

METCHOSIN FOUNDATION
2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DRAFT
Saturday June 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Venue: Metchosin Community House, 4430 Happy Valley Road, Victoria, BC

Present: Chris Pratt (Chair), Nicole Lalonde (Treasurer), Beverly Hall (Secretary), Kem Luther (Director), Mike Fischer (Director), Jacqueline Clare (Director), Morgan Yates (Director) Carol Carman (Past Chair), members and other guests (approximately 30 people attended, including Directors).

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Chair Chris Pratt

Chris welcomed and thanked the members and guests for coming. He stated that it takes three things to make an organization work: 1. noble purpose; 2 good head office; and 3. good communications. He felt that the Metchosin Foundation had all of these. He praised Dan MacIsaac and all the work he has done for the Foundation for the past 20 years. He also spoke of the tragic loss of Moralea Milne, one of our founding members, and the generous donations to the Foundation which were made in her honour. He then asked the Board members to speak about the accomplishments during 2018-2019.

2. Review of activities since the 2018 AGM by the Directors (summary attached as Appendix A)

- 3. Introduction of Guest Speaker.** Chris Pratt introduced Guy Dauncy, a noted environmentalist and futurist, author and broadcaster on the climate and ecological crisis who addressed the question: What are we supposed to do? He covered a vast array of topics; showed a video by Greta Thunberg, a 16 year old presenting at the Austrian World Summit; challenged Metchosin to use their pod system and set a goal to become 100% renewable energy in 5 years; answered many questions; and left us with a 2 page "Metchosin Personal Planning 100% Climate and Nature Friendly by 2025." (Appendix B). Guy's website (www.thepracticalutopian.ca) is interesting reading. As a gift of thanks he was presented with a box of nature cards, a signed copy of Kem Luther's book, *Boundary Layer*, and a gift of pottery.

4. Refreshment Break

5. Business Meeting:

- Motion to approve the minutes of the 2018 AGM (Morgan Yates/Jacqueline Clare). Carried.
- Financial Report. Presented by Nicole Lalonde. See Appendix C. The Financial Report reflects activity up to the end of 2018. Motion to approve the financial report (Mike Fischer/Bev Hall). Carried.
- Morgan Yates, on behalf of the Chair, called 3 times for nominations from the floor. There were none.

- Director's Resolutions: Prepared by Dan MacIsaac and presented by Nicole Lalonde, this was submitted as an Omnibus Bill nominating the new slate of Directors and Officers.
- The Omnibus Bill:
 - i. WE, Jacqueline Clare, Michael Fischer, Beverley Hall, Nicole Lalonde, Kem Luther, Christopher Pratt, Joel Ussery, Morgan Yates, Joan Rosenberg, and Carol Carman being a quorum of Directors of the Society, CONSENT to the following business and adopt resolutions as put to a vote at the Annual General Meeting and carried unanimously, declaring and confirming it be RESOLVED that:
 - ii. The following persons are confirmed as re-elected Directors of the Society (year 4 of 1st term of 4 years) until successors are appointed in accordance with the bylaws:

Jacqueline Clare
Michael Fischer
Beverly Hall.
 - iii. The following persons are confirmed as re-elected as Directors of the Society (year 4 of 2nd term) until successors are appointed in accordance with the bylaws:

Kem Luther
Joel Ussery
 - iv. The following persons are confirmed as elected as Directors of the Society (year 2 of 1st term) until successors are appointed in accordance with the bylaws:

Christopher Pratt
Nicole Lalonde
Morgan Yates
 - v. The following persons are confirmed as elected as Directors of the Society (year 1 of 1st term) until successors are appointed in accordance with the bylaws:

Carol Carman
Joan Rosenberg
 - vi. The appointment of an auditor is confirmed as waived for the coming year.
 - vii. The Members of the Society hereby confirm February 12 (incorporation anniversary date) as the annual reference date for the Society.
 - viii. The Solicitors for the coming year are confirmed to be MacIsaac and MacIsaac, 2227 Sooke Road, Victoria, B.C.

ix. The annual membership fee for membership in the Society is confirmed to remain set at \$10.00.

- Motion to approve Omnibus Bill by Carol Carman. Seconded by Nicole Lalonde. Carried.
- Other Business. None.
- Adjournment. (Morgan Yates/Mike Fischer) 9:30 pm

Appendix A: Annual Report on Metchosin Foundation projects

June 1 2018 – June 1 2019

Metchosin Insect Biomass Project Update 2019

Michael Fischer

Year 1 of the Metchosin Insect Biomass Project was a tremendous success. This work, led by Dr. Neville Winchester of the UVic Biology Department, aims to emulate a long-term landmark study done in Germany to gain an understanding of insect biomass trends in our region. This project is a partnership between UVic, Metchosin Foundation, the District of Metchosin, the Royal BC Museum, and many citizen scientists in Metchosin who have graciously provided sites on their properties for Malaise insect traps -- 15 in the first year.

Dr. Winchester's team gathered and processed all of the insects gathered from Metchosin resident properties from spring through fall 2018. Some 162,000 individuals were processed, from which about 150 species were identified. These were added to a database that will allow for identifying insect biomass trends over upcoming years.

Year 1 culminated with the completion of an honour's thesis for Dr. Winchester's student Kennedy Nikel. This thesis will be linked to the Metchosin Biodiversity website and be made available for viewing.

The project has managed to purchase another 10 traps and another 500 collecting jars, and another honour's student has joined for this summer through funding from an NSERC grant.

Year 2 of the Insect Biomass Project is already up and running as of the beginning of May, after receiving another year of support from the Metchosin Foundation.

Moralea's Meadow Project

Bev Hall

Eight volunteers who remove invasive plants from Devonian Park submitted a proposal to the Metchosin Foundation for funding support for the restoration and ongoing maintenance of the small Garry Oak meadow adjacent to the Municipal Hall. They wish to commemorate Moralea Milne with this work. She and a few others had, over the past 15 years, worked to preserve this little meadow but her many other commitments intervened.

Metchosin Foundation received generous contributions to a fund in memory of Moralea. From this fund the Board committed \$5,000 for the meadow project implementation, such as rail fencing and gate repair, rabbit-proof wire fencing, installation of a walking path, signage, and, as necessary, the purchase of native bulbs and shrubs. A further \$500 per year for 10 years was committed for on-going maintenance. Most work is being done by volunteers.

The Municipal Council supported the project with permission and a commitment of in-kind labour of maintenance staff when needed. Both Councillor Little and MacKinnon continue to give valuable input to the project. Dr. Val Schaefer of the UVic Restoration of Natural Systems Program committed the involvement of his students (Moralea was a graduate of this program in 2002). This will be the final project for 2 students, and their report will guide the work of the volunteers. The students are currently working in the meadow doing maps and measurements and identifying species.

Progress to date includes enough grass cutting to allow the camas to put on a show this year, removing invasive and non-native plants, fixing the rail fence, and putting up wire to keep the rabbits out. The fence still has to be raised in places as the rabbits are jumping it. Moralea's daughter, Gala, who is a very talented graphic artist, has generously agreed to be involved in the design of the signs.

We invite you to participate in the work - or to just enjoy the progress. We hope you agree that this restored Garry Oak meadow will honour Moralea Milne's life and her many contributions to this community.

Community Foundations Canada National Conference and the Foundation's support for the goals set out in a Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the DND Mary Hill property.

Morgan Yates

I'd like to summarize two of the initiatives that the Foundation has pursued over the past year, to help expand external relations and multi-party collaboration in the pursuit of our goals: Healthy Lands, Healthy Waters and a Healthy, Caring Community.

The first is our **support for the Community Foundations Canada** June 2019 national conference and for this year's conference sponsor – The Victoria Foundation.

When the Victoria Foundation asked us if we would be willing to host a half-day site visit for CFC national conference delegates on June 6th, we said YES. We saw it as a great opportunity to thank the Victoria Foundation for their ongoing, professional management of our Foundation's endowment fund and to showcase Metchosin's unique attributes within the CRD.

So - This coming Thursday morning, we'll be hosting a site visit for conference delegates from across Canada, guiding them on a walk and talk event through one of our local parks, stopping at the Community Hall to note its function as both community infrastructure and a nursery roost for bat moms and their pups. We'll then point out our volunteer-based fire department as we make our way to the EV plug-in equipped Community House, for a refreshment break.

In the spirit of multi-party collaboration, leading our site visit tour will be none other than Councillor Andy MacKinnon – and joining us at the Community Hall and bat roost will be Paige Erickson-McGee of HAT.

In summary, our Foundation has invited national conference participants and the Victoria Foundation to experience Metchosin as a community that values volunteerism, collaboration, reconciliation and responsible stewardship of our sustaining natural environment.

Support for MOU re DND Mary Hill Property

Morgan Yates

The second initiative I'd like to summarize is our Foundation's support for the goals set out in a Memorandum of Understanding, or MOU, that was signed last December by Beecher Bay First Nation, The District of Metchosin and Pearson College, in relation to the DND Mary Hill property.

Shortly after the MOU was posted on the District's website, the Metchosin Foundation expressed interest in supporting the realization of the Memorandum's conservation objectives.

Early this year, a proposal from our Foundation to provide fund-raising and accounting assistance, to help support detailed feasibility analysis of future, conservation scenarios at Mary Hill was accepted.

To date, \$80,000 in 3rd party grant funds have been raised, to help support this collaborative effort.

Habitat Acquisition Trust has recently been engaged, to provide technical input to the MOU signatories. Other key third party services that can be reimbursed from the 2019 grants successfully applied for include: surveying, land appraisal, and legal costs associated with the analysis of conservation scenarios.

The Metchosin Foundation looks forward to being apprised of the preliminary conclusions from the MOU signatories' efforts, toward the end of this summer.

Habitat Acquisition Trust

Morgan Yates for Paige Erickson-McGee

A third example of collaboration with other groups and agencies to support Foundation objectives is the relationship that our Foundation has built with **Habitat Acquisition Trust**. I'd like now to read and share a letter that we received a bit earlier from our friends at HAT:

Dear Metchosin Foundation members and attendees,

Thank you to the Metchosin Foundation for inviting HAT to your AGM – we are so grateful to be invited guests, and wish we could attend it person!

Our ED Katie Blake sends her sincere regrets – she has a family obligation, and Paige has caught a terrible cold/flu she does not feel generous enough to share.

Habitat Acquisition Trust is honoured to have received funding from the Metchosin Foundation for 3 years. We're so grateful for this support, which we know reflects the support of a community of nature-lovers in this incredible part of Vancouver Island.

Metchosin is a special place for lots of reasons, but as you all know, there are outstanding biodiversity values here. HAT is currently starting Year 2 of a 3-year project, based in and around Metchosin, that aims to functionally connect East Sooke Park to the Sooke Hills Wilderness Park.

We're taking a multi-faceted approach to this objective. We've attended or hosted lots of community events like Metchosin Day, Marine Day, and our co-hosted Big Bat Bash to celebrate the 1500+ Little Brown bats roosting at the Metchosin Hall last October. We've worked with dozens of landowners to

provide recommendations for stewardship of the habitat around them, and even helping landowners undertake stewardship and restoration work when they need a hand. We've also undertaken 4 restoration projects of our own on lands that HAT protects with conservation covenants, and we've removed truckloads of invasive species.

We're happy to be partnering with the Boys and Girls Club here, as well as Sc'ianew Youth Field Team, and students from Hans Helgesen Elementary on projects that will help foster a love of nature in this young generation. We're also pleased to partner with CRD Parks on initiatives in parks, like the stewardship of Western Painted Turtles in Matheson Lake.

In 2019 we have launched the Hedgerows for Habitat Pilot Project with Robin and Sasha at Sea Bluff Farm and intend to install more habitat across Metchosin. We are building a partnership with Pearson College faculty and students, as well as the William Head Institution to further community stewardship initiatives into the coming two years.

All of this work will continue this year and next, thanks to the generous support of the Metchosin Foundation. We welcome your feedback or recommendations for much needed conservation or stewardship projects in your community. Thank you for welcoming us and supporting conservation work through HAT.

Much gratitude,

Paige Erickson-McGee

Education Outreach

Kem Luther

One key goal of the MF is to increase our community's awareness of the unique environment in which we live. Toward that goal, the Foundation funds the biodiversity project which has identified over 2700 species from our Bioblitzes and Mycoblitzes. This year for the first time, the iNaturalist software has been introduced so that people can record species on their own properties and link them to the MF biodiversity website. In addition, our packs of 50 weather-resistant Nature Cards are still available. We are proud to say that their production is now cost-neutral and we have been able to give them to various schools and events to support projects to help students work on environmental projects. Because the weather is often wet and rainy in winter, the MF has purchased sets of rain pants and boots for Hans Helgesen students to continue their investigations through the winter.

Scholarships

Jacqueline Clare

The Metchosin Foundation is pleased to offer four scholarships per year open to students within our combined community of Metchosin and Beecher Bay. I will briefly describe the scholarships being offered to graduating grade 12 students, and then Nicole will talk about a new and customized offering that the Foundation has been working on over the past year.

The scholarships for graduating grade 12 students are in the areas of Academic Achievement, Community Citizenship, and Environmental Stewardship. We offer these \$750 scholarships in order to promote environmental and community leadership in our community's young people, with the funds being made available thanks to generous local donors who have chosen to remain anonymous.

In 2018, we were happy to award scholarships to Danica Neral for Environmental Stewardship, Brent Pothovin for Community Citizenship and Maya Quealey for Academic Achievement. We are looking forward to evaluating the applications for this year.

Scholarships for Beecher Bay First Nations

Nicole Lalonde

One of Moralea Milne's greatest wish was to extend a hand of friendship to our neighbours at Beecher Bay First Nation in hopes of nurturing a relationship of mutual respect, increased awareness and cooperation between our two communities.

To honour that wish, Foundation Directors reached out to Chief and Council to discuss the creation of a scholarship for the students of Beecher Bay that would enhance their educational opportunities. At the request of Chief and Council the scholarship is now formally known as the *Moralea Milne - Beecher Bay Community Scholarship*.

With the support of Chief and Council, we then met with the students to identify their needs and their range of learning experience and interests.

After meeting with Chief and Council and community youth, we set up an informal advisory group with representation from Beecher Bay community leaders, Pearson College, School District 62, Habitat Acquisition Trust, and directors of the Metchosin Foundation. These parties have agreed to meet quarterly, to review and discuss available education opportunities and applications from potential applicants.

It's been a great experience getting to know our neighbours at Beecher Bay - as well as a great networking experience, bringing together the informal advisory group.

Appendix B
By Guy Dauncey

Metchosin Personal Planning 100% Climate and Nature Friendly by 2025

Personal Planning	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Transportation						
Local trips: Shift to cycling or transit						
Regional trips: Buy an Electric Vehicle. \$10k+ rebates						
Flights: Buy carbon offsets, Metchosin Foundation						
Home						
Switch over to LED lightbulbs						
Upgrade to the most efficient appliances						
Do a home insulation and heat-leaks upgrade. BC Hydro rebates						
Install a Heat-Pump. www.tinyurl.com/BCHydroRebates						
Install Solar PV. \$2 per watt. 4kw system = \$8,000						
Switch to electric outdoor mower, weed-eater, chainsaw						
Financial						
Switch to a climate-friendly bank. Avoid RBC, TD, Scotia, BMO, CIBC, Montreal. www.ran.org/bankingonclimatechange2019/						
Switch to climate-friendly investments						
Business						
Become Vancouver Green Business Certified www.vigbc.ca						
Become a Certified B Corporation www.bcorporation.net						
Forest						
Place a Conservation Covenant on your forest and/or farm						
Use the ecoforestry approach to timber management						
Safeguard your home against forest fires						
Farm						
Grow food 100% organically, without pesticides						
Harvest rainwater in tanks, swales and ponds						
Create habitat for birds, bats, bees, native plants and wildlife						
Save your own seeds for next year's planting						
Shopping						
Buy organic products						
Switch to sustainable seafood www.seachoice.org						
Reduce meat to once a week						
Eliminate non-sustainable conflict palm oil products						
Buy sustainable harm-free snack food						
Buy tree-free or 100% recycled paper, tissues, toilet-paper						
Buy safe cosmetics www.ewg.org						
Buy Fair-Trade, slave-free chocolate						
Buy green household cleaning products www.seventhgeneration.com						
Buy nature-friendly clothing, sustainable fashion						
Waste						
Pursue zero-waste shopping						
Use re-useable water bottles, mugs, bags, containers						
Practice bear-safe home composting						
Pursue zero waste to landfill						
The End						
Leave legacies for climate and nature into your will						
Plan a beautiful green burial						

Metchosin Community Planning 100% Climate and Nature Friendly by 2025

Community Planning	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Climate						
Declare a Climate Emergency, target carbon neutral by 2030						
Target Metchosin District to be 100% by 2025						
Revisit the 2010 Sustainability Strategy https://metchosin.civicweb.net/document/1354						
Revisit the 2007 Green and Blue Spaces Strategy https://metchosin.civicweb.net/document/318						
Revisit the 1995 OCP (consolidated in 2012) https://metchosin.civicweb.net/document/2463						
Current goal: 30% reduced GHGs below 2007 by 2020						
Transportation						
Local trips: Safe bike lanes						
Increased transit						
Electric Vehicle public charging posts						
Metchosin Foundation carbon offsets program						
Home						
Low income home insulation program						
Gabriola: heat-pumps at cost. http://sustainablegabriola.ca/initiatives/						
Financial						
Switch Metchosin District and Metchosin Foundation investments to climate-friendly banks.						
Business						
Pursue 100% Vancouver Green Business Certification						
Pursue 100% Certified B Corporation for all larger businesses						
Forest						
Community grants for Conservation Covenants						
Conservation Covenant municipal tax breaks						
Develop a community ecoforestry cooperative						
Emergency Planning to safeguard all homes against forest fires						
Make all of Metchosin a Biodiversity and Climate Mitigation Development Permit Area						
Farm						
DPA: Require rainwater harvesting in tanks, swales and ponds						
DPA: Require habitat for birds, bats, bees, native plants and wildlife						
Waste						
Pursue Metchosin goal of 100% zero-waste						

Guy Dauncey, June 2019

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Appendix C: Financial Statement as of Dec 31, 2018

Compiled by Nicole Lalonde, Treasurer

METCHOSIN FOUNDATION AGM

June 01, 2019

FINANCIAL STATEMENT at	31-Dec-2018
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Income

Bank Interests	54.67	
Donations	29350.69	<i>Foundation/Moralea Milne Memorial/Scholarships</i>
Fundraising	4015.00	<i>Nature Cards</i>
Membership	540.00	
Other	2704.00	<i>Victoria Foundation Dividend</i>
	<u>36664.36</u>	

Expenses

Fundraising	2456.26	<i>Nature Cards</i>
Insurance	685.00	
Office Expenses	322.85	
Outreach	1195.40	<i>School backpacks</i>
Programs	2600.00	<i>Insect Study</i>
Programs	3000.00	<i>HAT Good Neighbour Program</i>
Scholarships	3000.00	
Other Expenses	6316.27	<i>Mycoblitz/Bioblitz/Memorial</i>
	<u>19575.78</u>	

Bank Accounts

Chequing	14023.07
Savings	3583.75
BioBlitz	608.87
Valerie Cochran Memorial Fund	2323.35
Scholarship	9778.45
Moralea Milne Memorial Fund	14619.19
GIC (Chequing)	20000.00
GIC (VCMF)	7000.00
	<u>71936.68</u>

Metchosin Foundation	
Stewardship Fund	40045.15