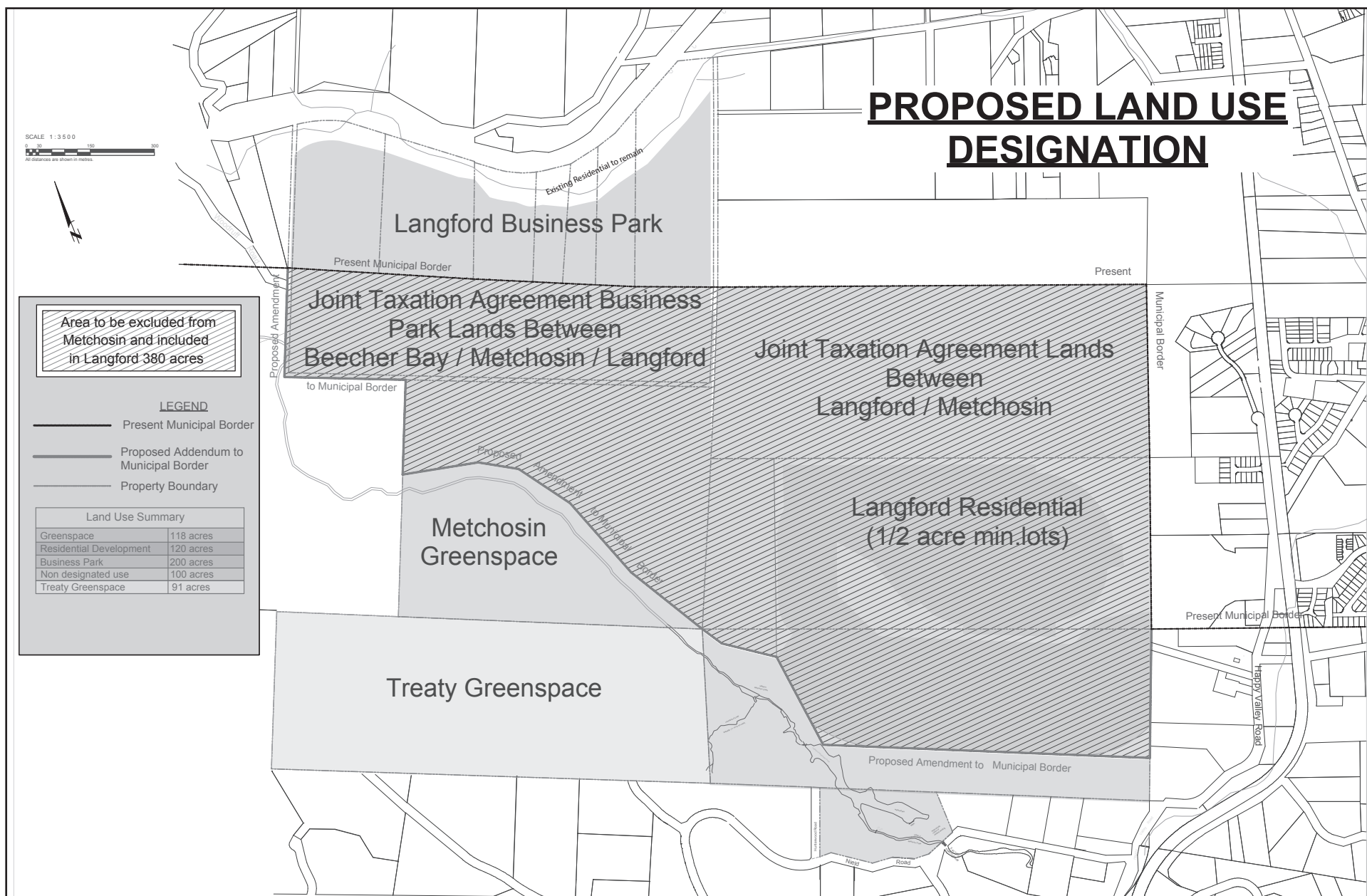


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The Big Proposed Land Deal



JOHNNY CARLINE AND BRIAN DOMNEY

Scia's new First Nation, Langford and Metchosin have reached a tentative deal to swap land, share revenue and protect green space.

When negotiations between the federal and provincial Crowns and Scia's new reached the Agreement in Principle (AiP) stage earlier this year, the land component of that settlement in principle included the three parcels of land in Metchosin owned in fee simple by the Province. The options were limited as there is not very much Crown land to be found on the southern part of Vancouver Island, and essentially none within the traditional territory of Scia's new.

Economic development is a priority for the First Nation, and it was understood that the land parcels would probably not remain simply as green space. Although the relationship between Scia's new and Metchosin is relatively healthy, the potential development of these lands was not an outcome desired by Metchosin.

That's when the local governments came together to explore options that might meet all their interests.

Langford's interests included land for a major business park that would service the region, Metchosin was looking for ways to protect its rural green vision, and Scia's new was looking to establish a sound economic base for its people. Everyone obviously wanted a solution that would be acceptable to all and that would maintain good relations.

Mayor Ranns recently circulated a letter to Metchosin residents outlining the results of the complex negotiations that followed. Briefly, the proposed agreement would see 380 acres of land be transferred from Metchosin to Langford, with the 250 acres of land in the Scia's new AiP transferred to Metchosin, and an additional 120 acres within the Centre Mountain parcel, currently privately owned, also going to Metchosin. All land transferred to Metchosin would be protected as green space. Along with the private land owner, the Scia's new would gain part ownership in a corporation owning Langford land in the transfer. The Scia's new would also receive tax revenue from those lands.

The proposed agreement requires a number of approvals, some of which will involve public input. The boundary change will

require approval by the two municipalities, Langford and Metchosin, through either a referendum or the alternative approval process. The latter involves a counter petition to reach a specific threshold of numbers of people opposed. If approved by the municipalities, the change in municipal boundaries will still require provincial approval.

The proposal also requires an amendment to the CRD Regional Growth Strategy in the form of a change to the Urban Containment Boundary. The Regional Growth Strategy is undergoing wholesale review and the proposed amendment will be built into that process, which will involve public hearings. However, this could be a lengthy process, so it has been decided to also amend the current Regional Growth Strategy to accommodate the proposed specific Urban Containment Boundary change. The CRD Board has voted to waive the requirement for a public hearing but will seek public input by other means, such as website-based public commentary opportunity and an open house. Land use changes which require a change to Official Community Plans will require formal approval by the municipalities

and this would involve public hearings. This is likely to be a major forum for public input.

The Beecher Bay / Scia's new First Nation will have its own process to approve their involvement in the proposed deal and the whole agreement is dependent upon ratification of the treaty by the Scia's new, the province and the federal government.

The mayor paid tribute to the flexible approach that all parties brought to

discussions, and particularly credited CAO Lisa Urlacher for her role in helping bring the process to a positive agreement.

The importance of the proposed agreement was stressed by Mayor John Ranns, who told the *Muse*, "This is probably the most important development in the history of Metchosin since incorporation. I've been agonizing about those parcels for decades."

See pages 8-11 for Metchosin Day 2016 highlights and photos.



Sharie Epp, one of the many Metchosin Day volunteers, manned the MCA Corn Booth. Barb Sawatsky photo

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CURRENT CIRCULATION: 2800
(July/August: 3000)

Old Growth Orchard Cyclefest

DAN O'CONNELL

In lieu of the Apple-Bee Fest usually held in October, the Metchosin Pomological Society will be hosting an Old Growth Orchard Cyclefest on Saturday, October 15. Gathering at the Metchosin Municipal Hall parking lot at 1:00 pm on October 15, cyclists of all ages will ride along William Head Road to six of the oldest orchards on Vancouver Island.

The tour will extend from the Weir Orchard near William Head Penitentiary to Bilston Farm, the first landholding owned and operated in BC independent of the Hudson's Bay Company. These orchards date back to the 1850s, making them over a century and a half old. A new sapling, made from a graft of a now-expired tree in the Weir Orchard, will be planted as part of the Metchosin Pomological Society's effort to steward the orchard and

save these heritage species; they actually don't know the type of apple as the dying tree never produced and the new graft has not done so well.

Heritage apple pie and juice tasting will happen at Bilston Farm at the end of the journey. The landowners do not wish to have vehicle traffic due to space restraints, hence the cycle tour. Walkers and runners are obviously welcome. Contact Dan at doconnell1954@gmail.com.



Dan O'Connell, President Emeritus of the Metchosin Pomological Society, inspects an apple tree in one of Metchosin's old growth orchards. Brian Domney photo

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EMERGENCY PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

Learn the Roles of the Fire Department and Public Works Team

CHARLA HUBER, METCHOSIN EMERGENCY PROGRAM

Roles of the Fire Department and Public Works Team

Tuesday, October 18
7:00 pm
Metchosin Fire Hall

Firefighters fight fires, it's in their job title, but they are also responsible for keeping the community safe in many other ways.

"There is more to our department than just fires and in the event of a disaster we are prepared to help serve the community," said Fire Chief Stephanie Dunlop.

In Metchosin, the fire department attends to a variety of emergencies from fires or car crashes to medical calls, along with many other day-to-day roles and responsibilities.

In addition to these daily events, in the event of a local or regional disaster the firefighters would play a key role in mitigation and response. The fire department has the

training, tools and contingency planning in place to deal with whatever Mother Nature has in store.

It's not only the fire department that has emergency preparedness plans for the District of Metchosin. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated public works department that also has responsibilities and tasks to perform in the case of an emergency - including dealing with roadways, culverts and bridges. Many of these efforts are resiliency efforts taking place throughout the year prior to an event.

Come and learn about the resources available to both the fire department and public works in the event of a disaster, emergency, or an area inconvenience.

"This is a great way for us to share how we are prepared to serve the community and also to reinforce what our residents can do at home as well," said Dunlop. "Meeting with residents at these info

sessions is a powerful tool we can all use toward community and personal emergency preparedness."

Come to the Metchosin Emergency Program's free information session October 18 to learn more. The session begins at 7:00 pm at the Metchosin Fire Department, 4440 Happy Valley Road. For more information, call 250-478-1307. A door prize is won at every session.

Letters to the Editor

The *Metchosin Muse* welcomes letters to the editor, of not more than 200 words. Your letter may be edited for editorial style or length. Please email your letter to metmuse@shaw.ca, or leave it at the Metchosin Country Store. Please sign your letter. An address and telephone number are required but will not be published.



The memorial to Madge Watt was unveiled on the Metchosin Municipal Grounds on September 7. Brian Domney photo

Margaret ‘Madge’ Watt

JIM MACPHERSON

Thought you knew Metchosin’s history? On September 7, Parks Canada honoured Margaret “Madge” Robertson Watt with a plaque on the Metchosin Municipal Grounds as a person of National Historic Significance.

Responsible for this is the Metchosin Museum Society, the South Vancouver Island Women’s Institute and the British Columbia Women’s Institute.

So who was Madge Watt? With liberal borrowings from Wikipedia and other Googled sources, below are some of the highlights of her life and her residence in Metchosin.

Madge Robertson Watt was born Margaret Rose Robertson in Collingwood, Ontario, on June 4, 1868. She preferred “Madge” as the short name for Margaret and used it all her life.

Madge graduated from the University of Toronto in 1890 as one of the first women to be granted a Master of Arts degree. Between 1890 and 1907, she earned her living as a writer, editor, and reviewer. Her many articles were published in numerous Canadian newspapers and magazines. Some biographers have called her an example of a New Woman because she used ideas from emerging feminist thought, believing strongly in the power exerted by women working together. Madge was a visionary who believed that women could, and should, show leadership and help other women realize their potential for good.

Madge married Alfred Tennyson Watt and, in 1897, relocated to Metchosin where Dr. Watt served as Medical Health Officer and Superintendent of William Head Quarantine Station. They

lived at the Quarantine Station. She joined the Metchosin Women’s Institute in 1909 and became steeped in the Women’s Institute movement, started in 1897 in Ontario by another Canadian, Adelaide Hoodless. In Metchosin, she wrote pamphlets to entice agriculture settlers to Vancouver Island, and became a member of the Senate of the University of British Columbia. She was also appointed to the first Advisory Board of the British Columbia Women’s Institute.

When Dr. Watt died suddenly in 1913, Madge took her two sons to England to complete their education.

While Adelaide Hoodless had introduced the Women’s Institute concept to Britain, it was Madge Watt who eventually succeeded in 1915 in acquiring financial support to organize the first Women’s Institute in Britain. By the end of the First World War, the movement was credited with being a strong force in agriculture, having increased the food supply from 35% to 60% of the country’s requirements. A superlative organizer, she helped set up the first 100 Institutes and was Chief Organizer under the Board of Agriculture. For her work in helping establish Women’s Institutes in the United Kingdom, Madge was named a Member of the Order of the British Empire by King George V in 1919.

Madge returned to British Columbia in 1919 and became involved with the British Columbia Women’s Institute. She organized the first British Columbia Women’s Institute Provincial Convention. But

her focus on women’s education, growth and empowerment extended far beyond Metchosin and British Columbia. She talked up the idea of an international organization of rural women.

She is remembered internationally as one of the founding members of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) in 1933 and served as its first president from 1933 to 1947. The ACWW now has non-governmental status at the United Nations and ACWW representatives speak at international meetings held to decide how rural families can be helped.

Madge Watt lived in Victoria through World War II and then lived with son Sholto in Montreal where she died, aged 80, on November 30, 1948.

Madge Watt received many accolades. Besides being named an OBE, she received the Order of Agricultural Merit conferred by the governments of France and Belgium. Under the name “Mrs Alfred Watt,” the Canadian government honoured Madge and the ACWW by issuing a Canadian postage stamp in 1959. In 1958, the Ontario Government honoured Madge and the Associated Country Women of the World by installing a plaque at the front of the small house in which people thought she had been born in Collingwood. Margaret Robertson Watt was named a Person of National Historic Significance by the Canadian government in 2007. A plaque honoring this designation was unveiled at Colwood on August 14, 2015.

For a different look at Madge Watt, you might want to take a look at an article by Wendy Mitchell in the *Goldstream Gazette*. It’s available online at www.goldstreamgazette.com/community/289992101.html.

TALK AND WALK

Unless otherwise stated, talks are held at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Hall, 4450 Happy Valley Road, behind the Fire Hall.

SUSTAINABLE STEWARDSHIP of our homes, property and farming practices – Friday, October 14

Gord Baird, with his wife Ann, is co-owner of Eco-Sense, and both are Highlands councillors. Their “objective is to live a reasonable life where our home is an extension of nature; where the systems incorporate bio-mimicry for both function and beauty. All systems work with nature to create a space that is safe and provides for our needs sustainably without compromising the needs of future generations to enjoy the same level of comfort.”

MYCOBLITZ! – Friday, November 4

Our fourth annual MycoBlitz will start off with a presentation by one of our favourite speakers, Britt Bunyard, mycologist, and editor and publisher of *Fungi Magazine*. “Mushroom stones to stoned apes: the origins of the fungi” will be an overview of fungi and what we know and don’t know about the origins of the Fifth Kingdom, with brand-spanking new, game-changing insight!

MycoBlitz forays! – Saturday, November 5: 9:00 am at the Municipal Hall. Join the formidably fabulous though not fashion-forward fungi fanatics as we neither fumble nor fail while we frolic through forests in the frenzied finding of fungi. Further details TBA.

Contact moraleamilne@gmail.com for further information about these programs.

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BOUNDARY CHANGE IN METCHOSIN, LANGFORD AND BEECHER BAY

An historic proposed partnership between three communities is promising to create jobs, protect valuable greenspace, and secure the economic future of the Beecher Bay (Scia'new) First Nation.

Beecher Bay Chief Russ Chipps, along with Metchosin Mayor John Ranns and Langford Mayor Stewart Young, made the announcement Monday, September 12. Although the tentative agreement still requires community consultation and various approvals, the three leaders say a proposed boundary change will deliver long-term preservation of parks and parkland and economic enhancements for the entire region. Please see Metchosin website, www.metchosin.ca, for more details.

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BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWALS

Businesses will be receiving their renewal notices in the mail in October for the 2016/2017 businesses licence year (Nov. to Oct.). Every business operating in Metchosin, including home-based businesses, requires a business licence. Metchosin participates in the regional intermunicipal business licence scheme so that businesses such as contractors and mobile sales based in Metchosin only need one licence to operate in the region. Please note that if your business licence is two years outstanding, licences will be terminated, as per Section 14(c) of the Business Licence Bylaw. Renewal would then be subject to a new application and inspection, along with an additional fee of \$25.00.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HCAC)

Our Healthy Communities Advisory Committee supports community activities that seek improvements in all aspects of living in Metchosin which reflect on our health, well-being and happiness while strengthening our sense of community. HCAC was very successful helping the Senior Information Resource Centre (SIRC) get on its feet and has been on a bit of a break looking for new directions to take the committee. Young families and children is one direction HCAC would like to look into, and is in need of new volunteers for the committee. The committee meets at the call of the chair, usually every other month. Meetings are in the evenings for 1-2 hours, a small amount of time that can make a big difference in your community. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest addressed to Mayor and Council at the Municipal Hall.

HERITAGE ADVISORY SELECT COMMITTEE (HASC)

Are you interested in the heritage of Metchosin? HASC needs new volunteers. If you're interested, or would like more information regarding this committee, please contact the municipal office, 250-474-3167.

DISTRICT OF METCHOSIN MEETING SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2016

Below are the meeting dates and times for the upcoming month. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise stated.

Council Meeting	Oct 3, 7:00 pm	Parks and Trails Advisory Committee	Oct 18, 7:00 pm
Finance and Environment Committee	Oct 3, 7:00 pm	Environmental Advisory Committee	Oct 25, 7:00 pm
Planning, Parks and Highways and Public Works Committees	Oct 17, 7:00 pm		

Meetings are subject to change; for updated information, please call the district office at 250-474-3167 or refer to the website at www.district.metchosin.bc.ca. Thank you.

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SIRC: SENIORS' INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTRE

New! and Returning this Fall

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Coffee Chat & Tea Time

Every Wednesday from 1:00–3:00 pm at SIRC. NEW: Third Wednesday of each month we plan a day trip!

Play Mahjong

Every Thursday from 10:00 am–12:00 noon at SIRC. New players always welcome!

Vaccinations

Vaccinations at SIRC and the local Fire Hall, in cooperation with IDA Latoria Pharmacy and the Metchosin Fire Department. We will be offering a series of vaccinations throughout the fall and winter seasons. Please call SIRC for more details or to book an appointment.

Geeks & Geezers! Age-Friendly Learning at SIRC

NEW! Open Access Computer Learning Lab with techno-geeks available and ready to help you learn.

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1:00–3:00 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; 4:00–7:00 pm on Wednesdays or by appointment.

*Join in person or online

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We've got a tech-savvy team of volunteer geeks of all ages, who love learning and teaching all kinds of things – from computer basics to social media and digital publishing, using tech-friendly tools, while coaching you individually or working with you in a small group session.



SIRC hosted a Thank You and Farewell Tea for outgoing coordinator Colleen Brownlee (right). Brian Domney photo

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Wednesday 1:00–3:00 pm and 4:00–7:00 pm
Friday 1:00–3:00 pm
Saturday through Monday: CLOSED
Coordinator: Dawn Boshcoff

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WHO ARE THE GEEZERS?

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WHY JOIN US?

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NEW! Monthly Tech-Talks

Wednesday, September 28, 7:00–8:30 pm: **Internet Safety: What you need to know to be safe online!**

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00–8:30 pm: **Image Editing Online – Digital Photographs for Sharing**

Wednesday, November 30, 7:00–8:30 pm: **E-Gifts and Online Shopping – just in time for the Holiday Season**

NEW! Good Neighbour Programs

We open our doors to new volunteers and members and especially welcome visitors from other organizations and local community groups. Meet your neighbours at SIRC and make some new acquaintances to help us keep our seniors connected.

WEEKLY GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Monday afternoon Pearson College students' Home Outreach Program via Metchosin Community House.

Friday afternoon Pearson College students' Tea Time with Seniors at Metchosin Community House.

MONTHLY GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Third Wednesday of each Month – SIRC Afternoon Day Trip (TBD monthly). All welcome!

Third Friday of each month – 3Gen DROP-IN from 9:30–11:30 am at Metchosin Community House. We're bringing a multi-generational approach with MCA's Parents and Tots Program! Join us!

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Going Natural in Metchosin

JUDITH VAN MANEN

How to Create a Natural Naturescape

Speaker: Charles Knighton
Wednesday, October 5, 7:30 pm
Metchosin Community House

Our next Metchosin Garden Club meeting with speaker Charles Knighton dwells on the question of how to create a natural naturescape. But as I write this sentence I wonder: what is this wonderful word – “naturescape”? We can find nature in the natural expanses of landscapes, waterscapes, seascapes, skyscapes, and dreamscapes where native plants and native trees “go natural” since they naturally thrive on a buffbare existence. Yes, I have wistfully dreamed of having a garden that is naturally beautiful, easy to maintain, drought tolerant through our hot dry summers, and a magnet for native birds and butterflies.

Perhaps every Metchosinite is a secret naturalist. And perhaps that is why gardening is such a wonderful, sensual activity; as gardeners we always deal with nature in the buff. We love the textural tease of the plants that touch us as they are being touched by our caring and nurturing gestures. A native plant garden or naturescape is a move to re-establishing the natural habitat of our native ecosystem. Urban development and escaping invasive species are threatening plants that grow naturally in our forests and gardens.

There are other reasons for gardeners in Metchosin to create a naturescape in their gardens. Native plants are hardy, adaptable, require less water than most non-native plants, and have a better chance of survival in varying situations. They also attract beneficial insects and have developed their own natural defenses against pests and diseases.

So who better to share his expertise with us but our guest speaker, Charles Knighton, resident horticulturist and native plant expert. His talk will feature native plants of BC most suited to the home garden. Charles will discuss his favourite native perennial forbs, trees, shrubs and vines that will flourish in, and beautify, our home landscaping. He will also advise us on how these plants may be collected, propagated, and purchased.

For over 20 years, Charles was the Head Gardener of the Royal Museum Native Plant Gardens in Victoria. This garden boasted over 500 native plants from all around BC, including several rare species, and Charles ensured that the plants were all maintained organically. He developed basic skills working for the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Western Ontario in the late 1970s and moved to Victoria in 1982.

Charles' love of plants resulted in the creation of Flower Power, a U-pick flower garden located at 580 Witty Beach Road, where he grows a wide selection of flowers, grasses, vines, and flowering shrubs. The specialty of Flower Power is to meet “all the floral needs of rural/outdoor marriage ceremonies, special occasions and gatherings.”

Metchosin Garden Club welcomes Charles Knighton as our speaker at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 5, at the Metchosin Community House. If you like to learn all about the fascinating world of native plants, then don't miss our second meeting of the fall – stop and consider going natural with native plants with Charles Knighton and our Metchosin Garden Club members.

Our last meeting of the fall is on November 2 and will feature Louise Goulet. Her presentation is titled “Creating a Native Plant Garden from Design to Maintenance.”

WHoS at It Again!

Sleeping Giants – A Dream Play

by the Men of William Head on Stage Prison Theatre Society

“W.H.o.S. is a testament to the power of theatre to change lives.” – *The Globe and Mail*

This October, William Head on Stage (or WHoS) is creating and performing *Sleeping Giants*, a play about what happens when the world stops dreaming.

Sleeping Giants began inspired by such stories as *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Rip Van Winkle*, and soon grew and evolved into a wholly original piece with music, costumes, lighting, set and prop – all designed and built by the inmate team. We follow the story of five human dreamers and a family of dream spirits who act as guides through the subconscious landscape. Dreams are scarce, and the dream spirits must find a way to make the humans dream again, or else fade away into oblivion.

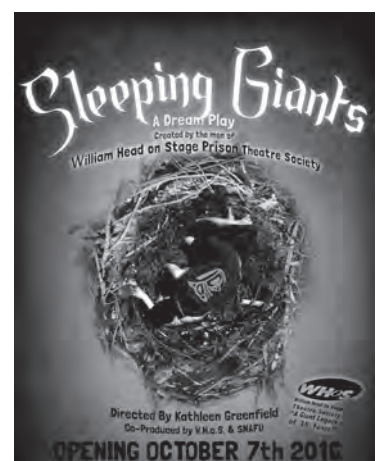
This year William Head on Stage has joined forces with award-winning director Kathleen Greenfield and her company SNAFU. Greenfield co-created and performed with WHoS for the last two years with the prison productions *Here and Time Waits for No One*. Greenfield also co-directed *Lieutenant Nun* (winner of Best Drama and Best

Ensemble at the 2015 Victoria Fringe Festival), and directed *Little Orange Man* (winner of Best Solo Show and Best Performance at the 2016 Victoria Fringe Festival).

William Head on Stage is Canada's longest-running prison theatre program. Since 1981, the inmates have staged a play each fall and invited the general public. Anyone 19 or older can buy a ticket, go through prison security, enter the prison gymnasium and experience the show performed by the inmates.

“WHoS is a safe place where we don't have to wear a mask or project an image,” says one inmate participant. “Going through prison ... there are many messages we get put into our heads: that you are inhuman ... The process slowly chips away at you. I didn't realize how deep it went until I was exposed to the community. Oh yes, this is what it is like to be treated like a person ... we need normal human contact without an agenda.” This marks the company's 35th year anniversary.

Sleeping Giants – A Dream Play will take place from October 7 to November 5 at William Head Prison. Performance days are:



Oct 7, 8,
Oct 14, 15,
Oct 21, 22,
Oct 27, 28, 29,
Nov 3, 4, 5

Gates open at 6:15 pm, close at 7:15 pm and the performance begins at 7:30 pm. Late-comers will not be admitted. Tickets are \$20 and available at the Metchosin Country Store and Ticket Rocket (250-590-6291 / www.ticketrocket.co). Ten percent of proceeds will go to the Help Fill a Dream Foundation.

Please note: This production will take place inside a federal prison. You must be 19+ to enter. You may be electronically scanned and searched by a dog. Personal belongings (purses, wallets, cell phones, money, etc.) are forbidden and must be left in your car or at home. No smoking materials are permitted. PHOTO ID REQUIRED.

Questions? Contact whonstage@gmail.com.

2016's Second Round of Funding for Arts and Culture in Metchosin

BETTY HILDRETH

The Metchosin Arts and Cultural Centre Association (MACCA) is pleased to be able to support a small grant program to support "The Practice of Art in Metchosin." We were pleased to receive seven applications in our first round from artists from a variety of disciplines – music, movement, ceramics, and cultural practices.

Based on a careful review, MACCA is delighted to announce our first three grant recipients for 2016:

- **Rough Voice Sing-along** – this local drop-in sing-along group was granted \$750 for the purchase of a computer to store and project song lyrics for their twice-monthly sessions. They provided details of the requirements for the computer and the cost.
- **Natasha Lefevre** was awarded \$1,000 as funding towards the cost of producing an album of songs by the "Owl and Vulture" music project: songs by Natasha and her husband written in Metchosin. They will be performing at the Farmers' Market and

selling the album at local venues. They have previously produced a CD and music videos and provided a list of the expenses that the grant would help cover.

- **Sarah Leckie**, a local ceramic artist, was granted \$1,000 towards the cost of a Kiln Raising residency at the Banff Centre. This grant complements support she also received from the Banff Centre for the course. Sarah intends to build a wood-fired kiln in Metchosin.

In evaluating the proposals, we realized that there were some common lessons that would help the next round of applicants and clarify the purposes of the program:

- Grant applications should be made for the exact amount required, with as clear an explanation as can be given regarding what the funds are needed for, and what other resources you will be drawing on (for example, you may have a partial grant to cover costs from another source, or plan to self-fund).
- While we very much want to support new developments in art and culture,

we would like to see some evidence of your ability to carry out your plan – for example, that you have done something similar, or pilot tested the activity you would like to have supported.

- References matter, so please include these. We also appreciate images, social media links, etc., as evidence.
- The benefit to the overall community must be clear. In particular, if a capital investment is being made (purchase of equipment for example), please be sure to clarify if there will be wider community access to or use of the item, or if it will be solely for your own use.

We enjoyed seeing proposals for "out of the box" thinking in terms of what art and culture mean. Interesting and creative applications are much easier to adjudicate when they are based on these suggestions as well as following the parameters mentioned on the official application forms.

Above all, we were pleased to see the good range of proposals for this first round, and look forward to the next round and to continuing to build Metchosin's art and cultural capacity! Past applicants who were not successful are welcome to re-apply.

Take note that the second round of the granting process is now open and applications are due on or before **November 15**. Application forms are available online through metchosinartscentre.ca or at any of the studios located at the Metchosin Arts Centre, 4495 Happy Valley Road.



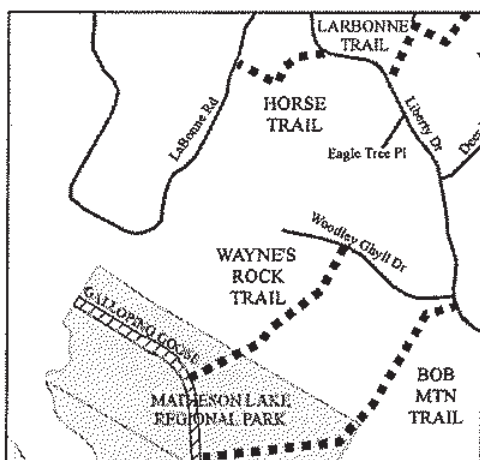
Natasha and Riley of Owl and Vulture with their group's namesakes at The Raptors in Duncan. Photo from their website.

Take a Hike!

This trail map is from the Metchosin Parks and Trails brochure on the District of Metchosin website. To find more trails, please visit:

<http://district.metchosin.bc.ca/content/parks-and-trails>

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Nicole Lalonde happily accepts apples from Jayce and Matty Tenove for incorporation into the mincemeat pies that will soon fundraise for the Metchosin Community Association. Brian Domney photo



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METCHOSIN DAY AWARDS 2016

Chris Pratt – Citizen of the Year



Chris Pratt, Citizen of the Year.

PRESENTED BY MAYOR JOHN RANNS

The Citizen of the Year award celebrates the achievements, over numerous years, of a Metchosin resident who has contributed significantly to our community. Chris Pratt has had a long relationship with Metchosin – he celebrated his first birthday at Weir's Beach and many years ago his family bought the

property on which he lives today from Mr. Weir.

After an illustrious career in the Canadian Navy and several notable post retirement positions, Chris permanently settled in Metchosin where he started his new and rewarding occupation as an outstanding volunteer, first enlisting as a mentor at William Head Institute. He was active in the creation of Pearson College and continues to be involved with the institution; a steady stream of Pearson students has enjoyed his delightful hospitality over the years. Chris was engaged in the first discussions around the incorporation of Metchosin, which in turn led him to take his turn as President of the APRM, contributing his calm, sensible voice of authority to the many issues that help us to remain this rural oasis.

Chris is particularly passionate about the preservation of Mary Hill, one of Metchosin's most pristine Coastal Douglas-fir forests, and has worked closely with the Victoria Natural History Society

on an ecological survey of the property. Continuing with his environmental contributions, he was intimately involved in the Green and Blue Spaces report for Council, a report that still informs Council's decisions, and he contributed his considerable expertise to the Community Green Mapping project.

Chris was a park warden with the CRD at Devonian Regional Park for a number of years and he is a long-time member of the District's Heritage Advisory Select Committee.

Seeing a need for an organization that can assist our residents in leaving legacies that benefit Metchosin, Chris became a founding member of the Metchosin Foundation and for the last eight years has served with distinction as its Chair.

Throughout his life here Chris Pratt has served our community with love, wisdom and integrity, and we are honoured to celebrate his contributions as Citizen of the Year.

Kathy Atherton – Friend of the Earth



Colleen Atherton accepts the Friend of the Earth award on behalf of her mother, Kathy Atherton, from Councillor Moralea Milne.

PRESENTED BY COUNCILLOR MORALEA MILNE

The Friend of the Earth award celebrates Metchosin residents or organizations who go above and beyond in their environmental stewardship of our community.

This year we are honouring Kathy Atherton. Kathy unfortunately could not be with us for the ceremony; I hear she is touring Europe, looking for the ancestral home of tansy ragwort!

Kathy has been motivated to do something about tansy ragwort for close to 20 years; some might even say she has been obsessed with this weedy scourge. Tansy ragwort, for those who are unaware, is an invasive introduced plant that is poisonous to most livestock and especially to horses.

For the last five years Kathy has organized ragwort

removals, inspiring her friends, neighbours, fellow horse lovers and the district to help in her ragwort eradication regime. You can see her "See it Sprout, Pull it Out" signs throughout Metchosin!

Kathy spent a number of years on Metchosin's Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee and when she left, convinced her husband Mark to join, apparently continuing to influence the committee through him.

On a personal level Kathy is equally obsessive about recycling, and reducing her energy output. She will hang laundry outside on the line in the winter in the hope it will lose a little moisture in order to reduce time in the dryer, a usually successful endeavour.

Thank you Kathy Atherton for your stewardship of our community!

Volunteer of the Year – Brent Donaldson

NATEXA VERBRUGGE AND ANDY MACKINNON

Metchosin's 2016 Volunteer of the Year is Brent Donaldson.

Brent has volunteered in a number of different ways in our community – his many years of working with Scouts Canada come to mind. My experience with Brent is primarily with Metchosin's Parks and Trails Advisory Select Committee (PTASC). Brent started coming to PTASC meetings in early autumn 2013. He was appointed by Council in October 2013, and started working with Mark Atherton (then Trails Coordinator). By December 2013 he had been appointed by Council as Trails Coordinator.

In 2014, Brent: was active in lobbying for the re-opening of the Witty's Beach stairs; completed the Kangaroo Road Roadside Trail to Morland Road; completed

repairs to the Weir's Beach stairs with the help of the 14th Juan de Fuca Scouts; orchestrated the new Pearson College Trail; repaired part of the Hillman Trail; fixed two wet spots on the Eleanor Mann Trail; and completed the trail between Chapel Heights and Metchosin Road.

In 2015 and 2016, Brent: completed the Parry Road Roadside Trail in tandem with water line replacements; widened and resurfaced Lisandra Trail; and cleared, widened and resurfaced Helgesen Trail (along Lombard). He spent many hours meeting with residents and planning for further trail improvements, including Sea Bluff, Chapel Heights, Blinkhorn Mountain, Happy Valley/Rocky Point Trail to the Municipal Hall, and the Saddleback Connector Trail. These plans are ongoing.

Brent was able to accomplish all of this with assistance from Harold



Volunteer of the Year, Brent Donaldson.

Perepalkin, our intrepid backhoe operator and trails constructor, and many other able volunteers. We thank him for all of these trail improvements for the residents of Metchosin.

Pioneer of the Year – Audrey Jenkins



Pioneer of the Year Audrey Jenkins with Councillor Kyara Kahakauwila.

Youth Group of the Year

Our apologies; this information unavailable at press time. – Ed.

Volunteer Group of the Year – Metchosin Muse

PRESENTED BY ANDY MACKINNON

Metchosin is a community that counts on its volunteers for A LOT. And so the awards of Volunteer of the Year, and Volunteer Group, are always hotly contested.

How remarkable, then, that in 2016 we'll have a double winner of an award. Metchosin's 2016 Volunteer Group is the same as it was 20 years ago, in 1996 – the staff of the *Metchosin Muse*. Parts of this presentation are from the excellent article on the *Muse* team by Jim MacPherson, which appeared in the *Muse* earlier this year.

The *Metchosin Muse* is (from the newspaper) "a local non-profit, arts, interests and activities publication, produced by the *Muse* team ... The *Muse* endeavours to promote harmony and involvement in the community and aims to interest a broad cross-section of the residents of Metchosin and Becher Bay."

The *Muse* is delivered, free of charge, to most households in

Metchosin. (Additional copies are available at various outlets in the West Shore; see page 2.)

I think a lot of us take the *Metchosin Muse* a bit for granted. It appears in our mail boxes ... well, most of them, anyway ... around the beginning of each month, except August. And it's free.

The paper serves as a communication system for a variety of organizations and groups in Metchosin – from Cubs and Scouts, to singers and ukulele strummers, to film night and speakers' organizers, to the Metchosin Community Association, SIRC and the Municipal Council.

I'm not sure if many of us really think about it, but this, and every other issue of the *Muse* since August 1993, has been put together by a pretty dedicated team of volunteers.

Most of the volunteers have changed during the past 22 years, but there has been one constant. Isabel Tipton, whose "Gardening" column appears in every other issue of the *Muse*, is listed on the



The *Muse* team around the proofing table. From left to right, standing: Joan Bradley, Joannie Challenger, Peter Lewis, Barb Sawatsky, Barrett Fullerton, Jim MacPherson, Johnny Carline, Brian Domney. Sitting: Joan Gilbert, Dauna Neaveaux, Joan Kew. Missing: Eileen Carlson, Laura Farqharon, Barbara Methvin, Susan Palmer, Isabel Tipton. Fred Neaveaux photo

masthead of that first issue of the *Muse*, and she has been a contributor to the *Muse* ever since.

Today the *Metchosin Muse* is pulled together by about 17 people who work with the *Muse's* long-suffering editor, Brian Domney, and its brand new

editor, Johnny Carline. It's difficult to imagine Metchosin today without the *Metchosin Muse*. Congratulations to all on the *Muse* team for being named 2016's Metchosin Volunteer Group of the Year.

METCHOSIN DAY COMPETITIONS



Some of the many winners at the Metchosin Day Pet Show.

Violaine Mitchell photo

Pet Show Results

VIOLAINE MITCHELL

There were almost 100 stupendous entries in the 2016 pet show. Dogs (all sizes), cats, chickens (many, many), sheep (a veritable flock with phenomenal young handlers), a donkey, guinea pigs, pot belly pigs – the only things that seemed to be missing from past years were lizards and snakes. So amazing were the entrants that the judges awarded a first place ribbon to every entrant. Big thanks to all the participants, family,

and judges for another successful Metchosin Day Pet Show.

Best in Show: "Paco" a Portuguese Sheep Dog with Benoit Charlebois
Reserve Best in Show: "Trainer" a Silver Duckling Chicken with owner Colette
Best Costume: "Fudge and Cocoa" (guinea pigs) with Lucy Haish – Santa Claus and presents
Reserve Best Costume: A tie between "Fiona" the peace and love donkey with Braven and Riker Wright;

and the Western Pot Belly pigs, Wilbur and Oscar, with Kaius Nairn

Most Unusual Pet: "Oreo" the Lion Head Rabbit with Tina Brenton
Reserve Most Unusual Pet: "Jimmy" the Cat (very, very patient cat ...) with Maia and Sasha McCrank
Most Rural Pet: "Princess Leia" the ewe with Emily Barron
Reserve Most Rural Pet: "Chicoletta" a very friendly hen hatched by Allie Mallard

Produce Results

JENNIFER BURGIS

Vegetables

Pole Beans	1st	Erin Van de Water
	2nd	Mark & Yvette Brierley
	3rd	Lucy Hao
Carrots	1st	Mark & Yvette Brierley
	2nd	Erin Van de Water – Danvers
Garlic	1st	Mark & Yvette Brierley (Heirloom – Red Russian)
	2nd	Erin Van de Water
Leeks	1st	Sunrise Cottage Farm
Peppers/Hot	1st	Brian Domney Youth: Ben Nelson
	2nd	Brian Domney
	3rd	Brian Domney
Pumpkin	1st	Leah Wilson
Tomatoes	1st	Sunrise Cottage Farm Youth: Ben Nelson
	2nd	Bill Parker (Beauty King Tomato – Heirloom)
	3rd	Charlotte Willing
Cherry	1st	Heather Buchanan Youth: Loney Stewart – Sakura Red
	2nd	Heather Buchanan Youth: Theresa Kew
	3rd	Lucy Hao Youth: Tiana Brenton
Squash	1st	Marten Doakers
Winter Squash	1st	Bill Parker
	2nd	Bill Parker
	3rd	Erin Van de Water (Butternut)
Giant Pumpkin – Largest		
	1st	Kaspar Fry Youth: Tiana Brenton & Skye Hartman
	2nd	Leah Youth: Malia Francis
	3rd	Charlene Humphries
Longest Bean	1st	Lucy Hao Youth: Danita Stewart
	2nd	Paul Spencer / Linda Hills – TIED Youth: Tiana Brenton
	3rd	Sue Hughes / Skye Hartman – TIED.
Longest Carrot	Honourable Mention	Malia Francis
Smallest Vegetable		Malia Francis – carrot
Longest Zucchini		
	1st	Maarten Don Youth: Malia Francis / Clayton Hesketh – TIED AT 20.6 INCHES!

Largest Sunflower Head

1st	Lucy Hao Youth: Clayton Hesketh
2nd	Youth: Skye Hartman
3rd	Youth: Tiana Brenton

Weirdest looking vegetable

1st	Mark & Yvette Brierley – A FIVE BRANCH POTATO Youth: Malia Francis – "love hug carrots"
2nd	Erin Van de Water Youth: Tiana Brenton and Skye Hartman
3rd	Youth: Malia Francis

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METCHOSIN DAY continued

Produce Results, continued

Fruit

Apples	1st	Judith Van Manen Youth: Clayton Hesketh
	2nd	Brian Willing Youth: Hayden Nelson
	3rd	Chuck Cowell
Pears	1st	Ben Nelson
	2nd	Clayton Hesketh
	3rd	Rowan Kew
Plums	1st	Ron Jenkins
Walnuts	Hon.Mention	Darren Buhr

Other

Cut Flower Arrangement/ All Dahlias!	1st	Danita Stewart
	2nd	Charlie Stewart
	3rd	Loney Stewart
Garden Vegetable Basket	1st	Nancy Fry
Eggs – Special Display		Bernadette Gicas. Photo of double and triple yolk eggs. Brown Leghorn.

Baking Results

Cakes

Chocolate	1st	Katrian Wassman
	2nd	Juniper Jones
	3rd	Eden Armstrong
General	1st	Heather Buchanan
	2nd	Don Martin
	3rd	Kalina Parker
Junior	1st	Juniper Jones
	2nd	Kalina Parker
	3rd	Tessa
Youth	1st	Louisa Krusekopft and Jasmine Rodman
	2nd	Emma Sjerven
Best of Show		Heather Buchanan
Reserve Best of Show		Louisa Krusekopft and Jasmine Rodman

Pies

Apple	1st	Jude Temple
	2nd	Eden Armstrong
	3rd	Dan O'Connell
Berry	1st	Heather Buchanan
	2nd	Kara Richards
General	1st	Wally Berndt
	2nd	Donna Berndt
	3rd	Betty Hildreth
Junior	1st	Eden Armstrong
Youth	1st	Kara Richards
	2nd	Rowan Kew
Best of Show		Donna Berndt
Reserve Best of Show		Wally Berndt

Bread

General	1st	"Peace of Bread" – the Pearson College Student Bread Team
	2nd	Heather Buchanan
	3rd	Steven Buchwalter
Junior	1st	"Soup Dipper" – Eden Armstrong
	2nd	Alex Buhr
Youth	1st	Will Buhr
Best of Show		"Peace of Bread" – the Pearson College Student Bread Team
Reserve Best of Show		Eden Armstrong

Another Great Metchosin Day 5K



Runners, walkers, and a wheelchair competitor enjoyed ideal weather for the Metchosin Day 5K. Brian Domney photo

ANDY MACKINNON

Metchosin Day kicked off with the 23rd Annual Metchosin Day 5K Run/Walk. 134 participants completed the gently rolling five-kilometre course under clear skies. It was a true family event, with some families represented by three generations. Approximately 40 Pearson College students joined us.

Fastest women: Beth Venables (20:02), Katie Nelson and Chrissa Tromp. Fastest men: Shawn Nelson (a blistering 15:57), Jericho O'Connell and Matt Priestley. Once again all race awards (except for under-13) were fresh Metchosin produce. Under-13 participants received gift certificates from Sugar Shack. A complete list of finishers and times can be found at racedaytiming.ca/results.html under "2016 Metchosin Day 5K."

Profits from the event will be donated to the Metchosin Foundation. Our thanks to our many sponsors: Race Day Timing Services for timing/results; Frontrunners Westshore and Metchosin Country Store for accepting registrations; (alphabetically) Eisenhower Organics, Frontrunners, Glen Rosa, Metchosin Farm, Nicole Lalonde, and Sea Bluff Farm, for produce and other excellent Metchosin prizes; Oak Bay Cycle, for a good deal on the bike; Martha Haylor and Sally Walker for their delicious cinnamon buns; and the Metchosin Hall Society, for letting us use the Community Hall for race day registration. And thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with everything from registration and traffic control to water stops and finish line. See you all next September for the 24th annual Metchosin Day 5K!

Photography Results

Scenery	1st	Doug Clement	Montage	1st	Alison Child
	2nd	Sharleen Thompson		2nd	Jim Lilley
Travel	1st	Samuel Perez	Black and White		
	2nd	Doug Clement		1st	Doug Clement
Animals	1st	Barb Sawatsky		2nd	Ben Ruth
	2nd	Nazim Acer	Youth/Scenery		
People	1st	Eila Zylak		1st	Eve Ruth
	2nd	Sharleen Thompson		2nd	Claire Martin
Abstract	1st	Barb Sawatsky	Youth/Animals		
	2nd	Christine Henry		1st	Sarah-Anna Wilson
				2nd	Eve Ruth
Best in Show / Adult		Paul Spencer			
Reserve Best in Show / Adult		Patti Williams			
Best Youth Photographer		Ben Ruth and Claire Martin (tied)			
Reserve Best Youth Photographer		Eve Ruth			

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Metchosin Day Fun

The *Muse* received many photos from people who came out to enjoy Metchosin Day this year. Here are a few of our favourites.

Thank you to photographers Barb Sawatsky, Samuel Perez, and Brian Domney.



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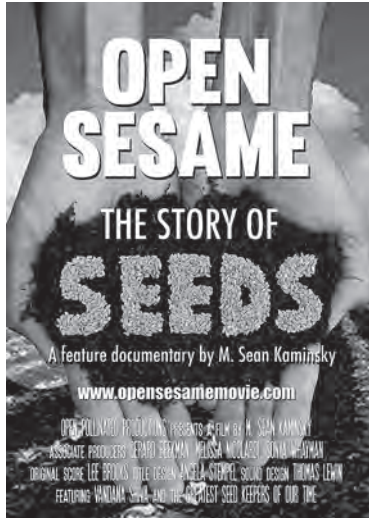
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Film Night at the Metchosin Community House

RIC PERRON

Friday, September 30, 7:00 pm



Open Sesame
(91 minutes)

According to the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN), approximately 90 percent of the fruit and vegetable varieties that existed 100 years ago no longer exist today. Heritage grain is near extinction. Seeds that were lovingly nurtured over decades or even hundreds of years have been lost forever. Maintaining seed biodiversity allows us to breed new varieties that are resistant to pests or thrive in temperature

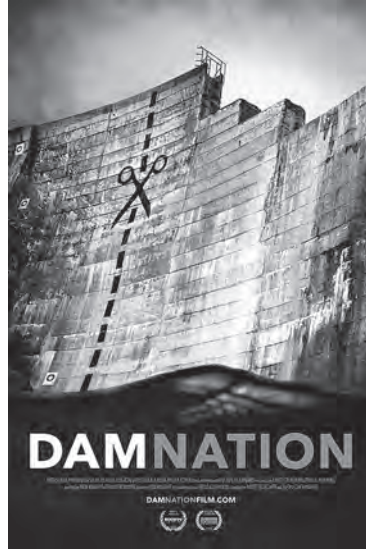
extremes. This is essential in a changing climate.

One of the world's most precious resources is at risk. This timely and emotionally moving documentary illuminates what is at stake and what can be done to protect the source of nearly all our food: SEEDS. Seeds provide the basis for everything from fabric to food to fuels. Seeds are as essential to life as the air we breathe or water we drink – but given far less attention.

In the past, the seed was communal. Seeds were a shared resource not unlike the water we drink or the air we breathe. One hundred years ago things started to change. Patented seed now accounts for 82% of the worldwide market and a growing proportion of that is genetically modified.

In this film you will meet a diverse range of individuals whose lives centre around seeds. Farmers. Renegade gardeners. Passionate seed savers. Artists. Seed activists. This film tells the story of seeds by following their challenges and triumphs as they work to save this precious resource.

Friday, October 28, 7:00 pm



DamNation
(94 minutes)

This powerful film reflects the evolution in our attitudes, as pride in the engineering of monstrous dams has changed, and we recognize that our future is bound to the life and health of our rivers.

There is suspense in the film, where an activist sneaks behind security at night to paint graffiti on a dam. At yet another dam, he bushwhacks around Special Forces to secretly film the big blast from the bush, which we witness in this film.

Even if you aren't interested in the Green Movement or saving the environment, this is a great movie to see. It captures the essence of old ideologies, back in the day when building dams was a good thing, capturing the energy for generating electricity for a better purpose – to power our homes and industry at the expense of ... (well it didn't matter much then, since we had a lot of everything – fish, forests, and habitat).

Although we have broken the environmental bank, this movie demonstrates how we are reclaiming rivers by blowing up useless, obsolete monstrosities. Removing them has become almost mainstream, allowing "the rivers to bound back to life with salmon and other creatures, to return to their primeval spawning grounds, after decades without access. DamNation's majestic cinematography and unexpected discoveries move through rivers and landscapes altered by dams, but also through a metamorphosis in values, from conquest of the natural world to knowing ourselves as part of nature."

Suggestions, comments, please contact Ric at ricperron@shaw.ca

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The Lotus of Bahapur

Thursday, October 20, 7:00 pm, Metchosin Community House, 4430 Happy Valley Road

RIC PERRON

Let us be treated to an exotic evening of wonder and amazement with Mona Nakhjavani Bossi. Mona, a nine year resident of Metchosin, has travel stories. We love travel stories, particularly when they involve foreign architecture, creative worship, and accomplishment that stimulates the senses.

Mona will share her visit to the amazing Lotus Temple

of Bahapur in New Delhi, a flower-like shape that serves as the Mother Temple in India, and that has become the prominent attraction in the city. CNN had referred to it as the most visited building in the world. Its 27 free-standing marble-clad "petals" are arranged in clusters of three to form nine sides, with nine doors opening onto a central hall with a height of slightly over 40 metres, and a capacity of 2,500 people. Like all Bahá'í

Houses of worship, it is open to all regardless of religion.

Mona says, "to travel and to be of service in India has been my lifelong dream since the age of nine when my maternal grandmother travelled from East Africa to India. It took a journey from Persia to Tanzania, England, Switzerland, Israel, Ireland, Germany, Iceland, the Faroe Islands, Canada, and finally to India (this past year) to achieve this dream. From the heat of



the Equator, to the winds of Iceland, to the bitter cold of Manitoba winters, to finally settle on this magical Vancouver Island, where this dream of India and service became a reality."

The presentation will be followed by a 15-minute DVD on the construction of the Bahá'í Temple. Indian sweetmeats and chai tea will be served as refreshments.



HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Metchosin Community House 4430 Happy Valley Road Info: 250-478-5155

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Ongoing Programs

Mondays

Vancouver Island Health Authority Adult Day Program – 9:00 am–3:30 pm. Contact Mobile program coordinator Ken Hillicke at 250-213-2440.

Buddies – 2:45–4:30 pm. Buddies offers Reading and Math tutoring as well as help with homework for Metchosin students grades K–6. Students receive a half hour, one-to-one tutoring session with an adult or teen volunteer. Registration forms are available at Hans Helgesen School or call MCH at 250-478-5155 or the coordinator, Nancy Evans at 250-642-4613.

Pearson College Students Outreach – 3:00–4:30 pm. Helping seniors and youth in our community. Invite Pearson College students to visit or help with a project. Particularly aimed at Metchosin seniors, but call 250-474-0634 and leave a message to see if you might be eligible.

Knitting Café. On the first and third Mondays monthly, 7:00–9:00 pm, knitters of all skill levels, including beginners, are welcome to this informal and friendly get-together. For information call Laura, 250-478-1197, email laura.farquharson@shaw.ca.

Singalong – Metchosin Rough Voice Singers – The Rough Voice Singers meet at the Community House on the second and fourth Monday each month from 7:00–9:00 pm. All are welcome to join us at this fun, drop-in sing-along group where a good singing voice is not a requirement. \$2/person. Contact Barb Sawatsky (250-478-0553).

Tuesdays

Drop In Painters Art Group. This friendly and supportive group of artists and hobbyists meets Tuesday mornings 9:30 am–noon at the MCH. Everyone is welcome.

Knitting Café. On the second and fourth Tuesdays monthly, the Knitting Café has afternoon sessions from 1:00–3:00 pm. See the Monday listing for contact information.

Wednesdays

Vancouver Island Health Authority Adult Day Program – 9:00 am–3:30 pm (see Monday for details).

Garden Club Meetings – 7:30–9:00 pm – Metchosin Garden Club. Our enthusiastic and informative club features a guest speaker on relevant garden topics on the first Wednesday of every month (except June, July, August, December, January). Membership is \$10/year or \$2 for drop-in visitors. For more information, call Suze Bowen (250-298-7877) or email suzebowen@shaw.ca.

Thursdays

Creative Rug Hooking – First and third Thursdays, 10:30 am–1:30 pm, led by Sheila Stewart, certified instructor of Traditional Rug Hooking. Beginners are welcome, but should contact Sheila (email blueheronstudio@telus.net, or call 250-595-6406) to discuss needed supplies. Experienced rug hookers are invited to bring their own projects. Bring a bag lunch; tea and coffee available. No fees but donation jar available to cover refreshment costs.

Community Potluck Lunch – Last Thursday of each month, 12:00–1:30 pm. All welcome.

Fridays

Parent and Tot Program – 9:30–11:30 am. Calling all Metchosin tots! The Parent and Tot Drop-In Program invites moms, dads, caregivers and their young children to join us Friday mornings for our community program. Children will enjoy our new toys, books and craft opportunities. Parents will enjoy our relaxed, supportive environment, parent resource library and opportunities to connect with other parents and kids. We look forward to seeing you and your little ones.

Pearson Student Teatime Drop-In – 2:45–4:30 pm. Enjoy a cup of tea and conversation with international students from Pearson College.

Ukulele Gathering – 5:00–6:30pm, third Friday of each month. Tell all your ukulele-playing students, friends, and relatives! Open to community members of all ages and levels of talent. Bring: a ukulele, capo, tuner, music stand, and a few songs you are willing to share/lead/teach others with appropriate song sheets for others, if not from songbook below. Suggested songbook: *Jumpin' Jim's Daily Ukulele* (as a base resource to work from) if you have it.

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Foot Care Program – The last Monday of each month a foot care nurse offers foot care services. Appointments are half an hour and are between 10:00 am and 2:30 pm. Please call 250-664-6810 to book.

Art On The Walls: *Into the Magic, Artists for the Heart of the Walbran* – Opening October 1. On June 23–24, a group of Vancouver Island visual artists and writers joined a camping expedition into the unprotected ancient temperate rainforests in the Central Walbran valley, a 486-hectare ecological gem of world-class significance, left out of Carmanah/Walbran Provincial Park in 1994 and open to logging – though arguably one of the most spectacular forest destinations anywhere on earth.

Seventeen artists will be sharing their works at this exhibit, a celebration of this endangered ancient rainforest and a call for its protection. All profit from art sales will go directly to the Friends of Carmanah/Walbran grass-roots conservation efforts in the Central Walbran valley. Viewing times are Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–1:00 pm.

The Art on the Walls program offers the House as a wonderful venue for artists to show and display their works. For more information, please call the MCH at 250-478-5155.

METCHOSIN VOLUNTEERS

Metchosin Council Volunteer Committees

JIM MACPHERSON

In other issues of the *Muse*, I've described some Metchosin volunteer groups, but I'd like this time to give some attention to a set of volunteer committees which have been created by Metchosin Council to provide outside, non-Council advice.

Five advisory committees report to Council. They are: the Agricultural, Environmental, Healthy Community, Heritage, and Parks and Trails Advisory Committees. All committees provide advice to Council on matters forwarded to them by Council.

Volunteers on all of the advisory committees are Metchosin residents who have an interest in and commitment to the well-being of the district. Interests may be as diverse as growing food locally, expanding our knowledge of local history, providing car-ride services to seniors, limiting pesticide use, or ensuring safety on a local riding trail. All of these interests find opportunity for expression on Metchosin's advisory committees. Volunteers bring ideas, knowledge, expertise, skills, energy and a commitment to do something. Their reward is to see something achieved at a community-wide level.

The Agricultural Committee provides advice on matters pertaining to agriculture in Metchosin. Work of the committee includes, for example, support for the Metchosin Farmers' Market, preparation of greenhouse policy, advice on the preservation of agricultural land, and liaison with the Peninsula Agriculture Commission, which has become the voice of southern Vancouver Island agriculture to the government.

The Environmental Committee provides advice to Council on matters that include, for example, environmental reviews of subdivision proposals or setting out guidelines for the protection of trees and natural habitat. But the Environmental Committee also undertakes policy research for Council, examples of which include the Blue and Green Spaces program, cosmetic pesticide use, hedge-row maintenance and environmental sustainability in Metchosin. Therefore, members of this committee must have expertise in various aspects of the environment.

The Healthy Community Committee supports community activities which reflect on our health, well-being and happiness and strengthen our sense of community. Metchosin's newest advisory

committee, volunteers undertook community workshops in 2011 to identify barriers to seniors aging in place. Council directed the committee to continue its work to develop short- and long-term plans of action.

The Heritage Committee focuses on the identification and preservation of important markers of Metchosin's past. These may include, for example, structures, individual trees, or orchards and other plantings by Metchosin pioneers. The Heritage Committee also prepares "Statements of Significance" for important areas and structures for Metchosin's Heritage Register.

As its name suggests, the Parks and Trails Committee provides policy and planning advice to Council on parks

and trails. This committee, however, is quite different from other council committees because it assumes operational responsibility for the upkeep, repair and maintenance of Metchosin's extensive trail network. This work is led by a co-ordinator, a volunteer member of the committee. Unlike the other advisory committees, the Parks and Trails Advisory Committee has an operations budget.

Sitting on each of these committees is a representative of Council but otherwise the (usually) nine members of each of the committees are volunteers. Committee volunteers are residents who have an active interest in the work of the committee. Volunteers are appointed to committees

by Council upon application to participate in a particular committee.

Advisory committees are an important means by which Council can tap into local interest, knowledge and expertise. They are also an important means by which volunteers, individually and collectively through the committee, can exert influence on issues.

If you would like to contribute to the betterment of our Metchosin, you might want to consider volunteering for one of the advisory committees. More information on Metchosin's advisory committees can be found at www.district.metchosin.bc.ca/content/advisory-committees.

NEWS FROM WESTMONT MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Westmont Plays

JAMES BOXSHALL, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT,
WESTMONT MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Westmont Montessori School is a hidden gem in the heart of Metchosin. The school has been part of our community for over 50 years and has provided an independent educational experience to generations of local families. The school's strong ties to the community and to the natural bounty of our region have always been a strong element in the educational experience of students at Westmont. Plans to strengthen these connections are part of the long-term vision of the school.

Westmont Montessori School has started the new school year with a goal of enhancing and expanding their outdoor play spaces. "Play is so important to us here at Westmont," says Head of School Magnus Hanton. "As a Montessori School we are always looking for ways to give our students time outside, learning and playing in nature and developing their mental and physical skills at the same time as having fun." Montessori education places a premium on students being able to move around and engage with the projects and concepts that they choose. Westmont is able to extend these ideas and take students outside the classroom and extend their learning experiences to include the natural environment – learning about fractals from the pattern of leaves, or problem solving as a team through crossing a creek with only a few simple tools. As Magnus Hanton explains, "Enhancing the possibilities for interaction and play with an investment in new structures will promote not only active lifestyles but also active learning across our school."

Westmont has the distinct advantage of being located next to Sitting Lady Falls, with easy access to Witty's Lagoon Regional Park and the beach. Students at the school spend many hours exploring the natural wonders of their environment – learning through their direct experiences of, and interaction with, the world around them. This approach is central to a Montessori education. As Maria Montessori said herself, "When children come into contact with nature they reveal their strength."

The vision for the new play spaces is to create structures and activities, built from natural materials, that are accessible and challenging for all age groups, with a particular emphasis on grade four to eight. Building on the Westmont ethos of "classrooms without walls," the play spaces will provide a transition between the classroom space and nature. "While we



Westmont students at Camp Thunderbird.
Danny Buchanan photo

already have some excellent playground equipment, we are eager to expand and enhance our outside space to provide more accessible and diverse experiences for our students," says Magnus.

Westmont is a very creative environment and parents have come up with a range of ideas that include everything from giant outdoor musical instruments to climbing nets as tall as trees. There are so many choices for fabulous and innovative structures, we will have some difficult choices to make as a community! A team of energized parents is already putting together ideas to poll parents and find the best options that meet the needs of the school and the community.

Of course, projects like this don't come cheap. Westmont is well on the way to raising the funds to expand their play spaces. Nearly \$10,000 has already been raised through donations from families, friends, the Westmont Board, as well as a team of staff who entered the Metchosin Triathlon and raised funds to support the active lifestyles of the student.

This community approach is laying the foundation for active lifestyles across all the grades at Westmont. If you have ideas or would like to support this great local initiative, please feel free to contact James Boxshall by email to JamesBoxshall@west-mont.ca, or call him at 250-474-2626.

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- Aug 1 **Happy Valley Road** – Report of a suspicious person in a vehicle. No plate obtained, vehicle gone upon police attendance.
- Aug 2 **Sooke Road** – Report of erratic driver. Vehicle not located.
- Aug 3 **Gilbert Drive** – Arrested an individual with outstanding warrant
- Aug 4 **Kangaroo Road** – Complaint of found duffel bag containing stolen identification. Bag seized by police. Property returned to owners.
- Aug 5 **William Head Road** – Complaint of prowler on private property – police attended, prowler not located.
- Aug 6 **Eales Road** – Complaint of disturbance, police attended and spoke with all parties, no arrest.
- Aug 7 **Duke Road** – Complaint of theft from vehicle, no suspect.
- Aug 9 **Rocky Point Road** – Report of intoxicated person. Suspect arrested for breaching court imposed conditions.
- Aug 11 **East Sooke Road** – Complaint of possible impaired driver. Patrols made but unable to locate the vehicle.
- Aug 12 **Pedder Bay** – Complaint of harassment. Police spoke with all parties involved.
- Aug 13 **Weirs Beach** – 911 call received over concern of children in water, believed to be drifting away. Emergency crews attended, confirmed no emergency, children were safe and not in distress.
- Aug 14 **Kangaroo Road** – Driving complaint received regarding motorcycles. Police made patrols but did not locate the motorcycles.
- Aug 15 **Weirs Beach** – Complaint of man talking to children for the past two weeks. Police spoke with man who was on vacation, no issues.
- Aug 16 **Metchosin Road** – Complaint of erratic driver. Vehicle not located.
- Aug 17 **Pedder Bay** – Complaint of road rage incident, all parties spoken to.
- Aug 18 **Albert Head Lagoon** – Assisted Metchosin Fire with intoxicated man on the beach.
- Aug 19 **Wild Cherry Lane** – Complaint of trespassing campers. Appeared camping site was abandoned.
- Aug 20 **Happy Valley Road** – Responded to an MVI, car vs motorcycle.
- Aug 21 **Metchosin Road** – Report of a dump truck losing its load on the road.
- Aug 22 **Taylor Road** – Responded to an MVI, cyclist who hit a vehicle. Cyclist transported to hospital.
- Aug 24 **Sooke Road** – Responded to an MVI, motorcycle vs. deer. Motorcyclist transported to hospital.
- Aug 25 **Sooke Road** – Received complaint of erratic driver. Vehicle located and driver spoken to.
- Aug 26 **Happy Valley Road** – Report of vandalism to Canada Post mailbox.
- Aug 27 **Sooke Road** – Responded to an MVI between two vehicles, no injuries.
- Aug 28 **Rocky Point Road** – Report of an impaired driver. Vehicle located and driver found impaired.
- Aug 30 **Kangaroo Road** – Received abandoned 911 call. Confirmed dialed accidentally.

Fire Department Call-Outs AUGUST 2016

FIRE CHIEF STEPHANIE DUNLOP

Check out Metchosin Fire on Facebook or follow me on Twitter @ ChiefDunlop

- Aug 01 **East Sooke Road** – Medical
Sooke Road – MVI
Tavane Road – Assistance – Misc Complaint
 - Aug 03 **Beach Fire**
 - Aug 04 **Neild Road** – Hydro lines down
 - Aug 06 **East Sooke Road** – Assistance – General Public
Beach Fire
 - Aug 08 **Sandgate Road** – Brush/Grass – Smoke Smell/Sighting
Olympic View Road – Medical
 - Aug 09 **Lindholm Road** – Medical
 - Aug 10 **Metchosin Road** – Brush/Grass – Fire
Beach Fire
Metchosin Road – Alarm Bells – Commercial
Beach Fire
 - Aug 11 **Assistance** – BCAS
 - Aug 12 **Duke Road** – Medical
Eales Road – Assistance – Misc Complaint
Blanchard Road – Brush/Grass – Fire
Sooke Road – Vehicle Fire
Beach Fire
 - Aug 13 **Sutiicum Road** – MVI
Rescue – Water/Ice/Drowning
Rescue – Rope/High/Confined
 - Aug 14 **Silver Spray Road** – Brush/Grass – Fire
 - Aug 15 **Assistance** – Misc Complaint
Morland Road – Medical
Sooke Road – Open Burn – Camp Fire
 - Aug 16 **Stirrup Road** – Medical
Leer Road – Medical
Sooke River – Rescue – Rope/High/Confined
Beach Fire
 - Aug 17 **Metchosin Road** – Brush/Grass – Smoke Smell/Sighting
Pearson College Drive – Assistance – Misc Complaint
 - Aug 18 **Beach Fire**
Rocky Point Road – SFRes
Rocky Point Road – Brush/Grass – Fire
Open Burn – Camp Fire
 - Aug 20 **Liberty Drive** – Brush/Grass – Smoke Smell/Sighting
 - Aug 21 **Happy Valley** – MVI
 - Aug 23 **MVI**
Park Road – Brush/Grass – Smoke Smell/Sighting
Assistance – Misc Complaint
 - Aug 24 **Sooke Road** – MVI
 - Aug 27 **Ferncliffe Road** – Hydro – Tree on lines
Sooke River – Rescue – Rope/High/Confined
Happy Valley Road – Assistance – Misc Complaint
 - Aug 28 **Wooton Road** – Open Burn – General
 - Aug 29 **Otter Point Road** – SFComm
 - Aug 30 **Sweet Chestnut Road** – Medical
Hillman Road – Brush/Grass – Smoke Smell/Sighting
- MVI: Motor Vehicle Incident
SFRes: Structure Fire Residential
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Important Dates and Events

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- Sept. 30 **Film Night: *Open Sesame*** p. 12
- Oct. 5 **Garden Club Talk: How to Create a Natural Naturescape** p. 6
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- Oct. 20 **MCA Guest Speaker: Mona Nakhjavani Bossi on “The Lotus of Bahapur”** p. 13
- Oct. 21 **Metchosin Bandwagon Music Night.** The Shorty Parker Band returns for a fun night of dancing! Music 7:00–9:15 pm/kitchen and bar open at 5:30 pm. Metchosin Golf Course, 4100 Metchosin Rd. \$5 donation plus all tips go to musicians.
- Oct. 28 **Film Night: *DamNation*** p. 12
- Oct. 30 **Last Metchosin Farmers’ Market for the season**
- Oct. 31 **Halloween at the Fire Hall** p. 4

For ongoing events at the Metchosin Community House, please see page 13.

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Slow Down, We’ll Live Longer

JOAN KEW

There have been a lot of comments on social media lately about people zipping along Metchosin roads like they’ve got some place better to be. (I find that hard to believe; what could be better than Metchosin?)

Parents have been worried about their kids who

get to school on their own steam, but drivers have had a few good scares themselves. They’ve had near misses when the road appeared clear, only to find a car bearing down on them when they started to turn.

The Government of BC website tells us that a pedestrian hit at 30 km/h has a 90% chance of SURVIVING, and

a pedestrian hit at 50 km/h has an 80% chance of BEING KILLED.

So, why not slow down and smell the roses – or maybe the manure, around here. Please go the speed limit, especially in school zones, whether it’s 30 km/h at Hans Helgesen and Metchosin Preschool, or 50 km/h at Westmont. Thank you.

Directory of Organizations

The following is contact information for not-for-profit organizations. Fuller descriptions are given in the “Directory of Metchosin,” available at the Municipal Hall and the Community House. Brief articles highlighting special events should be mailed to metmuse@shaw.ca by the 15th of each month, as should any amendments or additions to this list.

AIR CADETS
www.848royalroadsaircadets.com
www.facebook.com/848aircadets
250-590-3690
848air@cadets.gc.ca

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF BC
250-382-2052,
www.alzheimerbc.org

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL METCHOSIN (APRM)
250-478-1197, www.aprm.ca

BADMINTON
Women’s 250-478-9648

BILSTON WATERSHED HABITAT PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
250-478-2387,
ikmcken@islandnet.com,
www.bilstoncreek.org

’CHOSIN CHATTERS TOASTMASTERS
info@chosinchatters.org,
www.chosinchatters.org

CRD PARKS
250-478-3344,
crdparks@crd.bc.ca,
www.crd.bc.ca/parks

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA (Metchosin and Colwood)
tandwcampandcomish@shaw.ca, 250-478-5484

LA LECHE LEAGUE CANADA
250-727-4384

METCHOSIN ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE ASSOCIATION (MACCA)
info@metchosinartcentre.ca
www.metchosinartcentre.ca

METCHOSIN COMMUNITY HOUSE
250-478-5155,
mcahouse@telus.net,
www.metchosincommunityhouse.com

METCHOSIN COUNCIL
250-474-3167,
mayorandcouncil@metchosin.ca,
www.district.metchosin.bc.ca/meetings

METCHOSIN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
250-478-1307, ham operators call in on 146.550. POD members can call FRS (Family Radio Service) radios: Channel 1 with “0” privacy tone

METCHOSIN EQUESTRIAN SOCIETY
250-391-7511,
exchanging@shaw.ca,
www.mesmetchosin.org

METCHOSIN FOUNDATION
metchosinfoundation@gmail.com,
<http://metchosinfoundation.ca>

METCHOSIN 4-H COMMUNITY CLUB
metchosin4h@gmail.com,
www.metchosin4h.com

METCHOSIN GARDEN CLUB
250-298-7877

METCHOSIN HALL SOCIETY
250-478-6424,
<http://metchosinhall.com/>

METCHOSIN HIKING CLUB
250-478-4778

METCHOSIN MUSEUM SOCIETY
Pioneer Museum, 250-382-1989,
School Museum, 250-478-5447

METCHOSIN PONY CLUB
250-727-3595

METCHOSIN PRESCHOOL, a parent-run cooperative
250-478-9241,
metchosinpreschool@gmail.com,
www.metchosinpreschool.com

METCHOSIN PRODUCERS’ ASSOCIATION
metchosinfarmersmarket@gmail.com
Facebook: Metchosin Farmers’ Market

METCHOSIN SEARCH & RESCUE
250-478-2210

MT. MATHESON CONSERVATION SOCIETY
250-642-0238

POD LEADERS
Kathleen Sutherland
250-474-3966

ROUGH VOICE SINGERS
September to April
250-478-0553

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION Branch 91, Station Rd, Langford
Ladies Auxiliary
250-478-5484

SCOUTS CANADA
14thjuandefuca@victoriascouts.ca

SEA CADETS
250-478-7813

SENIORS’ INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE (SIRC)
250-478-5150, msirc@shaw.ca

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Audrey 250-478-1352
Marnie 250-478-9637

SWANWICK CENTRE
A centre for spiritual inquiry
250-744-3354
programs@swanwickcentre.ca
www.swanwickcentre.ca

WEST SHORE ARTS COUNCIL
250-478-2286,
info@westshorearts.org,
www.westshorearts.org

WEST SHORE COMMUNITY BAND
250-474-3999

WEST SHORE PARKS AND RECREATION
250-478-8384,
www.westshorerecreation.ca

CHURCHES

BAHA’I FAITH
250-514-1757

GORDON UNITED CHURCH
250-478-6632
www.gordonunitedchurch.ca

HOLY TRINITY REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
250-727-3722

OPEN GATE CHURCH
250-590-6736
www.theopengate.ca

ST MARYS’ METCHOSIN
Anglican Church of Canada
250-474-4119
stmarysmetchosin.ca

WESTSIDE BIBLE CHURCH
www.westsidefamily.org
250-478-8066

WESTSONG COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE SALVATION ARMY
250-474-5967
www.westsong.ca

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