



DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN

MINUTES

PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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

Regrets: Kathy Atherton, Ron Aubrey, Caroline Donohue.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

1. Agenda, Additions, Approval

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

2. Presentations

- No presentations

3. Public Participation

- No public participation

4. Adoption of Minutes

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

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

5. Receipt of Minutes

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

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

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Trail Signage Status

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

b. April-May PTASC Trail Visits:

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

Requests – April - May Trail Visits

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

May - June. Trail Assignments:

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

7. Parks & Trails Master Plan Update

- Additional comments received;
- Access to mapping files.

8. Reports

a. Parks & Trails Coordinator Verbal Report

- No report.

b. Council Liaison Verbal Report

- No further update.

c. Chair Verbal Report

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

d. Buffer Land Report

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

9. Correspondence

- None.

10. Other Business

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

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

11. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.