosin School site grounds.

Where feasible, vehicle and equipment servicing is completed in-house, including maintenance of the Public Works fleet and other municipal vehicles and equipment.

In 2025, the department received 192 calls for service related to road maintenance and other Public Works services.

“Ice control and snow removal are conducted using District trucks equipped with plows, supporting safe travel”

2025 Highlights

- Implemented a formal Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy.
- Provided snow removal and applied ice control during inclement weather events.
- Completed road patching where required.
- Maintained powered traffic control warning devices.
- Completed line painting on roads in Metchosin.
- Completed the following capital projects for road resurfacing and culverts:
 - Metchosin Road (Briarwood Lane to Pelican Drive, including the transition area at the Colwood–Metchosin boundary), cost-shared with the City of Colwood.
 - Lindholm Road (Happy Valley to Leefield Road).
- Installed LED flashing lights at the Hans Helgesen crosswalk on Rocky Point Road.
- Supported installation of a paved accessible parking area at the Metchosin Community House.
- Coordinated installation of a new roof at the Municipal Hall.
- Completed the Weir Beach Stairs project, including construction of a ramp and reconstruction and reinforcement of the lower stairs.

2026 Objectives

- Complete line painting on roads in Metchosin.
- Advance approved road resurfacing and culvert capital works projects, including sections of:
 - Tiswilde Road;
 - Sundance Drive;
 - Pears Road;
 - Glen Forest Way; and
 - Rocky Glen Road
- Oversee contracted services, including shouldering, sweeping, and flail mowing.
- Undertake ditching and culvert maintenance.
- Complete road repairs where required.
- Continue seasonal work and maintenance on municipal properties and roadside trails.

Public Communication Requests for Road Maintenance and Services

Year	Roads	Plowing/ Mowing	Signs	Misc.	Garbage	Carcass Removal	Trees/ Branches	Total
2025	48	5	16	32	29	14	48	192
2024	58	5	14	10	21	15	52	175
2023	71	2	12	9	14	23	39	170
2022	85	8	14	9	22	18	45	201
2021	85	3	10	13	25	36	50	222



Bylaw & Animal Care Services

The District of Metchosin provides bylaw enforcement services on a complaint-driven basis through contracted services with the CRD Bylaw and Animal Care Services. Complaints are forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer and CRD Bylaw for investigation in accordance with the District’s Bylaw Enforcement Policy. The District addresses all complaints fairly, impartially, and confidentially, prioritizing citizen well-being, health and safety, and environmental protection.

Complaints Received

Year	Land Use	Building Bylaw	Tree Cutting	Misc. (Soil & Blasting)	Noise
2025	42	1	5	13	10
2024	35	5	3	17	11
2023	40	4	1	16	7
2022	40	8	1	9	11
2021	56	6	3	6	4

CRD Contracted Services

Year	Contracted Services Costs	Soil Bylaw (hours)	Land Use Bylaw (hours)	Noise Bylaw (hours)	Unightly Premises (hours)	Fine Revenue
2025	\$34,121.33	78.00	86.00	50.00	8.5	\$1,350.00
2024	\$40,559.51	73.00	78.00	40.00	69.00	\$0.00
2023	\$38,443.65	29.50	180.00	17.50	39.00	\$500.00
2022	\$24,221.93	39.50	150.50	16.50	18.50	\$500.00
2021	\$23,689.58	30.00	128.75	26.75	16.25	\$1,150.00

Animal Control Services

Animal control services are contracted through the CRD Bylaw and Animal Care Services. Fine revenue is collected by the CRD in lieu of payment for these services.

Year	Bylaw Hours	Fine Revenue	Impounds	Tickets/Warnings
2025	338.00	\$750.00	13	25
2024	344.00	\$390.00	14	34
2023	229.00	\$128.00	8	26
2022	246.00	\$516.00	13	20
2021	418.00	\$291.00	15	32





Fire Department & Emergency Program

Fire Chief's Report

2025 was a year that continued to demonstrate the evolving role of the fire service and the dedication of the Metchosin Fire Department members who serve the community. Throughout the year, our firefighters responded to 704 calls for service, providing emergency response, medical care, fire suppression, rescue services, and public assistance to residents and visitors.

While fires remain a critical part of our mandate, many of our calls today are medical in nature. In 2025, 62% of all incidents were medical emergencies, reflecting the important role firefighters play in supporting the healthcare system through rapid first response. Fire related incidents represented 20% of calls, while motor vehicle incidents accounted for 9% of our responses. These numbers reflect the reality of the modern fire service — an all-hazards response organization prepared to respond to a wide range of emergencies at any time.

Our members continue to train extensively to maintain the skills necessary to meet these demands. Training throughout the year focused on structure fire response, medical care, motor vehicle extrication, wildland firefighting, and emergency scene operations. This ongoing commitment ensures we remain prepared to safely and effectively respond when called upon.

“Throughout the year, our firefighters responded to 704 calls for service.”

Call volumes followed expected seasonal patterns, with increased demand during the summer months due to increased activity and during the winter holiday season when weather and travel contribute to increased incidents. Regardless of call volume, our firefighters remain ready to respond around the clock.

I would like to recognize the exceptional commitment of our paid-on-call members. These individuals respond to emergencies at all hours while balancing their regular careers and family responsibilities. Their dedication speaks to the strong sense of service that defines this department.

Emergency response is only one part of what we do. Fire prevention, public education, FireSmart, Emergency Management and community engagement remain essential to reducing risks and building a safer community. We remain committed to working pro-actively with residents to prevent emergencies whenever possible.

While I was not yet here in 2025, I am extremely proud of the professionalism, teamwork, and compassion demonstrated by our members. Their work ensures that Metchosin remains a safe and resilient community. Thank you to Mayor and Council for your continued support, and to the residents of Metchosin for your ongoing trust and support.

I look forward to serving as your Fire Chief.

Dan Verdun, Fire Chief
Metchosin Fire Department

“Regardless of call volume, our firefighters remain ready to respond around the clock”



2025 Key Statistics

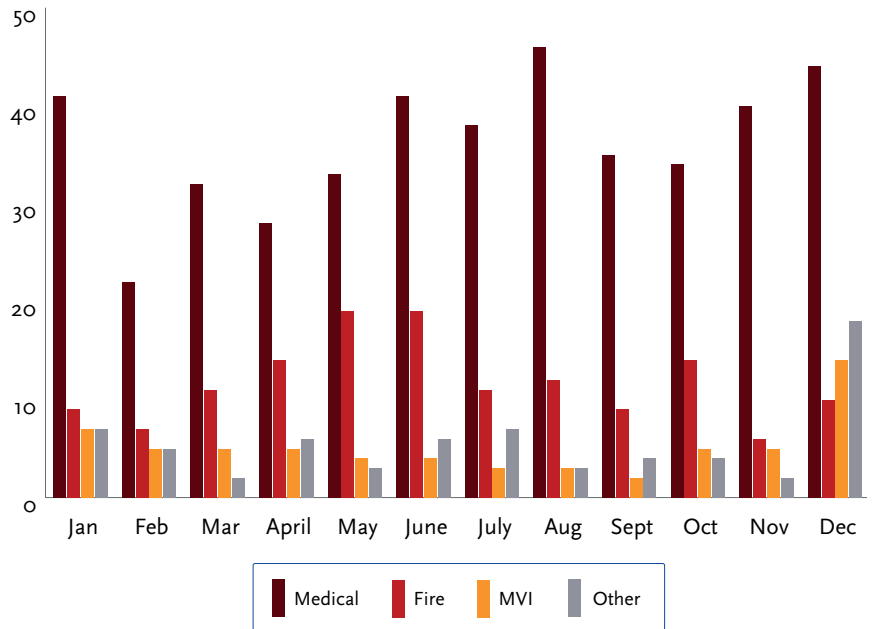
Calls for Service: 704

Call Type Breakdown

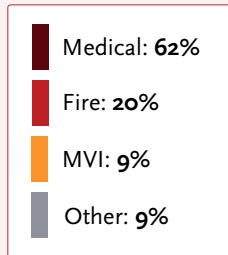
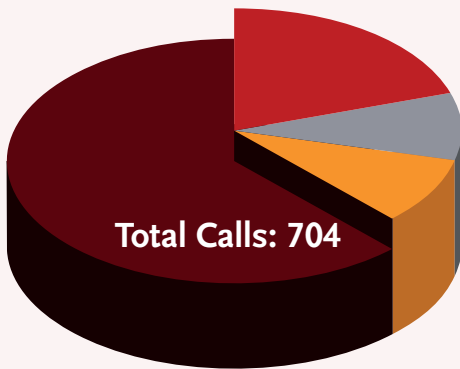
- **Medical calls:** 434
- **Fire calls:** 141
- **Motor Vehicle Incidents:** 62
- **Other calls:** 67

Other calls consist of Technical Rescue, Haz-Mat, Public Assist, Electrical Hazard, Mutual Aid etc.

- **Average calls per month:** 58
- **Busiest month:** December
- **Lowest call volume:** February



By the Numbers



Service Delivery Highlights

The Metchosin Fire Department continues to deliver a high level of emergency service to the community through a combination of dedicated volunteer firefighters, strong training programs, regional cooperation, and a proactive approach to risk reduction. The department remains committed to protecting life, property, and the environment while adapting to the increasing complexity of emergency response.

Firefighting Training and Safety

Training

The department continued to prioritize firefighter development, operational readiness, and regional collaboration through a comprehensive training program in 2025.

A total of eight recruits were onboarded through the joint recruit training program delivered in partnership with Emergency Services from Sooke and surrounding departments. In addition, four individuals from the community participated in the Junior Firefighter Program, supporting early engagement and future recruitment efforts.

Training efforts emphasized inter-agency collaboration and scenario-based learning. Members participated in multiple joint training initiatives with Metchosin Search and Rescue (MSAR), including a large-scale, scenario-based exercise at Pedder Bay in coordination with 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron. Further collaboration included joint training with Joint Rescue Coordination Centre partners and Search and Rescue teams from CFB Esquimalt.

“Live Fire Training Centre ensuring members maintain core firefighting competencies”



Live fire and skills-based training continued monthly at the Otter Point Live Fire Training Centre ensuring members maintain core firefighting competencies. Scenario-based training was also conducted at William Head Institution, where crews worked alongside institutional staff to simulate structure fire response in a complex facility environment.

Marine and environmental response capacity was strengthened through joint training exercises with the Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC), focusing on dockside operations and vessel-based rescue scenarios. In partnership with the Sc'ianew First Nation (Beecher Bay) Oceans Resources Department, members also participated in shoreline spill response training. Three department members successfully completed certification through the Canadian Coast Guard as trained spill responders, enhancing regional environmental emergency capabilities.

Specialized training investments included sending two firefighters to Hazardous Materials Technician certification, securing positions on the Capital Regional District (CRD) Hazardous Materials Team. Additionally, members participated in joint training exercises with CFB Esquimalt Search and Rescue, further strengthening interoperability with federal response partners.

Deployments

The department maintained strong operational alignment with the province through ongoing collaboration with the British Columbia Wildfire Service. In 2025, a three-person crew was deployed with Engine 6 to support wildfire suppression efforts at the Wesley Ridge Fire near Cameron Lake, demonstrating the department's capacity to support large-scale incidents beyond municipal boundaries.

Regional Mutual Aid and Partnerships

Strong working relationships with neighbouring fire departments and regional partners remain critical to effective emergency response. Mutual aid agreements ensure additional resources are available when required and support a coordinated regional approach to emergency management. These partnerships also provide opportunities for joint training, shared resources, and strengthened interoperability during larger or complex incidents.

The department hosted the annual Lance Caven Fire Expo, welcoming all Grade 4 students from School District No. 62 over a two-day event. This initiative was supported through strong partnerships with Langford Fire Rescue, Colwood Fire Rescue, View Royal Fire Rescue, the West Shore RCMP, and CRD Bylaw Services, delivering an engaging and educational experience focused on fire and life safety.

“ In 2025, a three-person crew was deployed with Engine 6 to support wildfire suppression efforts ”

Medical First Response Services

The department continues to play an important role in supporting BC Emergency Health Services by providing trained medical first responders. This service helps ensure timely initial patient care in the community, particularly given the rural nature of the area and ambulance availability challenges. Maintaining this capability remains an important component of overall community emergency service delivery.

Community Risk Reduction and Prevention

In addition to emergency response, the department remains focused on prevention and public education as key strategies to reduce risk. Through FireSmart initiatives, public outreach, inspections, and community education programs, the department works to reduce the likelihood and impact of emergencies before they occur. These efforts support safer neighbourhoods and contribute to long-term community resilience.

Fire prevention and community risk reduction remain essential components of the Metchosin Fire Department's strategy to protect life and property. Throughout the year, significant efforts were made to reduce community risk through inspections, public education, training initiatives, and inter-agency collaboration.

“ Throughout the year, significant efforts were made to reduce community risk ”



Fire Prevention

Fire Inspections and Life Safety Compliance

In 2025, department personnel completed 48 fire inspections to support compliance with the BC Fire Code and identify potential life safety concerns. These inspections play an important role in preventing emergencies before they occur and strengthening overall community safety.

Fire Investigations

Our Prevention Branch performed five fire cause investigations, ensuring legislative compliance.

In addition, the branch completed 30 Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) reports to meet provincial reporting requirements and contribute to fire trend analysis and prevention strategies. Note- reportable fires as per the OFC go beyond just structure fires.

Public Education and Community Engagement

Public education remains one of the most effective ways to reduce fire risk. Throughout the year, the department supported a variety of community engagement initiatives including:

- Five school tours promoting fire safety awareness;
- Participation in a two-day Fire Expo;
- Delivery of a three-day Junior Firefighter Boot Camp;
- Hosting a visit from a Girls Science Club to promote fire service awareness and STEM engagement; and
- Distribution of smoke alarms to residents to improve residential fire safety.

These initiatives help build community awareness while encouraging safe behaviours that reduce preventable incidents.

Community Safety Programs

Additional community safety initiatives included:

- Completion of six Automated External Defibrillator (AED) checks within the community; and
- Supporting community emergency preparedness through equipment and safety program reviews.

These efforts help strengthen community resilience and support positive emergency outcomes.

“ The department supported a variety of community engagement initiatives ”

Firesmart and Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Program

In 2025, the Metchosin Fire Department continued to advance its FireSmart and community wildfire risk reduction initiatives through education, mitigation programs, and direct support to residents. These efforts remain a key component of the department's proactive approach to reducing wildfire risk and strengthening neighbourhood resilience.

A total of 32 FireSmart homeowner rebates were distributed to residents who successfully completed recommended FireSmart mitigation work on their properties. This program continues to demonstrate strong resident participation and reflects a growing awareness of the importance of individual property preparedness in reducing overall community wildfire risk.

To further support homeowners, 23 Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) assessments were completed. These assessments provide residents with practical, property-specific recommendations designed to reduce structure vulnerability during wildfire events.

Vegetation management remains a priority area for wildfire risk reduction. The department supported this work through a seasonal community chipping drop-off program, which operated for five weeks during the spring and summer months. In addition, seven POD neighbourhood branch chipping events were coordinated, allowing residents to work collectively to reduce hazardous vegetation and improve defensible space around homes.

Public education continued to be a major focus of the FireSmart program. During the year, FireSmart representatives participated in five community engagement events, including information booths, community barbecues, and POD information sessions. A FireSmart gardening workshop, offered free to all Metchosin residents, provided practical guidance on fire-resistant landscaping and vegetation management.

“Metchosin EmCom continues to lead with excellence in innovation, training, and community outreach”



FireSmart education also extended to youth engagement. The program participated in the Grade 4 Fire Expo for School District No. 62, helping educate students about wildfire prevention and personal preparedness.

To further increase awareness and accessibility of FireSmart information, two educational videos were produced highlighting the work of the Community Wildfire Resiliency Committee and promoting local wildfire preparedness initiatives.

Program Impact

These FireSmart initiatives continue to:

- Reduce wildfire risk at the neighbourhood level;
- Increase resident awareness and participation in prevention programs;
- Support implementation of FireSmart principles across the community;
- Strengthen collaboration between the fire department and residents, and
- Advance Metchosin’s overall community wildfire resilience.

Through these combined efforts, the FireSmart program continues to play a vital role in supporting Metchosin’s commitment to prevention, preparedness.

Metchosin Emergency Program (MEP)

Throughout the year, the Metchosin Emergency Program (MEP) continued to strengthen community resilience and emergency preparedness throughout the year through focused training, strong partnerships, and ongoing public engagement.

A key milestone was participation in a District Emergency Support Services (ESS) exercise, which enhanced the program’s ability to deliver coordinated and effective support during emergency events. MEP also maintained a visible presence at community events, including Metchosin Community Day and the Juan de Fuca Emergency Program (JDFEP) Day, where volunteers actively promoted household preparedness, 72-hour emergency kits, and hazard awareness.

With funding support from the Union of BC Municipalities, MEP collaborated with a consultant to complete a Disaster Risk Response and Climate Adaptation Report. This initiative provides a forward-looking framework to better understand and address emerging risks such as extreme weather, wildfire, and coastal hazards, ensuring the program remains proactive, adaptive, and aligned with best practices.

Volunteer recruitment and retention remained a priority in 2025, with new members joining a dedicated and growing team. Training and collaboration opportunities were expanded through participation in multi-agency exercises alongside key regional partners, including Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, Metchosin Search and Rescue, Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation, and the Sc’ianew First Nation. MEP also continued to support regional coordination efforts through regular participation in Local Government Emergency Program Advisory Committee (LGE PAC) meetings.

“The FireSmart program continues to play a vital role in supporting Metchosin’s commitment to prevention, preparedness”

Operationally, MEP supported several Level 1 ESS activations, providing assistance to residents impacted by structure fires and extreme weather events. Public education remained a cornerstone of the program, with active participation in provincial initiatives such as High Ground Hike, Great British Columbia Shakeout, and other PreparedBC campaigns, reinforcing the importance of individual and household preparedness across the community.

Metchosin Search And Rescue

Response Overview

Metchosin Search and Rescue (MSAR) responded to 29 calls for service in 2025, including wilderness searches, urban searches, mutual aid requests, and incidents involving vulnerable or high-risk persons. MSAR continues to provide an essential volunteer emergency response service supporting police and partner agencies throughout the region.

Operational Statistics

2025 service delivery included:

- 29 emergency responses;
- 1,385 operational response hours;
- 3,375 training hours;
- 1,040 volunteer service hours (administration, prevention, and community outreach); and
- 2,210 residents reached through prevention and public education programming.

These numbers reflect the significant commitment of MSAR volunteers who maintain operational readiness through extensive training while also supporting prevention initiatives.

Team Development and Capacity Building

MSAR continued to build specialized response capacity in 2025 including:

- Addition of one new K9 Search Team, gaining over 30 operational search hours;
- Development of a new Bike Search Team (8 members) to improve rapid response capability, scheduled to become operational in 2026;
- Ongoing joint training with Metchosin Fire Department and Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue; and
- Continued development of K9 integration training.

These initiatives strengthen MSAR's ability to respond effectively across diverse terrain and incident types.

“Metchosin Search and Rescue responded to 29 calls for service in 2025”

Prevention and Public Education

MSAR maintains a strong focus on prevention through public education initiatives aligned with the AdventureSmart program.

2025 prevention activities included:

- Trailhead safety presentations at 6 local parks;
- Engagement with approximately 250 outdoor recreation users; and
- Delivery of AdventureSmart programming reaching over 2,200 people.

These efforts help reduce search incidents through increased public awareness and preparedness.

Grant Funding

In 2025, MSAR successfully obtained a \$3,000 GSAR Prevention Project Grant through the BC Search and Rescue Association (BCSARA) and BC AdventureSmart. Funding supported prevention programming and community education initiatives.

Partnerships and Collaboration

MSAR continues to maintain strong working relationships with regional partners through joint training and operational cooperation. Key partners include:

- Metchosin Fire Department;
- Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue;
- BC AdventureSmart; and
- BC Search and Rescue Association.

These partnerships strengthen regional emergency response capacity and interoperability.

Looking Ahead to 2026

MSAR remains committed to providing professional, highly trained volunteer search and rescue services to the Metchosin community and surrounding region.

“MSAR continues to maintain strong working relationships with regional partners through joint training and operational cooperation”

Emergency Social Services

Program Overview

Emergency Support Services (ESS) continues to play a vital role in Metchosin’s emergency response framework by providing short-term assistance to residents displaced by emergencies such as structure fires, floods, and evacuations. ESS volunteers are often among the first points of contact for impacted residents, providing both practical assistance and compassionate support during difficult circumstances.

Emergency Response

In 2025, the Metchosin ESS team responded to structure fire incidents, providing immediate assistance to displaced residents. Supports included:

- Emergency lodging referrals;
- Food and clothing provisions;
- Personal services support; and
- Coordination with fire department personnel and regional response partners.

These services help stabilize affected residents in the critical hours immediately following an emergency.

Training and Capacity Building

Maintaining a trained and ready volunteer team remains a priority. During 2025, ESS members participated in several of the following training and exercise opportunities to strengthen response capability:

- Network of Emergency Support Services Teams (NESST) Conference;
- Provided valuable education, exercises, and opportunities to strengthen regional partnerships and knowledge sharing;
- Sooke Reception Centre Exercise;
- A functional reception centre training exercise providing hands-on experience in a realistic activation environment;
- Applied Introduction to Reception Centres Training; and
- Focused on reception centre activation, set-up, operations, and demobilization during larger scale emergency events and evacuations.

Volunteer Development

The addition of several new volunteers in 2025 has strengthened the ESS team and improved local response capacity. Continued recruitment and retention remain important priorities to ensure program sustainability.

Partnerships and Collaboration

Metchosin ESS continues to collaborate with regional partners and neighbouring ESS teams to support coordinated emergency response and share best practices.

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Looking Ahead to 2026

Key priorities for ESS include:

- Continued volunteer recruitment and training;
- Participation in regional exercises;
- Maintaining reception centre readiness;
- Strengthening partnerships with regional ESS programs; and
- Supporting community resilience through preparedness initiatives.

Through continued training, collaboration, and volunteer commitment, Metchosin ESS remains well positioned to provide timely and compassionate assistance to residents during emergencies.



Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP)

In 2025, the Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP), also known locally as the POD program, continued to strengthen community resilience through increased participation and engagement across the community. Several PODs saw growth in membership, increasing the number of residents actively involved in neighbourhood preparedness initiatives.

During the year, several POD groups that had been less active in recent years were successfully re-established. In many cases this was supported by new volunteer leadership stepping forward as previous POD leaders retired. This renewal of leadership demonstrates the sustainability and continued value of the program within the community.

POD leaders remained actively engaged with both their neighbourhoods and fellow POD groups through participation in workshops, FireSmart presentations, and emergency preparedness activities. These activities included both training exercises and real-world learning opportunities such as participation during a low-level tsunami advisory, which provided a practical opportunity to review communication and preparedness processes.

Community risk reduction remained an important focus. Several POD groups participated in local initiatives such as the March for Liz community cleanup event, helping reduce wildfire risk through vegetation and debris removal. Collaboration between PODs also continued to grow, with multiple neighbourhood groups working together on preparedness and environmental stewardship activities such as the Hike to High Ground tsunami awareness initiative and the Friends of Tower Point invasive species removal project, coordinated with the Capital Regional District. These activities not only reduce wildfire risk but also strengthen community connections and preparedness awareness.

Volunteer amateur radio (HAM) operators within the POD network continue to provide an important redundancy in emergency communications. Their capability to support communications between neighbourhoods and the Emergency Operations Centre enhances overall emergency preparedness and provides resilience should conventional communication systems be disrupted.

Overall, the POD program remains a vital component of Metchosin's emergency preparedness framework. Through strong volunteer leadership, neighbourhood engagement, and partnerships with emergency programs such as FireSmart, the program continues to help residents stay informed, connected, and prepared. These efforts collectively strengthen community resilience and support the department's ongoing commitment to prevention, preparedness, and public safety.

“ The POD program remains a vital component of Metchosin's emergency preparedness framework ”

Looking Ahead To 2026

As the department continues to evolve to meet community needs, several key priorities have been identified to guide focus in the coming year.

Firefighter Recruitment and Retention

Maintaining a strong volunteer fire service requires ongoing recruitment, training, and retention efforts. The department will continue to focus on attracting community-minded individuals, supporting member development, and fostering a positive and professional team culture. An internal focus and return to supporting our members will be key to retention and recruiting members residing in Metchosin in 2026.

Medical Response Readiness

With medical incidents continuing to represent a significant portion of call volume, the department will continue investing in medical training, equipment, and response capabilities to ensure firefighters remain prepared to provide effective pre-hospital emergency care.

Equipment Sustainability and Asset Management

Ensuring apparatus, equipment, and facilities remain safe and reliable is essential to operational effectiveness. The department will continue to focus on lifecycle planning, preventative maintenance, and long-term capital replacement strategies to support sustainable service delivery.

Fire Prevention and Public Education

Public education and prevention programs will remain a priority, including FireSmart activities, school and community outreach, and public safety messaging. These programs help reduce incidents, improve preparedness, and strengthen the department's connection with the community it serves.

Regional Collaboration

The department will continue strengthening relationships with regional partners through mutual aid, training opportunities, and shared emergency management initiatives. These partnerships improve service effectiveness and help ensure a coordinated response to major incidents.

Building a Safe and Resilient Community

Beyond emergency response, the department plays an important role in supporting overall community resilience. Through emergency preparedness education, risk reduction initiatives, and collaborative planning, the department will continue working to ensure Metchosin remains a safe, prepared, and resilient community.

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Policing

Police protection is provided by the West Shore RCMP Detachment and is now funded by the District of Metchosin through a Municipal Police Unit Agreement (MPUA) with the Province of BC.

The West Shore RCMP reports to five municipalities including the City of Langford, the City of Colwood, the Town of View Royal, and the Districts of Highlands and Metchosin.

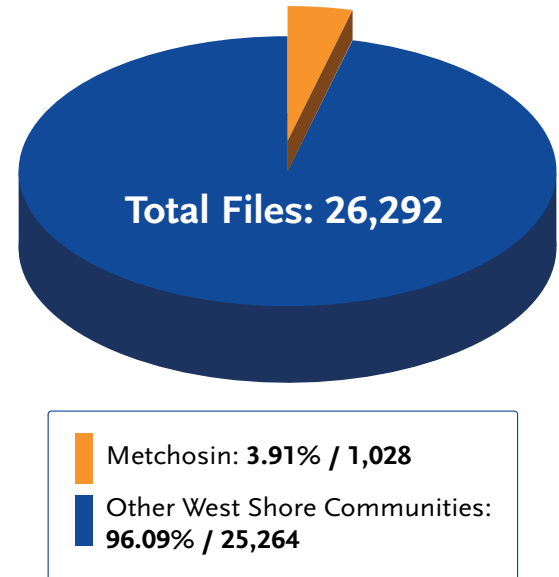
The following provides an overview of police reports in Metchosin from January 1st to December 31st, 2024 and 2025.

Overview

There were 1,028 police reports in Metchosin in 2025, representing an increase of 3.2% from 2024, in which there were 996 reports.

In 2025, Metchosin accounted for 3.91% of all reports to the West Shore RCMP. Based on 2025 estimated data, Metchosin accounts for 5.05% of the West Shore population¹.

Figure 1 – 2025 Metchosin & Other West Shore Communities File Percentage



¹ 2025 Population data is an estimate provided by the BC RCMP Data Analysis Unit.

Commonly Reported Offences

Table 1 compares the five most reported criminal code offences from 2024 to 2025. The highest reported offence in 2025 was Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle with nineteen (19) occurrences, compared to the highest reported offence in 2024 which was Fraud Under \$5000, with sixteen (16) occurrences.

Table 1: Top 5 Criminal Offences, 2024 vs 2025

2024		2025	
Offence	Count	Offence	Count
Fraud Under \$5000	16	Impaired Operation-Motor Vehicle	19
Mischief Under \$5000	13	Mischief Under \$5000	18
Theft-Other Under \$5000	12	Fraud Under \$5000	17
Impaired Operation-Motor Vehicle	12	Theft-Other Under \$5000	16
Harassing Communications	10	Assault-Common	11

Founded & Unfounded Occurrences

Founded occurrences include offences where it has been determined that the reported incident did occur or was attempted, or there was no credible evidence to confirm that the incident did not take place. Unfounded occurrences are those occurrences that are investigated but determined to not have been attempted or to have occurred.

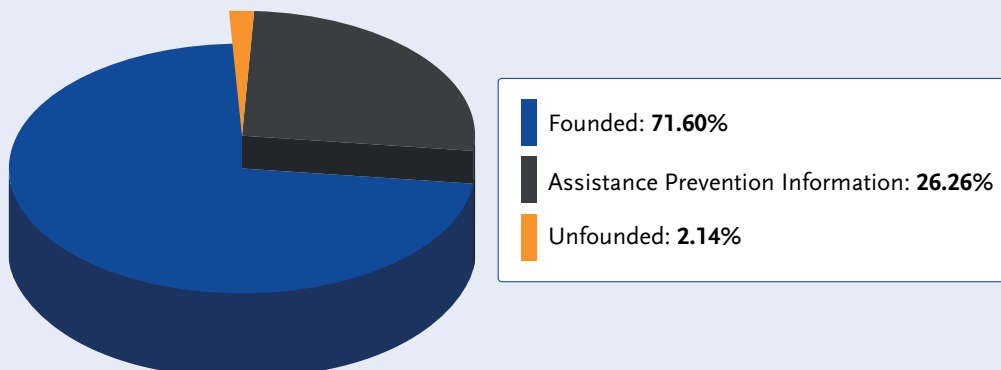
In 2025, there were 736 founded incidents and twenty-two (22) unfounded incidents. In 2024, there were 731 founded incidents and ten (10) unfounded incidents.

Assistance, Prevention & Information Files

Assistance, prevention, and information files records instances where officers act under the authority of provincial or federal statutes (e.g. Mental Health Act, Coroners Act), assist other police and government agencies, and implement preventative measures to pro-actively target a specific offence (e.g. traffic enforcement in a school zone, curfew checks).

In 2025, there were 270 of these types of files, representing 26.26% of all files.

Figure 2 – 2024 Metchosin Files by Type



Violent Crime

There were thirty (30) founded violent offences² in Metchosin in 2025, a 14.29% decrease from 2024, which had thirty-five (35) offences. These thirty offences represent 2.12% of all violent crimes in the West Shore.

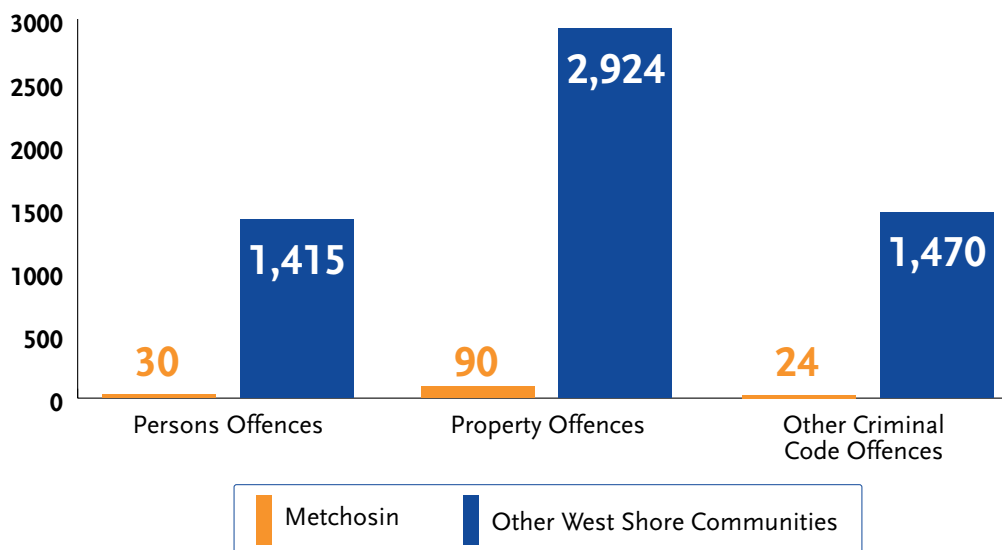
Property Crime

There were ninety (90) property offences reported in Metchosin in 2025, a 7.14% increase from 2024, in which there were eighty-four (84) property offences. These ninety offences represent 3.08% of all property crimes in the West Shore

Other Criminal Code

There were twenty-four (24) founded other criminal code offences³ in Metchosin in 2025, the same amount as the year prior. These twenty-four offences represent 1.63% of all other criminal code offences in the West Shore.

Figure 3: Offence Type Comparison, Metchosin vs. West Shore, 2025



Founded Occurrences – Percent Change

The below table depicts all founded occurrences organized by their Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)⁴ occurrence classification code with their percent change and file count difference between 2024 and 2025.

Uniform Crime Reporting Classification	2024	2025	Difference (+/-)	Percent Change
215 Alcohol - 24hr	0	1	1	100%
215 Alcohol - 3day	2	0	-2	-100%
215 Drug - 24hr	2	1	-1	-50%
911-False / Abandoned Calls	13	19	6	46%

² Violent crime refers to any crime against a person, including assault, sexual assault, and uttering threats.

³ Other criminal code violations include, but is not limited to, offences such as weapons possession, breaches, indecent acts, and counterfeiting currency.

⁴ Uniform Crime Reporting allows police incidents to be accurately classified and statistically reported to the Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics (CCJCSS).

Uniform Crime Reporting Classification	2024	2025	Difference (+/-)	Percent Change
Abandoned Vehicles	2	3	1	50%
Animal Calls	24	21	-3	-13%
Admin Law Offences	0	1	1	100%
Assault – Aggravated	1	0	-1	-100%
Assault – Common	7	11	4	57%
Assault With Weapon or Causing Harm	2	2	0	0%
Break & Enter – Business	3	1	-2	-67%
Break & Enter – Other	1	1	0	0%
Break & Enter – Residence	4	5	1	25%
Breach Probation – Adult	2	1	-1	-50%
Breach / Bail Violation	4	3	-1	-25%
Breach of Peace	2	0	-2	-100%
Bylaw – Litter	2	1	-1	-50%
Bylaw – Noise	18	15	-3	-17%
Bylaw – Other	6	12	6	100%
Causing a Disturbance	7	5	-2	-29%
Cause Suffering to Animals	1	2	1	100%
Check Well– being	57	60	3	5%
Collision Damage – Under \$10,000	26	26	0	0%
Collision Damage – Over \$10,000	10	17	7	70%
Collision Damage – Non-Fatal Injury	22	20	-2	-9%
Criminal Harassment	1	2	1	100%
Drive Motor Vehicle Over 80MG – Criminal Code	1	0	-1	-100%
Dangerous Operation Motor Vehicle	0	1	1	100%
Drive Without Consideration	1	1	0	0%
Drive While Disqualified – Provincial	3	3	0	0%
Duty To Warn	0	1	1	100%
Excise Act – Tobacco	1	0	-1	-100%
Extortion	4	1	-3	-75%
Fail to Provide Animal With Care	0	1	1	100%
Fail to Remain – Provincial)	1	1	0	0%
Fail / Refuse Demand – Alcohol	1	0	-1	-100%
False Alarms	30	16	-14	-47%
Firearms Prohibition Application	1	0	-1	-100%

Uniform Crime Reporting Classification	2024	2025	Difference (+/-)	Percent Change
Firearms – Pointing	0	1	1	100%
Firearms – Careless Use Of	2	0	-2	-100%
Firearms – Unsafe Storage	0	1	1	100%
Firearms – Discharge With Intent	1	0	-1	100%
Flight From Police	0	3	3	100%
Forcible Confinement	2	0	-2	-100%
Fraud – Breach of Trust	1	0	-1	-100%
Fraud – Identity	2	2	0	0%
Fraud – Over \$5,000	10	4	-6	-60%
Fraud – Under \$5,000	16	17	1	6%
Fraud – Other	4	5	1	25%
Harassing Communications	10	2	-8	-80%
Impaired Operation Motor Vehicle – Alcohol	12	19	7	58%
Impaired Operation Motor Vehicle – Drug – Causing Bodily Harm	1	0	-1	-100%
Impaired Operation Motor Vehicle – Drug	2	2	0	0%
Impaired Operation Motor Vehicle – Alcohol / Drugs	2	3	1	50%
Insecure Premises	0	1	1	100%
Intimidation	0	1	1	100%
Indecent Acts / Exposing	2	1	-1	-50%
Liquor Act – Other	1	1	0	0%
Liquor Act – Intoxication In Public	4	1	-3	-75%
Liquor Act – Minor In Possession	1	0	-1	-100%
Missing Persons	10	5	-5	-50%
Missing Persons– High Risk	3	1	-2	-67%
Mischief – Under \$5,000	13	18	5	38%
Mischief – Loss Of Enjoyment	4	4	0	0%
Distribute Intimate Images	0	1	1	100%
Parking Violations	4	2	-2	-50%
Possess Stolen Property – Over \$5,000	1	2	1	100%
Possess Stolen Property – Under \$5,000	1	0	-1	-100%
Provincial Driving Suspension	2	1	-1	-50%
Property – Found	11	9	-2	-18%
Property – Lost	33	41	8	24%
Sexual Interference	0	1	1	100%

Uniform Crime Reporting Classification	2024	2025	Difference (+/-)	Percent Change
Sexual Assault	2	1	-1	-50%
Shots Fired	14	1	-13	-93%
Stranded Person	1	2	1	100%
Suspicious Occurrences	68	76	8	12%
Theft From Mail	3	1	-2	-67%
Theft of Auto – Over \$5,000	0	1	1	100%
Theft of Auto – Under \$5,000	0	1	1	100%
Theft From Vehicle – Under \$5,000	5	7	2	40%
Theft Of Other Vehicle – Over \$5,000	1	1	0	0%
Theft – Other Over \$5,000	1	0	-1	-100%
Theft – Other Under \$5,000	12	16	4	33%
Theft – Truck Over \$5,000	0	1	1	100%
Take Auto Without Consent	1	1	0	0%
Trafficking – Cocaine	0	1	1	100%
Trafficking – Fentanyl	1	0	-1	-100%
Trafficking – MDMA	0	1	1	100%
Trafficking – Other CDSA	0	1	1	100%
Trespass Act	6	7	1	17%
Trespass At Night	0	2	2	100%
Traffic – Insurance Violation	13	9	-4	-31%
Traffic – Other Moving	133	137	4	3%
Traffic – Other Non-Moving	9	2	-7	-78%
Unspecified Assistance	37	53	16	43%
Uttering Threat Against Property	0	2	2	100%
Uttering Threat Against Person	5	6	1	20%
Wildfire Act	1	1	0	0%
Weapons Possession	0	1	1	100%
Weapons Possession – Contrary to Order	1	0	-1	-100%

Caveats

The Metchosin Annual Report provides an overview of various statistics and policing in the West Shore and is not comprehensive. The statistics presented in this report were retrieved from RCMP E Division Business Intelligence and the British Columbia Police Records Information Management Environment (PRIME) and are accurate on the retrieval date. All data is preliminary and is subject to change based on investigational factors and data quality processes. In cases of discrepancy with previous/subsequent data, the most current data will take precedence.

The RCMP has a legal responsibility to report accurate statistical data to the CCJCSS (Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics) as per requirements outlined under the Statistics Act. Statistical data provides the nature and extent of crime in Canada. It provides comprehensive data for complete crime analysis, resource planning, program evaluation, policy direction, and legislative development. CCJCSS, a division of Statistics Canada, collects, analyzes, and disseminates information on crime statistics throughout Canada. This information comes directly from the Records Management System (PRIME).

Third party rule applies. Do not disseminate without the permission of the Officer in Charge, West Shore RCMP, Superintendent Terry Gillespie.

Recreation

Metchosin School

The Metchosin School, owned and operated by the District of Metchosin, serves as a multi-use facility for both the District and the broader community. The building is divided into two main sections: one side includes a gymnasium, kitchen, and commercial space, while the Metchosin Arts & Cultural Centre Association occupies the opposite side. The school property also includes a tennis court, playing fields, community garden, and parking.

In 2025, the District began managing bookings for the school gymnasium, classrooms, and outdoor spaces through the municipal hall. Throughout the year, the school provided space for firefighter training, driving school training, and community group meetings. The school was also used by a variety of recreational groups, including pickleball, jiu-jitsu, and dog training. West Shore Parks & Recreation also continued to offer programs at the school, such as Pilates, yoga, and first aid classes.

West Shore Parks & Recreation

The District of Metchosin is a joint owner of West Shore Parks & Recreation (WSPR), along with the Cities of Colwood and Langford, the District of Highlands, and the Town of View Royal.

WSPR is governed by the Societies' Board of Directors composed of representatives from each member municipality. Each municipality provides financial support for the operation of the facilities through an annual tax requisition.

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The following highlights various programs and initiatives offered by West Shore Parks & Recreation in 2024:

Pickleball Takes the Lead: New Courts and a Landmark Tournament

Construction of the new outdoor pickleball facility was successfully completed, marking a significant enhancement to WSPR's recreational amenities. A soft opening was held on May 30, followed by a well-attended Grand Opening on June 13.

To enhance access and convenience, an online court reservation system powered by Intelligenz was launched. The system allows players to book courts up to seven days in advance or as little as one hour before play, providing flexibility and convenience for the community. 2025 usage stats show strong participation, confirming that the owner's investment is effectively meeting growing community demand.

A major highlight of the summer was the first-ever pickleball tournament, Paddle Royale, held on July 5. The event attracted 60 participants competing across multiple skill levels. Using a self-evaluation tiering system ranging from Beginner (2.0) to Advanced (4.5–5.0), the tournament offered fair, inclusive, and competitive play, setting a strong foundation for future events and programming.

Empowering Youth in the Weightroom

The JDF Weightroom Youth Orientation engaged 369 local youth, including 260 regional participants, 77 students from Brookes Westshore, and 32 students from Shoreline Middle School. The program has had a positive impact on the community by creating a safer, more respectful, and more accountable weightroom environment. Youth learn proper behaviour, equipment care, and shared space expectations, helping reduce injury risk and promote respectful interactions among users. Designed for youth ages 13–18, the orientation introduces safe lifting techniques, proper warm-ups, spotting, and an understanding of personal limits. Participants also learn weightroom etiquette, rules, check-in procedures, and staff supervision requirements. The program builds confidence, responsibility, and healthy fitness habits while encouraging teamwork and respect. Upon completion, youth are permitted to use fitness spaces independently, reducing barriers to participation while maintaining high safety standards within the community.

Continuous Membership: A Simpler Way to Stay Active

In its first year, the new Continuous Membership option saw strong uptake, with 465 memberships sold. Soft launched in January and fully promoted in September, the program replaces the annual pass with recurring payments, which is being phased out. Unlike the previous option, the continuous membership has no fixed end date and can be cancelled at any time. This added flexibility gives members greater control to adjust their membership as their schedules, finances, or lifestyles change. By removing long-term commitment

barriers, the program makes memberships easier to manage, supports ongoing participation, and improves access to recreation. Overall, it modernizes membership options while better meeting the needs of the community.

Pacific Archery Academy joined WSPR as a new contractor and quickly gained popularity, with five classes running at 95% capacity. Archery appeals to all ages and abilities, offering mental focus, physical skill, and fostering community through social interaction. Parent-child, adult, and youth classes, along with private sessions and camps, attracted over 120 participants across the West Shore.

2STNB and Allies Older Adult Social Connection Program

WSPR, in partnership with the City of Victoria, was awarded \$269,000 over four years to lead a regional 2STNB and Allies Older Adult Social Connection Program serving communities across Greater Victoria, including the Saanich Peninsula, Westshore, Oaklands/Victoria, and Saanich. This funding supports efforts to reduce social isolation and create welcoming, inclusive gathering spaces for 2STNB (Two Spirit, Trans, Non-Binary) and Allies (LGBTQIA+) older adults. The program is part of the Regional Equitable Accessible Community Happenings (REACH Isolated Seniors) Collective Impact project, funded through the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program, with WSPR working alongside eight other regional partners to strengthen social inclusion for older adults. In its first year, the initiative focused on relationship-building with two local 2STNB and Allies organizations to better understand community needs and enhance future programming.

More Youth Nights, More Energy

Youth drop-in programming continued to level up in 2025, with more programs offered and more teens showing up than ever. Flexible, low-barrier recreation and sport drop-ins for youth ages 12–18 included art activities, open gym sports, skating, swimming, and supervised weightroom access for eligible teens. These programs make it easy for youth to participate regularly without long-term commitments, helping families with busy or unpredictable schedules. Safety, inclusion, and positive social connection were key priorities, with security and trained staff on site to supervise, lead activities, and create a welcoming vibe.

Friday Night Youth Nights played a huge role in the growth, recording 5,171 visits in 2025, a 36% increase from the previous year. After-school drop-in basketball (1,811 participants) and volleyball (1,285 participants) were also popular, along with Thursday Youth Nights at Centennial Centre, which welcomed 881 youth, many returning week after week. Adding to the fun, Colwood Pizza joined in as the exclusive pizza supplier for youth nights donating \$5000 cash and serving 1,242 slices and filling tummies.

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Aquatics for All: Learning, Fitness, and Connection

Expanded pool access and new partnerships improved aquatic opportunities for the community in 2025. In response to a request from Breakwater Masters, staff aligned the weekend pool opening time to 7:00AM, matching the weightroom schedule. This additional hour of early-morning access has been very well received by patrons and has become a popular time for length swimming.

The aquatics team also welcomed Pearson College, an international pre-university school, and coordinated learn-to-swim lessons for its students. Many participants were experiencing swimming lessons for the first time, building essential water safety skills and confidence.

Together, these initiatives expanded access, supported diverse user needs, and reinforced the pool's role as an inclusive, responsive community resource.

At the same time, stronger partnerships with local schools expanded the diversity of pool users, creating more opportunities for inclusion classes to visit and participate. Students engaged not only in swimming but also in aquatics programs such as aquatic fitness classes. Together, these initiatives improved access, supported diverse needs, and strengthened the pool's role as an inclusive and responsive community space.

Stewarding a Rare Garry Oak Ecosystem

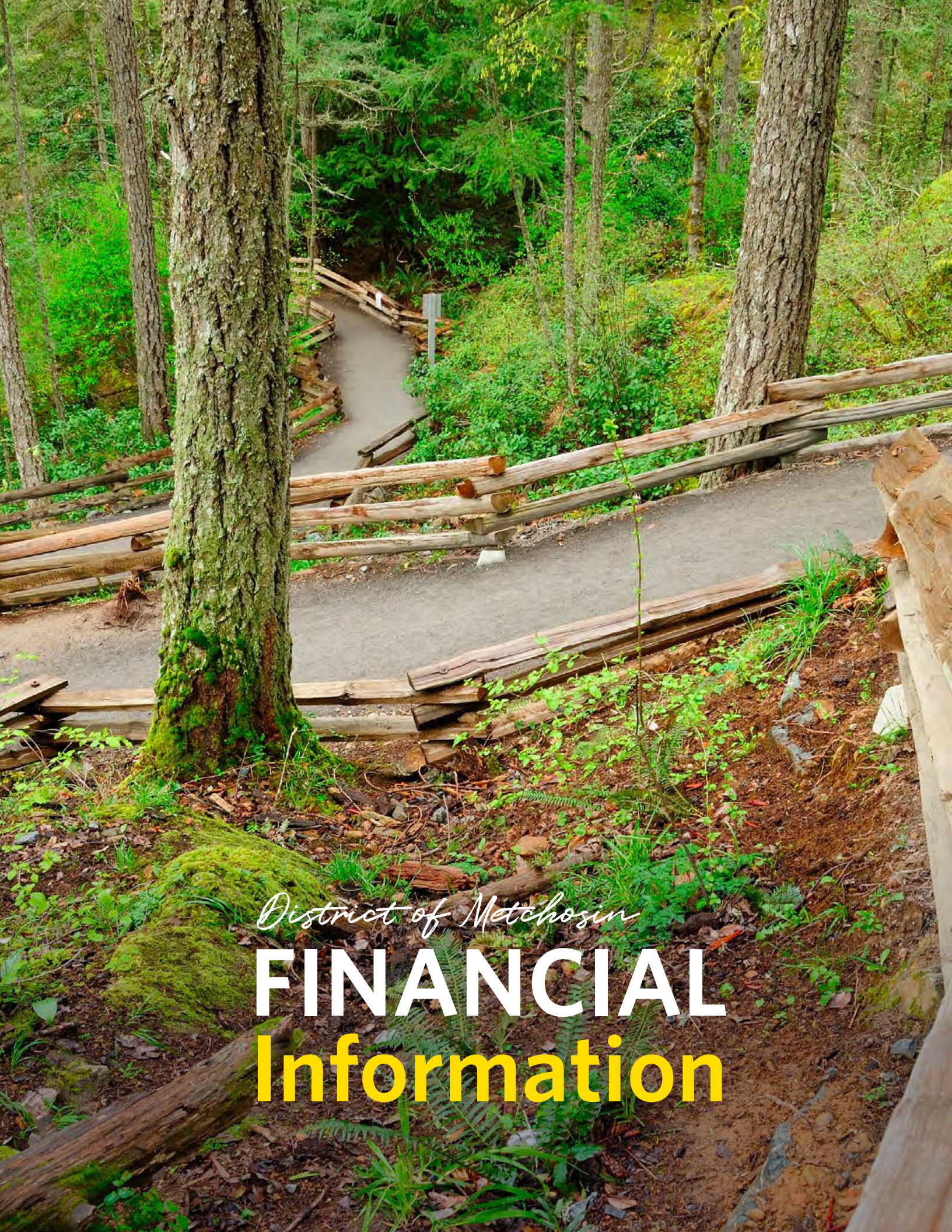
Work is underway to protect and enhance the Garry oak ecosystem within our natural parkland, a rare and sensitive environment. By redesigning trails and guiding visitors along designated pathways, the parks team is helping reduce wear on vulnerable areas while still allowing people to enjoy and experience the landscape.

These improvements balance environmental protection with public access, ensuring the ecosystem can thrive long-term. This work reflects the broader role of municipal parks—not just as green space, but as a foundation for recreation, connection, and community well-being. By caring for natural areas responsibly, WSPR is helping to protect local ecosystems while creating meaningful outdoor experiences for current and future generations.

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Library Services

The District of Metchosin is a member of the Greater Victoria Public Library (GVPL) Board, which provides library services to Metchosin residents primarily through the Juan de Fuca (JDF) Library Branch. The District is also a co-owner of the JDF Library Branch building, together with the City of Colwood, the City of Langford, and the District of Highlands. As the largest of the three West Shore GVPL branches, the JDF Library Branch delivers a broad range of general interest programs and services for residents of all ages.



District of Metchosin

FINANCIAL Information

2025 Permissive Tax Exemptions

In accordance with section 98(2)(b) of the *Community Charter*, the following properties in the District of Metchosin were provided permissive tax exemptions in 2025 (*Heritage Tax Exemption Bylaw 2024, No. 703* and *General Tax Exemption Bylaw 2024, No. 704*).

Civic Address	Legal Description	Exemption Value
Anglican Synod Diocese of BC 4354 Metchosin Road	Plan 197R, Section 1, Metchosin District	\$12,929
Metchosin Hall Society 4401 William Head Road	That part of Section 2, Metchosin District, marked "Hall Site" on Plan 1184, and containing one-half of an acre more or less	\$6,017
BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Wild Arc, 1020 Malloch Road	Lot 3, Plan 31510, Section 30, Metchosin Land District	\$15,285
YMCA-YWCA Greater Victoria, Y Camp Thunderbird	Section 54, Goldstream Land District; Section 55, Goldstream Land District, Lease No. 19055; Section 56, Goldstream Land District; Section 57, Goldstream Land District; Section 62, Goldstream Land District, that part of Section 62 lying west of a line joining the S.E. corner of Section 56, Goldstream District with the N.E. corner of Section 57, Sooke District, Lease No. 13969	\$127,664
Victoria Motorcycle Club, Boulderpath Road	Section 119, Land District 30, Boulderpath Road	\$8,549
Victoria Motorcycle Club	Lot A, Section 13, Plan 21261, Land District 30, Happy Valley Road	\$6,222
Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia 4125 Metchosin Road	Lot A, Plan 42074, Section 1, Metchosin District	\$20,439
BC Parks Foundation	Lot 1, Plan EPP134285, Section 39, Metchosin District	\$3,561
Total Exemptions		\$200,666

Consolidated Financial Statements of

THE DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

Year ended December 31, 2025

DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Year ended December 31, 2025, with comparative figures for 2024

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of The District of Metchosin (the "District") are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in compliance with applicable legislation and in accordance with public sector accounting principles for local governments established by The Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

The District's management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the consolidated financial statements. These systems are monitored and evaluated by management.

Mayor and Council meet with management and the external auditors to review the consolidated financial statements and discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their acceptance of the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, independent external auditors appointed by the District. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the District's consolidated financial statements.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor and Councilors of The District of Metchosin

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the District of Metchosin (the "District"), which comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at end of December 31, 2025
- the consolidated statement of operations for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of changes in net financial assets for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the District as at December 31, 2025 and its consolidated results of operations, its consolidated changes in net financial assets and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**" section of our auditor's report.

We are independent of the District in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



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Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the District's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the District or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the District's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.



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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the District's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the District to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.
- Plan and perform the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the group as a basis for forming an opinion on the group financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for the purposes of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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Chartered Professional Accountants

Victoria, Canada
April 27, 2026

DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Year ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025	2024
Financial Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 3)	\$ 22,166,708	\$ 21,482,646
Accounts receivable	284,422	270,765
Taxes receivable	156,450	125,814
Long-term Investments (note 4)	5,050,762	4,577,549
Other assets	270,211	207,784
Total Financial Assets	27,928,553	26,664,558
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,366,397	2,920,939
Deposits payable	434,204	332,463
Prepaid property taxes	370,669	294,686
Wages and benefits payable (note 5)	378,613	291,403
Deferred revenue (note 6)	894,537	915,357
Asset retirement obligations (note 7)	285,092	292,812
Total Financial Liabilities	4,729,512	5,047,660
Net financial assets	23,199,041	21,616,898
Non-Financial Assets:		
Tangible capital assets (note 8)	35,165,478	35,575,169
Prepaid expenses	82,055	47,097
Total Non-Financial Assets	35,247,533	35,622,266
Commitments and contingencies (note 12)		
Accumulated Surplus (note 9)	\$ 58,446,574	\$ 57,239,164

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

On behalf of the District:



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Consolidated Statement of Operations

Year ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2024 Actuals
	(Note 13)		
Revenue			
Taxes levied for municipal purposes (note 10)	\$ 3,995,335	\$ 4,052,609	\$ 3,880,610
Net grants in lieu of taxes	1,908,005	1,906,731	1,831,302
Sale of services	731,800	1,054,021	1,013,665
Government transfers (note 11)	1,205,000	1,456,109	1,565,143
Investment income	180,000	819,943	1,332,893
Penalties and interest	36,000	42,012	43,285
Other	282,511	102,977	98,322
Total Revenue	8,338,651	9,434,402	9,765,220
Expenses			
General government	1,454,313	1,646,314	1,533,393
Protective services	2,639,505	2,672,005	2,142,187
Transportation services	2,046,666	1,847,263	1,897,590
Planning and environmental services	168,654	275,591	200,390
Parks, recreation & culture	2,003,513	1,785,819	1,955,309
Total Expenses	8,312,651	8,226,992	7,728,869
Annual surplus	26,000	1,207,410	2,036,351
Accummulated surplus, beginning of year	57,239,164	57,239,164	55,202,813
Accumulated Surplus, end of year	\$ 57,265,164	\$ 58,446,574	\$ 57,239,164

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets

Year ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2024 Actuals
	(Note 13)		
Annual Surplus	\$ 26,000	\$ 1,207,410	\$ 2,036,351
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(1,354,500)	(1,052,855)	(933,819)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,367,059	1,474,631	1,472,373
Asset retirement obligation	-	20,518	-
Loss on disposal of assets	-	18,451	-
Change in proportionate share of West Shore	-	(51,054)	119,656
	12,559	409,691	658,210
Acquisition of prepaid expense	-	(34,958)	(15,045)
Change in net financial assets	38,559	1,582,143	2,679,516
Net financial assets, beginning of year	21,616,898	21,616,898	18,937,382
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 21,655,457	\$ 23,199,041	\$ 21,616,898

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2025, with comparative information for 2024

	2025	2024
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Annual surplus	\$ 1,207,410	\$ 2,036,351
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	1,474,631	1,472,373
Accretion on asset retirement obligation	12,798	12,314
Loss on disposal of asset(s)	18,451	-
Change in proportionate share of West Shore	(51,054)	119,656
Changes in non-cash operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(13,657)	770,627
Taxes receivable	(30,636)	26,841
Other assets	(62,427)	(2,258)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(554,542)	508,878
Wages and benefits payable	87,210	36,799
Prepaid property taxes	75,983	19,261
Deposits payable	101,741	44,209
Deferred revenue	(20,820)	501,741
Prepaid expense	(34,958)	(15,045)
	2,210,130	5,531,747
Capital activities:		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(1,052,855)	(933,819)
Investing activities:		
Net change in investments	(473,213)	(271,993)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	684,062	4,325,935
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	21,482,646	17,156,711
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 22,166,708	\$ 21,482,646
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 12,360	\$ 23,741
Cash received from interest	819,943	1,332,893

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2025

The District of Metchosin (the "District") is a municipality in the Province of British Columbia and operates under the provisions of the Local Government Act and the Community Charter of British Columbia.

1. Significant accounting policies:

The consolidated financial statements of the District are prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting principles for governments as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant accounting policies adopted by the District are as follows:

(a) Reporting entity:

The consolidated financial statements reflect the combination of all the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and changes in net financial assets of the District. The consolidated financial statements of the District includes the District's proportionate interest in West Shore Parks and Recreation Society ("West Shore"), an organization jointly controlled by the District. The District does not administer any trust activities on behalf of external parties.

(b) Basis of accounting:

The District follows the accrual method of accounting for revenues and expenses. Revenues are normally recognized in the year in which they are earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and/or the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

(c) Government transfers:

Government transfers are recognized in the consolidated financial statements as revenues in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made. Government transfers with stipulations restricting their use are recognized in the financial statements as revenues in the period in which eligible expenses are incurred provided they are authorized and meet eligibility criteria.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(d) Deferred revenue:

Revenue from unilateral transactions is recognized when the District has the ability to claim or retain an inflow of economic resources and a past transaction or event giving rise to the asset has occurred. Revenue from exchange transactions is recognized when or as the District has satisfied performance obligations.

Deferred revenue includes contributions received from third parties pursuant to legislation, regulation and agreement which may only be used in certain programs, in the completion of specific work, or for the purchase of tangible capital assets. In addition, certain user charges and fees are collected for which the related services have yet to be performed. Revenue is recognized in the period when the related expenses are incurred, services performed, or the tangible capital assets are acquired thereby extinguishing the related liability.

Development cost charges are amounts which are restricted by government legislation or agreement with external parties. When qualifying expenses are incurred development cost charges are recognized as revenue in amounts which equal the associated expenses.

(e) Property tax revenue:

Property tax revenue is recognized on the accrual basis using the approved mill rates and the anticipated assessment related to the current year.

(f) Investment income:

Investment income is reported as revenue in the period earned. When required by the funding government or related Act, investment income earned on deferred revenue is added to the investment and forms part of the deferred revenue balance.

(g) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include investments in the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia ("MFA") Money Market Funds which are recorded at cost plus earnings reinvested in the funds.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Non-financial assets:

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

(i) Tangible capital assets:

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost which includes amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets, excluding land, are amortized on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Asset	Useful life - Years
Land improvements	20 - 40
Buildings	20 - 50
Vehicles, machinery and equipment	4 - 25
Roads infrastructure	25 - 100

Amortization is charged annually, including in the year of acquisition and disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

Tangible capital assets are written down when conditions indicate that they no longer contribute to the District's ability to provide goods and services, or when the value of future economic benefits associated with the asset are less than the book value of the asset.

(ii) Contributions of tangible capital assets:

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt and also are recorded as revenue.

(iii) Works of art and cultural and historic assets:

Works of art and cultural and historic assets are not recorded as assets in these financial statements.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Non-financial assets (continued):

(iv) Interest capitalization:

The District does not capitalize interest costs associated with the acquisition or construction of a tangible capital asset.

(v) Contaminated sites:

The District records a liability in its financial statements when contamination on nonactive property exceeds an accepted environmental standard and the District is directly responsible, or accepts responsibility for the damage. The liability is measured at the District's best estimate of the costs directly attributable to remediation of the contamination. No contaminated sites liabilities have been recorded in these financial statements.

(j) Employee future benefits:

The District and its employees make contributions to the Municipal Pension Plan. These contributions are expensed as incurred.

Sick leave, vacation pay and other retirement benefits are also available to the District's employees. Sick leave entitlements are accrued based on the estimated liability based on past history and can only be used while employed by the District. They are not paid out upon retirement or termination of employment. Accrued vacation represents earned and unused vacation amounts at the reporting date. The costs of retirement benefits are determined based on service and best estimates calculated as 1.5 days per year of service greater than 5 years. The obligations under these benefit plans are accrued as the employees render services necessary to earn the future benefits. The benefit amounts are included in wages and benefits payable.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(k) Asset retirement obligations:

An asset retirement obligation (ARO) is a legal obligation associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset that the District will be required to settle. The District recognizes asset retirement obligations when there is a legal obligation to incur retirements costs in relation to a tangible capital asset, the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred, it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up, and a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

Asset retirement obligations are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to retire a tangible capital asset at the financial statement date. The estimate of a liability includes costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities. Asset retirement obligations are recorded as liabilities with a corresponding increase to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset are being amortized with the buildings following the amortization policies outlined in note 1(h).

This obligation is adjusted to reflect period-to-period changes in the liability resulting from the passage of time and for revisions to either the timing or the amount of the current estimate of the undiscounted cash flow or the discount rate. Assumptions used in the subsequent calculations are reviewed annually and revised as necessary when new information becomes available.

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1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(l) Financial instruments:

The District's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, taxes receivable, other assets, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and wages and benefits payable.

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value on initial recognition. Equity instruments quoted in an active market and derivatives are subsequently measured at fair value as at the reporting date. All other financial instruments are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost unless the District elects to carry the financial instrument at fair value. The District has not elected to carry any other financial instruments at fair value.

Unrealized changes in fair value are recognized in the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses. They are recorded in the Statement of Operations when they are realized. There are no unrealized changes in fair value in the years presented; as a result, the District does not have a Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses.

All financial assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis. When a decline is determined to be other than temporary, the amount of the loss is reported in the Statement of Operations.

Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are expensed as incurred. Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments recorded at cost are included in the cost and amortized on an effective interest basis.

(m) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Estimates include assumptions used in estimating historical cost and useful lives of tangible capital assets, asset retirement obligations and in estimating provisions for accrued liabilities including employee future benefits. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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Year ended December 31, 2025

2. Comparative Figures:

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to presentation adopted in the current year. These reclassifications do not affect the annual surplus or accumulated surplus previously reported.

3. Cash and cash equivalents:

	2025	2024
Municipal Finance Authority - Money Market Funds	\$ 9,625,714	\$ 9,958,986
Coast Capital Savings - GIC's	4,723,621	-
Bank deposits	7,817,373	11,523,660
	\$ 22,166,708	\$ 21,482,646

4. Investments:

	2025	2024
Coast Capital Savings - GIC's	5,050,762	4,577,549
	\$ 5,050,762	\$ 4,577,549

The fair value of the GIC's approximates the recorded value. Investments mature between 2027 and 2030 and bear interest rates ranging from 3.7% to 4.25%. Investments include \$50,762 (2024 - \$0) in accrued interest receivable.

5. Wages and benefits payable:

Included in wages and benefits payable are accrued benefits of \$99,328 (2024 - \$96,584). This includes accrued sick leave, accrued vacation and retirement benefit.

Municipal Pension Plan

The Municipality and its employees contribute to the Municipal Pension Plan (the Plan), a jointly trusted pension plan. The Board of Trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for administering the Plan, including investment of assets and administration of benefits. The Plan is a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Basic pension benefits are based on a formula. As at December 31, 2024, the plan has about 273,000 active members and approximately 133,000 retired members. Active members include approximately 47,000 contributors from local governments.

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5. Wages and benefits payable (continued):

Every three years, an actuarial valuation is performed to assess the financial position of the plan and adequacy of plan funding. The actuary determines an appropriate combined employer and member contribution rate to fund the plan. The actuary's calculated contribution rate is based on the entry age normal cost method, which provides the long-term rate of member and employer contributions sufficient to provide benefits for average future entrants to the plan. This rate may be adjusted for the amortization of any actuarial funding surplus and will be adjusted for the amortization of any unfunded actuarial liability.

The most recent actuarial valuation for the Municipal Pension Plan as at December 31, 2024 indicated a \$2,675 million funding surplus for basic pension benefits on a going concern basis. The next valuation will be as at December 31, 2027.

The District paid \$114,140 (2024 - \$97,956) for employer contributions and District employees paid \$102,527 (2024 - \$87,952) for employee contributions to the plan in fiscal 2025.

Employers participating in the plan record their pension expense at the amount of employer contributions made during the fiscal year (defined contribution pension plan accounting). This is because the plan records accrued liabilities and accrued assets for the plan in aggregate, resulting in no consistent and reliable basis for allocating the obligation, assets and cost to individual employers participating in the plan.

GVLRA – CUPE Long-Term Disability Trust

The Trust was established January 1, 1987 as a result of negotiations between the Greater Victoria Labour Relations Association representing a number of employers and the Canadian Union of Public Employees representing a number of CUPE locals. The Trust's sole purpose is to provide a long-term disability income benefit plan. The District and its employees each contribute equal amounts into the Trust. The total plan provision for approved and unreported claims was actuarially determined as of December 31, 2024. At December 31, 2024, the total plan provision for approved and unreported claims was \$31,688,000 (2024 - \$27,791,600) with a plan deficit of \$4,356,410 (2024 - \$3,419,021). The actuary does not attribute portions of the unfunded liability to individual employers. The District paid \$20,668 (2024 - \$15,285) for employer contributions and District employees paid \$20,668 (2024 - \$15,285) for employee contributions to the plan in fiscal 2025.

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6. Deferred revenue:

	2025		2024	
Subdivision servicing	\$	156,874	\$	156,874
Grants		377,983		584,094
West Shore		166,712		174,389
Building permits		192,218		-
Rent		750		-
	\$	894,537	\$	915,357

7. Asset retirement obligations:

The District owns and operates several assets that are known to have asbestos, lead paint, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) which represent a health hazard upon demolition or renovation of the assets. There is a legal obligation to remove and dispose of the hazardous materials. Estimated costs totaling \$762,260 have been discounted using a present value calculation with a discount rate of 4.73% (2024 - 4.39%). The timing of these expenditures is estimated to occur between 2026 and 2047 with the regular replacement, renovation, or disposal of assets. No recoveries are expected at this time.

	2025		2024	
Balance, beginning of year	\$	292,812	\$	280,498
Increase due to accretion		12,798		12,314
Revision due to change in estimates		(20,518)		-
	\$	285,092	\$	292,812

DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2025

8. Tangible capital assets:

	Land	Land improvements	Buildings	Vehicles, machinery, and equipment	Transportation	Assets under construction	Total 2025	Total 2024
Cost:								
Balance, beginning of year	8,326,460	586,913	6,909,223	4,090,445	66,342,343	11,965	86,267,349	85,553,638
Change in proportionate share of West Shore	-	-	73,596	6,039	-	-	79,635	(184,110)
Additions	-	32,582	222,407	123,563	674,303	-	1,052,855	933,819
ARO adjustment	-	-	(20,518)	-	-	-	(20,518)	-
Disposals	-	(19,220)	(52,927)	-	-	-	(72,147)	(35,998)
Balance, end of year	8,326,460	600,275	7,131,781	4,220,047	67,016,646	11,965	87,307,174	86,267,349
Accumulated amortization:								
Balance, beginning of year	-	276,845	3,626,884	2,219,947	44,568,504	-	50,692,180	49,320,260
Change in proportionate share of West Shore	-	-	24,106	4,475	-	-	28,581	(64,455)
Disposals	-	(769)	(52,927)	-	-	-	(53,696)	(35,998)
Amortization	-	22,583	244,284	207,524	1,000,240	-	1,474,631	1,472,373
Balance, end of year	-	298,659	3,842,347	2,431,946	45,568,744	-	52,141,696	50,692,180
Net book value, end of year	8,326,460	301,616	3,289,434	1,788,101	21,447,902	11,965	35,165,478	35,575,169

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8. Tangible capital assets (continued):

(a) Tangible capital assets disclosed at nominal values:

Where an estimate of fair value could not be made, the tangible capital asset has been recognized at a nominal value. Land is the only category to which nominal values can be assigned.

(b) Works of art and historical treasures:

The District manages and controls various works of art and non-operational historical cultural assets including artifacts, paintings and sculptures located at District sites and public display areas. These assets are not recorded as tangible capital assets and are not amortized.

(c) Write-down of tangible capital assets:

The write-down of tangible capital assets during the year was \$18,451 (2024 - nil).

9. Accumulated surplus:

Accumulated surplus consists of unappropriated operating funds, various appropriated operating funds and reserve funds.

	2025	2024
Reserve funds:		
Capital:		
General Capital	\$ 1,611,635	\$ 1,275,299
Parkland Acquisition	290,934	284,528
Community Works Fund	705,151	717,965
	<u>2,607,720</u>	<u>2,277,792</u>
Capital replacement:		
Road Capital and Maintenance	5,725,170	4,907,793
Fire Equipment Replacement	621,608	439,834
Municipal Equipment	221,284	60,930
Building Replacement	3,556,066	3,319,396
School Building	454,523	346,732
Trails Replacement Reserve	134,590	119,758
	<u>10,713,241</u>	<u>9,194,443</u>
Balance forward	\$ 13,320,961	\$ 11,472,235

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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9. Accumulated surplus (continued):

	2025	2024
Balance forward	\$ 13,320,961	\$ 11,472,235
Appropriated operating funds:		
Operating:		
Policing phase-in	1,154,345	1,256,122
Recreation taxation equalization reserve	2,136,973	1,989,060
Tax stabilization	78,266	78,266
Growing Community Funds grant	2,736,948	2,660,480
Climate action	91,758	91,758
Victoria library	34,777	34,777
Admin staffing	-	62,000
	<u>6,233,067</u>	<u>6,172,463</u>
Surplus accounts:		
Snow and storm reserve	130,290	112,000
Legal, insurance, consulting	175,000	175,000
Revenue shortfall	517,000	517,000
Public works efficiency	462,500	312,500
Business development	56,000	63,000
Planning	40,400	23,000
Public works minor infrastructure	273,000	273,000
Environment	51,000	51,000
Elections	26,055	11,522
Fire equipment	81,134	55,845
Admin computer	14,031	9,000
Buffer Land	15,000	-
	<u>1,841,410</u>	<u>1,602,867</u>
Total reserve and appropriated operating funds	21,395,438	19,247,565
Unappropriated operating funds	2,170,750	2,709,242
	<u>23,566,188</u>	<u>21,956,807</u>
Equity in tangible capital assets	34,880,386	35,282,357
	<u>\$ 58,446,574</u>	<u>\$ 57,239,164</u>

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10. Taxes levied for municipal purposes:

	2025	2024
Taxes levied for municipal purposes:		
Property taxes	\$ 3,979,723	\$ 3,808,559
1% utility taxes	72,886	72,051
	<u>4,052,609</u>	<u>3,880,610</u>
Taxes levied for other authorities:		
School authorities	2,885,147	2,836,997
Capital Regional District	587,156	554,737
Capital Regional Hospital District	277,362	284,438
BC Transit	783,147	580,022
BC Assessment Authority	82,025	80,952
Municipal Finance Authority	450	456
	<u>4,615,287</u>	<u>4,337,602</u>
Total property taxes collected	\$ 8,667,896	\$ 8,218,212

11. Government transfers:

	2025	2024
Operating transfers:		
Provincial	1,027,159	1,114,099
Other	66,247	73,502
West Shore	68,571	83,410
	<u>1,161,977</u>	<u>1,271,011</u>
Capital transfers:		
Gas Tax	294,132	294,132
Total revenue	\$ 1,456,109	\$ 1,565,143

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12. Commitments and contingencies:

- (a) The Capital Regional District (the "CRD") debt, under provisions of the Local Government Act, is a direct, joint and several liability of the CRD and each member municipality within the CRD, including the District.
- (b) The District is a shareholder and member of the Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications (CREST) Incorporated which provides centralized emergency communications, and related public safety information services to municipalities, regional districts, the provincial and federal governments and their agencies, and emergency service organizations throughout the Greater Victoria region and the Gulf Islands. Members' obligations to share in funding ongoing operations and any additional costs relating to capital assets are to be contributed pursuant to a Members' Agreement.
- (c) The District is a defendant in various lawsuits for which no liability is reasonably determinable at this time. Should the claims be successful as a result of litigation, amounts will be recorded when a liability is likely and determinable. The District is self-insured through membership in the Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia. Under this program, member municipalities are to share jointly for general liability claims against any member in excess of \$10,000. Should the Association pay out claims in excess of premiums received, it is possible that the District, along with the other participants, would be required to contribute towards the deficit.
- (d) The District has entered into a Municipal Police Unit Agreement with the Province of BC and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for the provision of police services effective April 1, 2022. Under the terms of this contract, the District is responsible for 70% of policing costs. The estimated cost of the contract is \$957,745 in 2026.
- (e) The District has entered into a Dispatch Services Agreement with E-Comm Emergency Communications for British Columbia for the provisions of emergency call dispatch services effective January 1, 2026. The estimated cost of the contract is \$134,540.

13. Financial plan data:

The financial plan data presented in these consolidated financial statements is based upon the 2025 financial plan adopted by Council on April 28, 2025.

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14. West Shore Parks and Recreation Society:

(a) Capital asset transfers:

The CRD transferred the lands and facilities comprising the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre to the following municipal partners (the “Municipalities”) in 2003: City of Langford, City of Colwood, District of Highlands, District of Metchosin and Town of View Royal.

The lands and facilities were transferred to the Municipalities in their proportionate share, as specified in the Co-Owners’ Agreement. Future improvements are allocated among the partners as per the cost sharing formula in effect each year for each service or facility, as outlined in a Members’ Agreement. For 2025, the District’s share of improvements purchased by the Society on its behalf is \$75,098 (2024 - \$112,683).

Because the cost sharing formula in the Members’ Agreement produces different cost shares for the members from year-to-year, there is an adjustment to increase or decrease the opening fund balances. In 2025, the District recorded an increase of \$102,914 (2024 - decrease of \$119,656).

The Municipalities have each become members in the Society, which was incorporated to provide parks, recreation and community services to the Municipalities under contract. Under terms of an Operating, Maintenance and Management Agreement, the Society is responsible to equip, maintain, manage and operate the facilities located at the recreation centre.

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14. West Shore Parks and Recreation Society (continued):

(b) Consolidation:

Financial results and financial plan for the Society are consolidated into the District's financial statements proportionately, based on the cost sharing formula outlined in the Members' Agreement. In 2025, the District's proportion for consolidation purposes was 7.297% (2024 - 7.193%). Condensed financial information for the Society is as follows:

	2025	2024
Financial assets	\$ 6,723,414	\$ 6,319,372
Financial liabilities	3,786,218	3,888,495
Net financial assets	2,937,196	2,430,877
Non-financial assets	1,786,364	1,716,367
Accumulated surplus	\$ 4,723,560	\$ 4,147,244
Revenues	\$ 10,007,956	\$ 9,643,960
Requisition from members	6,285,001	6,049,085
	16,292,957	15,693,045
Expenses	\$ 15,921,345	\$ 15,438,840
Annual surplus	\$ 371,612	\$ 254,205

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15. Financial risk management

The District has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments: credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk (foreign currency risk, interest rate risk, and other price risk). Management oversees the District's systems and practices of internal control and ensures that these controls contribute to the assessment and mitigation of risk. Management reports regularly to Council on its activities. The District has experienced no change in its risk exposure and has not made any changes to its risk management policies and procedures during the year.

(a) Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk of a financial loss to the District if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss. Such risks arise principally from certain financial assets held by the District consisting of cash and cash equivalents, investments and receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents and investments are held with reputable financial institutions with investment grade external credit ratings. The majority of receivables are owing from government agencies. The District is able to recover delinquent taxes through tax sale of properties with unpaid property taxes.

The District assesses on a continuous basis its receivables and provides for any amounts that are uncollectible in an allowance for doubtful accounts. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying value of financial assets.

(b) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the District will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. The District's objective is to have sufficient liquidity to meet these liabilities when due. The District prepares financial plans, monitors its cash balance and cash flows to meet its liquidity requirements. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are generally due within 30 days of receipt of an invoice.

(c) Market risk:

Market risk is the risk that changes in market price, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and other price risks, will affect the District's results of operations or the fair value of its holdings of financial instruments. In the normal course of operations, the District makes purchases denominated in US dollars. The District does not have any material transactions denominated in foreign currencies at year end.

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15. Financial risk management (continued):

(c) Market risk (continued)

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in the market interest rates. The District is subject to interest rate risk on its cash and money market investments.

Changes in tariffs, counter-tariffs, or other trade measures between Canada and the United States may increase the cost of goods, materials, equipment, and contracted services used by the District. These cost increases could impact operations and capital projects. The District continues to monitor potential impacts and assess options to mitigate these risks.

16. Segmented information:

The District is a diversified municipal organization that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. District services are provided by departments and their activities reported separately. Certain functions that have been separately disclosed in the segmented information, along with the services they provide, are as follows:

General Government

The general government operations provide the functions of corporate administration and legislative services and any other functions categorized as non-departmental.

Protective Services

Protective services is comprised of three different functions, including the District's emergency management agency, fire and regulatory services. The emergency management agency prepares the District to be more prepared and able to respond to, recover from, and be aware of, the devastating effects of a disaster or major catastrophic event that will impact the community. The fire department is responsible for providing critical, life-saving services in preventing or minimizing the loss of life and property from fire and natural or man-made emergencies. The mandate of the regulatory services is to promote, facilitate and enforce general compliance with the provisions of bylaws that pertain to the health, safety and welfare of the community and provide a full range of planning services related to zoning, development permits, variance permits and current regulatory issues.

Transportation Services

Transportation services is responsible for transportation functions including roads and streets. As well, services are provided around infrastructure, transportation planning, pedestrian and cycling issues and on-street parking regulations, including street signs and painting.

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16. Segmented information (continue):

Planning and Environmental Services

Planning works to achieve the District's community planning goals through the Official Community Plan and other policy initiatives.

Recreation and Cultural Services

Parks is responsible for the maintenance and development of all park facilities. Recreation services facilitate the provision of recreation and wellness programs and services through West Shore.

The accounting policies used in these segments is consistent with those followed in the preparation of the financial statements as disclosed in Note 1. The following table provides additional financial information for the foregoing segments.

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16. Segmented Information (continued):

2025	General Government	Protective Services	Planning and Environmental Services	Transporation	Parks, Recreation, and Culture	2025 TOTAL
Revenue						
Taxation	4,293,155	747,664	-	-	960,533	6,001,352
Sale of services	19,309	258,294	36,298	-	740,120	1,054,021
Government transfers	1,102,331	200,506	70,361	-	82,911	1,456,109
Investment income	819,943	-	-	-	-	819,943
Other	7,013	95,895	-	12,867	5,653	121,428
Gain (loss) on assets	(18,451)	-	-	-	-	(18,451)
TOTAL REVENUE	6,223,300	1,302,359	106,659	12,867	1,789,217	9,434,402
Expenses by Object						
Salaries and wages	970,942	696,069	40,491	393,099	20,681	2,121,282
Materials and supplies	26,924	168,153	15,636	83,373	9,625	303,711
Property service cost	232,646	106,176	108,062	352,718	92,262	891,864
Professional service cost	351,131	1,458,927	111,402	24,909	1,536,949	3,483,318
Other expenses	10,762	117,688	-	(81,375)	24,910	71,985
Fiscal expenses (interest, etc)	29,183	-	-	-	4,484	33,667
Amortization	24,726	124,992	-	1,074,539	241,344	1,465,601
Change in proportionate share of West Shore	-	-	-	-	(144,436)	(144,436)
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,646,314	2,672,005	275,591	1,847,263	1,785,819	8,226,992
Annual surplus (deficit)	4,576,986	(1,369,646)	(168,932)	(1,834,396)	3,398	1,207,410

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16. Segmented Information (continued):

2024	General Government	Protective Services	Planning and Environmental Services	Transporation	Parks, Recreation, and Culture	2024 TOTAL
Revenue						
Taxation	4,130,129	707,453	-	-	917,614	5,755,196
Sale of services	20,528	191,723	75,168	-	726,246	1,013,665
Government transfers	1,118,837	424,641	(61,745)	-	83,410	1,565,143
Investment income	1,332,893	-	-	-	-	1,332,893
Other	15,302	76,021	-	1,000	-	92,323
Gain (loss) on assets	6,000	-	-	-	-	6,000
TOTAL REVENUE	6,623,689	1,399,838	13,423	1,000	1,727,270	9,765,220
Expenses by Object						
Salaries and wages	903,303	630,423	37,517	383,363	3,384	1,957,990
Materials and supplies	39,127	221,129	14,133	113,088	2,471	389,948
Property service cost	264,733	73,003	84,484	304,977	83,280	810,477
Professional service cost	258,960	1,079,849	64,256	77,878	1,489,727	2,970,670
Other expenses	4,984	12,791	-	(74,274)	18,905	(37,594)
Fiscal expenses (interest, etc)	39,444	-	-	-	-	39,444
Amortization	22,842	124,992	-	1,092,558	231,981	1,472,373
Change in proportionate share of West Shore	-	-	-	-	125,561	125,561
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,533,393	2,142,187	200,390	1,897,590	1,955,309	7,728,869
Annual surplus (deficit)	5,090,296	(742,349)	(186,967)	(1,896,590)	(228,039)	2,036,351

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Statement of BC Safe Restart Grant

Year ended December 31, 2025

(Unaudited)

Restart Grant Amount Brought forward from 2024	\$	683,175
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Expenses:

Administration Department:

Direct covid supplies

IT and remote access work and equipment

Fire Department:

Personal protective equipment

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Restart Grant Amount reported in capital reserve December 31, 2025	\$	683,175
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Statement of Growing Communities Fund Grant

Year ended December 31, 2025

(Unaudited)

Grant Amount Brought forward from 2024	\$	2,660,480
Interest Earned		76,468
Expenses incurred		-
Balance at December 31, 2025	\$	2,736,948

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Statement of Capacity Funding for Local Government Housing Initiatives

Year ended December 31, 2025

(Unaudited)

Grant Amount Brought forward from 2024	\$	159,516
Expenses incurred		(70,361)
Balance at December 31, 2025	\$	89,155

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