

**METCHOSIN FOUNDATION**  
**2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 3:00 pm**

**Venue:** Zoom Meeting, Morgan Yates' account

**Present:** Carol Carman (Chair), Joel Ussery (Vice President), Nicole Lalonde (Treasurer), Beverley Hall (Secretary), Mike Fischer (Director), Jacqueline Clare (Director), Morgan Yates (Director) Chris Pratt (Director), Valerie Jaeger (Director), Joan Rosenberg (Director), Kem Luther (retired Director), Dan MacIsaac (lawyer), Katie Blake (HAT speaker), Barb von Sacken (HAT speaker), members and other guests (23 people attended, including Directors) (see Appendix )

**1. Welcome and Call to Order by Chair, Carol Carman**

Carol welcomed and thanked the members and guests for participating.

**2. Morgan Yates** reviewed Zoom protocols and key features.

**3. Agenda** was reviewed. Motion to adopt the agenda as presented (Joan Rosenberg/Valerie Jaeger). Carried.

**4. Review of activities since the 2019 AGM by Carol Carman (attached as Appendix A).**

**5. Morgan Yates introduced our guest speakers, Katie Blake and Barb von Sacken, from Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT).**

At HAT, Katie Blake is Executive Director and Barb von Sacken is Land Protection Coordinator. Prior to joining HAT, Katie accrued 17 years of conservation experience, working with the Nature Conservancy of Canada. While at NCC, Katie worked on over 60 land protection projects, including the then-largest private conservation project in Canada: the Darkwoods Conservation Area in BC's southern interior.

Barb von Sacken, in her role as the land protection coordinator at HAT for the last 5 years, has brought skills and experience gained from both Camosun College and the Ministry of Environment.

**6.** In the requested virtual -fireside chat format, Katie and Barb shared some thoughts about HAT's scope of activity in Metchosin and HAT's intersecting interests with our Foundation, as well as ways that citizens of Metchosin can ensure preservation of valuable ecological aspects of their properties. See summaries, Appendix B.

To thank them, they were presented with a gift certificate for pottery.

**7. Business Meeting:**

- Carol Carman introduced and welcomed our New Director, Valerie Jaeger, and gave a brief summary of her impressive work experience.
- Motion to approve the minutes of the 2019 AGM (Morgan Yates/Chris Pratt). Carried.
- Financial report was presented by Nicole Lalonde (see Appendix C). The financial report reflects activity up to December 31, 2019. Motion to approve the financial report (Joel Ussery/Mike Fischer). Carried.
- Review of Membership and Other Options to Support the Foundation (see Appendix D). Joel Ussery presented what is involved with being a member of the Metchosin Foundation (MF), including the rights and obligations as outlined in the Societies Act and MF bylaws. He also outlined other ways to support the Metchosin Foundation. He invited current members to decide if they would like to remain a member, or whether they would prefer to choose to be a supporter. He emphasized that the Directors value past contributions to the work of the Foundation and would be grateful for whatever support individuals may choose to provide.
- Proposed Changes to Guiding Statements for the Metchosin Foundation (see Appendix E). Valerie Jaeger outlined the purposes of the Foundation as a charitable organization registered with the Canada Revenue Agency, and summarized that the focus of the MF is on protection, stewardship and education of the natural environment. The suggested changes to the current byline and vision statement, and the proposed mission statement are in the appendix . The Directors of the Metchosin Foundation are asking for feedback in writing on these statements on or before October 7, 2020 (see bottom of page 2 of the above Appendix).
- Omnibus Motion: Prepared and presented by Dan MacIsaac , lawyer, was submitted as an Omnibus Bill nominating the new slate of Directors, stating the fee amount for annual membership as \$10, listing MacIsaac and MacIsaac as solicitors, and waiving the appointment of an auditor (see Appendix F).  
Motion to pass the Omnibus Bill as presented (Bev/Nicole). Carried.
- Farewell to Departing Directors  
Chris Pratt, spoke of the considerable contributions to the Metchosin Foundation, and through this work to the community of Metchosin, given by both Joel Ussery and Kem Luther who have served as Directors for the past eight years. Carol Carman presented both the retirees with a Certificate of Service, a copy of the book, *Citizen Scientist - Searching for Heroes and Hope in an Age of Extinction*, and a gift certificate for pottery.
- Motion to adjourn (Nicole Lalonde/Joan Rosenberg) 4:50 pm

**Appendix A**  
**Annual Report on Metchosin Foundation projects**  
**June 2019 – September 2020**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**Metchosin Foundation AGM**  
**Sept. 13, 2020**

The Metchosin Foundation is the only registered charity in Metchosin. Monthly meetings have been held at the home of Joel Ussery.

Among the challenges that the Metchosin Foundation is addressing, are:

- **Mapping Metchosin** that focuses on environmental values – ecologically significant areas – not property lines. (Jacqueline)
- **Beecher Bay (Sc'ianew)** (pronounced CHEE ah nuh) First Nation liaison and cooperation.
- **Scholarships:** This year's recipients were:
  - Academic Achievement – Katerina Kurz of Parry Cross Road
  - Environmental Stewardship – Eve Ruth of William Head Road
  - Community Citizenship – Brynne Thomson of Leeron Place
  - Beecher Bay – Ruby Dee Charles (students from BB are able to apply for all 4 scholarships, but one is designated specifically for these students).
  - Mycoblitz and BioBlitz – Kem Luther, Andy MacKinnon and Joel Ussery are the drivers
    - Mycoblitz in November 2019: 134 different species were found which included 15 new species for Metchosin
    - BioBlitz in Metchosin is the second longest-running in Canada. To date, about 2,900 individual species have been identified.
- Discussions are ongoing with Pearson College, Beecher Bay Youth Group and the Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) re collaborative approaches to expanding educational opportunities for community members.
- **Insect Study:** Metchosin Citizen Volunteers Support Global Science Project – Kick-off this year was March 7.
  - Long term studies comparing insect abundance and diversity in different habitats and ecosystems along a management-intensity gradient and at the intersection of agricultural and natural habitats, using globally standardized monitoring protocols.
  - 19 traps on private property were deployed in Metchosin in 2020. Thanks to Carol Voyt who repaired all the traps damaged in the previous year.
  - Last year, 114,782 individual specimens were collected.
  - All samples are being stored at the Royal BC Museum.
  - This is a great example of the work of "citizen scientists."

- For this project co-op student, Devon Hentschel, was selected this year by Professor Neville Winchester. The MF contributed \$5500 and obtained a matching grant to support this summer student. HAT was the official employer.
- **Nature Cards:** feature 50 of the most common wild plants in our area.
  - Begun about 5 years ago by Kem: produced about 300 sets of 50: most have been sold and about 44 sets have been donated to local organizations and schools.
  - Set of 36 "Arty Bird Cards" per box: launched June 27 at the Bilston Creek Farm with naturalists, artists, Foundation members and guests. Produced this year in partnership with the Metchosin ArtPod and Ann Nightingale of the Rocky Point Bird Observatory. Three retailers: the ArtPod, Rocky Point Observatory and the Metchosin Foundation.
- **Moralea's Garry Oak Meadow** adjacent to the Municipal Hall supported by funds from Moralea Milne's memorial fund:
  - Progress has been made in Moralea's Meadow this past year. Repairs were completed in the surrounding fence and gates and the rabbit proofing has been successful.
  - Two UVic students in the Restoration of Natural Systems course used the meadow for their major project and later presented us with a copy of their report. Following their advice, some progress has been made in attempts to smother non-native grasses. One of their fellow students restored the memorial bench which was already there.
  - Citizen volunteers removed some of the June plums that were encroaching into the meadow area. Some of the camas bulbs donated by Katy Nelson were planted in the fall, gave a nice showing of flowers in the spring.
  - Harold Perepalkin was hired to lay the path through the meadow; the edging will be completed this year.
  - Todd Manning, a danger tree specialist, was hired by the municipality to determine if any of the trees in the meadow area posed a danger to the public; one tree and several dead branches will be removed.
  - We continue to be grateful to volunteers: Kristen and James Miskelly of Saanich Native Plants have been consulted and are doing a plan for what, where, and when we should seed and plant native species.
  - Andy Yatsco is preparing a scale drawing of the meadow and vegetation growing there.
  - Bonnie Farris has volunteered her time and skill to designing a sign; and Moralea's daughter, Gala, has agreed to design one to commemorate her Mother.
  - Katy Nelson continues to put in many hours with help from volunteers. There is a regular work party every Wednesday from 2 to 4 and everyone is very welcome.
- **Mary Hill:** Most of the participants involved in this meeting are likely aware that in December of 2018, Sc'ianew (Beecher Bay) First Nation, The District of Metchosin and Pearson College jointly executed a Memorandum of Understanding or MOU in relation to shared aspirations for the future of the DND Mary Hill Battery Lands. These lands have been declared surplus to the needs of DND and are of potential interest to Sc'ianew, as future treaty settlement lands.

Following public announcement of the 2018 MOU and recognizing the unusual conservation and biodiversity values of the land in question, The Metchosin Foundation contacted the MOU parties and offered to help support an in-depth evaluation of conservation-oriented land uses, in lieu of land development. Morgan Yates is the Foundation's point person in this area.

This evaluation work is now well underway and will likely continue for at least another year, before any concrete update communication will be made by the Parties.

The main focus of our support has been to assist in securing 3rd party grants to support technical and legal land use evaluation efforts - and to provide in-kind project accounting services. Though we need to respect the non-disclosure arrangements that govern the ongoing process, we remain optimistic in relation to future outcomes and committed to supporting the multi-party collaboration.

- **Financial ideas** for follow-up: general donations, scholarship-linked donations, Moralea's Memorial fund, new Estate-based gifts, membership fees, endowment fund dividends, banking and GIC interest, Victoria Foundation – small community grants,
- Working on a **5-year action plan**: we have drafted some ideas. We note that pressure on Metchosin's parks, trails and coastlines is increasing. Given the fact that this municipality abuts two of the fastest-growing communities in BC (Langford and Colwood), this pressure is likely to continue to increase. Our challenges will be to find ways to protect and enhance the integrity of our local ecosystems.
- Questions...

## SPEAKERS' NOTES

### Metchosin Foundation AGM September 2020

#### Katie Blake, Executive Director, Habitat Acquisition Trust, remarks

Thank you so much for having us today. It's an honour to be here with you.

HAT's relationship with the Metchosin Foundation is special to us. We've been partners for almost 10 years now, with a lot of our most consistent work together taking place in the last 5-6 years.

We make good partners because:

- We have similar values – supporting conservation with community being at the heart of our actions.
- The scale of our work is complementary, the work that we do makes a meaningful contribution toward each other's missions.
- It's personal – we're lucky to have gotten to know each other personally by doing things together
  - o Sharing tables at Metchosin Day.
  - o Some MF Directors have volunteered with HAT
    - Thank you to Kem Luther, Joel Ussery, the late Moralea Milne, and Morgan Yates.
- We've been able to support each other's projects
  - o This summer HAT was able to act as an employer for a Foundation project that fit in HAT's mandate
  - o HAT has played an advisory role in a Metchosin Foundation scholarship initiative.

I look forward to continuing to work together and discovering many more ways that we can support each other in our mutual goals.

One of the projects that the Metchosin Foundation has supported is HAT's Good Neighbours project centered in Metchosin.

The Good Neighbours program is based on the fact that we can't achieve conservation at a meaningful scale through land protection alone.

Protected areas must be connected by a matrix of good habitat. This requires a community of people with the willingness and know-how to steward and care for the land around them.

Through the Good Neighbours Program, HAT empowers individuals and communities with the knowledge, resources and tools they need to act as effective land stewards. Our Wildwood Creek project is a 3 year project that aims to connect East Sooke Park with the Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park.

The project began in the spring of 2018, won't end until spring 2021, but we're well on our way of reaching our stated goals:

1. Engage with 2000 residents through public events
  - a. We reached 1700 after 2 years.
2. Visit 60 landowners and create custom stewardship strategies for 500 acres.

- a. In 2 years, we've visited 76 landowners and created 38 land stewardship strategies covering more than 1600 acres.
  - b. Another 35 landowners have received general advice.
3. 9 presentations and 4 skill-building workshops about conservation and stewardship
  - a. 2 years we've done 7 presentations and 3 workshops – we've already exceeded this goal in year 3.
  - b. Thanks to Joel Ussery for doing one of our presentations last year!
4. Skill-building for youth:
  - a. Directly engaged with Sc'ianew Youth Team – working with 25 kids on Sc'ianew lands and teaching stewardship skills
  - b. Provided internships for 4 youth.

We're well on our way to exceeding all of our goals in this program thanks to the support of the Foundation. We're wrapping up in spring 2021. I'm glad to say that while we usually switch geographies, next year we will be starting a habitat-based Good Neighbours program, likely to be focused on Garry Oak and associated ecosystems and possibly other habitat types, that will allow us to continue to work in Metchosin.

### **Barb von Sacken notes on Current HAT Land Conservation in Metchosin and Options for Land Conservation**

I have been the Land Protection Coordinator with HAT since 2015, and in echoing Katie's earlier comments the Land Protection Program has certainly benefited and is so grateful for the interest and support and partnerships with Metchosin and Metchosin Foundation.

#### **Background**

My role as Land Protection Coordinator focuses on **Land conservation options** for private and public lands and the monitoring of these conservation lands.

There are many ways to contribute to land conservation, but I think the term Conservation Covenant is one many of you may be familiar with.

- Keep in mind there are a variety of "covenant" types and often people think of covenants such as those enacted through development permits, but land trusts work with a specific type of covenant called a Conservation Covenant.

Conservation covenants are **voluntary agreements** between a landowner and land trust where some portion or all of a parcel of land is protected into perpetuity.

This protection occurs through a charge on the title of the land that reflects the terms of conservation agreement between landowner and covenant holder (land trust).

Land Trusts generally have guidelines or policies as to what types of lands meet the criteria for their organization to accept land as a conservation covenant.

HAT's uses the following criteria to assess potential covenant lands:

- Size generally no less than 2 ha
- Connectivity to other protected area and or greenspaces.
- Current condition, how close is the land to a natural state.

- Species at Risk does the land currently or could it provide habitat to species at risk.

HAT currently has 4 covenants in Metchosin each of which **represents a unique combination** of our increasingly rare **Coastal Douglas fir (CDFmm) ecosystems**

**The Ty-Mynydd** covenant protects land that provides an extension of Blinkhorn Nature Park and represents a forested gradient from a drier shallow soil Arbutus, Douglas fir forest to a moist rich Cedar Sword fern forest. Our annual monitoring visits show that this covenant provides important habitat for some of our local megafauna.

The **Camas Hill** covenant represents an upland property with rolling terrain of shallow soil spring wildflower meadows and moss covered rock outcrops. On this covenant we have documented presence rare species such as **Sharp tailed snake** and **Slim leaf onion**

**Ivan Island** provides an eastern habitat corridor and extension to the many plant and animal species of the nearby Matheson Lake, Roche Cove park complex. This covenant protects a length of Cripple Creek where HAT has actively been restoring the stream side habitat.

And finally, the **Whitney Griffiths** covenant covers some of the final stretches of Ruby Creek before it flows into Witty's Lagoon and provides a buffer to the Witty's lagoon protected areas.

Total area of current covenants in Metchosin approx. 16 ha

Smallest 1 ha and largest 7ha

While 16 ha may not seem like a significant area these covenants are links to other protected areas and habitats and **create important additions and extensions** to the mosaic of protected lands in the CRD.

#### **Conservation Covenants:**

##### **Pro's**

- In a climate of very expensive land prices creates an achievable conservation option.
- Allows landowners to develop a "unique" to their wishes conservation plan that goes beyond their ownership of the land.
- Landowners can realize a tax benefit for the donation of a conservation covenant.

##### **Con's**

- Creates a significant and ongoing obligation for the land trust and landowners in terms of annual monitoring and ensuring there are no breaches of the covenant terms.
- There is a cost to the landowner in registering a conservation covenant. However, funding and grants can be pursued to offset some of these costs.

#### **Some examples of other possible land conservation mechanisms/ avenues**

1. **Fee simple acquisition** is another tool for land conservation. Land acquired by land trusts and parks agencies is protected in perpetuity by virtue of the mandates and governance of the owner eg. HAT or CRD. HAT has in the past and continues to work on fee simple partnerships with public agencies where HAT has been a partner in the fee simple acquisition of lands that are then owned by the public body but also have a conservation covenant over the land. Eg. HAT helped with the acquisition of and continues to hold covenants on many of CRD Sea to Sea Green Blue Belt lands



## Pros

- Long-term land ownership avoids some uncertainty associated with changing ownership of conservation covenants
- Landowners can receive a tax benefit for sale of land for conservation and capital gains considerations if the land becomes an Eco gift.

## Cons

- Significant responsibilities and liabilities for the owner agency - including (often high) property taxes for land trusts, and responsibility for issues that arise, such as squatters (an issue for HAT on our Inner Harbor Matson Conservation Area).
- High land prices

## 2. Life Estate

- a. is a donation of land that allows the landowner to continue to live on the land for their lifetime after which the ownership goes to the land trust.

As our global understanding of what is needed to ensure the conservation of functioning and healthy ecosystems evolves so do the tools and methods used in land conservation. The International Convention on Biological Diversity Conservation has recognized the following conservation designations.

## 3. IPCAs - Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas

- a. These are areas designated for conservation under the law and governance of Indigenous nations
- b. IPCA's are not a Canadian designation, they occur under individual nations, meaning each one is individual and is designed around the land and the nation.
- c. They place a priority on conservation and often allow for traditional livelihoods to be realized.
- d. IPCA's are recognized by the Canadian government as contributing to Canada's Aichi targets for 2020.
- e. Example of IPCA's in BC are:
  - i. Jan 2020 - QAT'MUK (Ktunaxa) IPCA in the Purcell Mountains.
  - ii. 1984 - Tla-o-qui-aht – Meares Island

## 4. OECMs - Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures. OR "Other Measures"

- a. OECMs can be created by communities, industries, partnerships, Indigenous communities, and others.
- b. OECMs are area-based approaches which provide measurable and sustained biodiversity conservation.
- c. OECM's do not have protected area status, protection is ancillary (i.e., it arises as a by-product of other objectives).
  - i. Examples may include some traditional agricultural systems, sacred natural sites, historic shipwrecks, protected water catchments, military training areas, and hunting reserves ([IUCN, 2018](#)).

d. gaining official recognition as an OECM, help encourage managers to maintain these systems in the long term.

e. First discussed under the context of Aichi target 11

Because of international and federal support, we may see IPCAs- Indigenous Protected Conservation Areas and OECMs - Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures as an increasingly used tool in land conservation.

**Appendix C**  
**Financial Report**  
**COAST CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

**Financial Statement**  
**Income**

**Dec 31/19**

|                   |                 |   |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| Bank Interests    | 496.95          | <i>All accounts</i>                             |
| Donations         | 5232.37         | <i>Foundation only</i>                          |
| Donations         | 3154.90         | <i>Moralea Milne Fund</i>                       |
| Donations         | 279.50          | <i>Valerie Cochran Memorial Fund</i>            |
| Fundraising       | 875.00          |   |
| Membership        | 600.00          |   |
| Victoria Fdn Fund |                 |   |
| Disbursement      | 1486.00         | <i>Fund Disbursement</i>                        |
| Other             | 13730.51        | <i>Close Savings/Bioblitz/Fundraising Accts</i> |
|                   | <b>25855.23</b> |   |

**Expenses**

|                      |                 |   |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|
| Bank Charges         | 10.00           | <i>Benevity Cause Wire Transfer in<br/>Web Hosting/Domain Name/AGM<br/>rental/Cheques/Muse Ad</i> |
| Office Expenses      | 847.25          |   |
| Director's Insurance | 685.00          |   |
| Bioblitz Expenses    | 197.25          | <i>food for Earth Day/BioBlitz</i>  |
| Gifts & Donations    | 8000.00         | <i>HAT Good Neighbour Program</i>   |
| Insect Biomass Study | 5000.00         |   |
| Moralea's Meadow     | 1439.81         |   |
| Fundraising          | 759.58          | <i>Nature Cards</i>   |
| Scholarships         | 3000.00         | <i>3 recipients in 2019</i>   |
| Scholarships         | -723.75         | <i>Danica Neral's 2018 Refund</i>   |
|                      | <b>19215.14</b> |   |

**Bank Accounts**

|                     |                 |   |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|
| Chequing            | 19020.70        |   |
| VCMF                | 2725.37         |   |
| Moralea Milne MF    | 11371.11        |   |
| GIC - Chequing      | 25000.00        | <i>Exp Aug 24/2020</i>                        |
| GIC - VCMF          | 7000.00         | <i>Exp Aug 24/2020</i>                        |
| Pending & Committed | -12622.76       | <i>Moralea's Meadow/Beecher Bay PSYL 2020</i> |
|                     | <b>52494.42</b> |   |

**Metchosin Foundation**  
**Stewardship Fund**

**45800.01** @Dec 31/19

## Appendix D

### Reviewing the Approach to Membership in the Metchosin Foundation

#### Background

Since the founding of the Metchosin Foundation, people interested in its supporting its work have been invited to become members by providing contact information and paying a \$10 annual fee for an individual membership. There were implicit assumptions that this was a good way to support the Foundation and that an increasing membership was a measure of success. Membership also allowed a vote at the Annual General Meeting and raised a modest amount (<\$500) of funds each year.

Over the past year, the Directors of the Metchosin Foundation have been reviewing the BC *Societies Act* (which governs the work of not-for-profit organizations such as the Foundation), our bylaws and guiding statements, and thinking about the future direction of the Foundation. Part of this review examined what the *Societies Act* and our bylaws said about membership.

Inviting people to become members of a not-for-profit society such as the Metchosin Foundation brings along a number of requirements. We think it is important that these requirements be communicated to our past and current (and we hope continuing) members so you can determine if membership is the way you would like to support the work of the Metchosin Foundation.

#### Elements of Membership

As a member of the Metchosin Foundation you are able to vote on proposals or motions at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), propose items to be considered at the AGM, and petition Directors of the Foundation to hold a special meeting to address an issue that arises between AGMs. With these rights comes the requirement that you uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Metchosin Foundation and pay the annual membership fee (currently \$10). The Foundation is required to maintain the name and address of all members. We also ask for the email addresses of members to facilitate communication.

Our bylaws indicate that members can be approached to sit on committees or sub-committees run by a Director to assist the work of the Foundation.

Once membership fees are paid, the membership lasts until members resign or for a year after membership fees have not been paid. Membership to a not-for-profit society can be revoked if a member is acting counter to its constitution and bylaws.

#### Other Ways to Support the Metchosin Foundation

There is an easy way to support the Metchosin Foundation other than (or in addition to) becoming a member. Rather than just paying for a membership, people can make an annual or one time donation. If this donation is \$20 or more, as a registered charity the Foundation can issue a tax receipt for the year the donation was made. Donations can be made in general support of projects undertaken by the Metchosin Foundation or focused on the specific funds managed by the Foundation. These funds are the Moralea Milne Memorial Fund to support projects initiated by Moralea, a fund for scholarships to students who live in Metchosin or Beecher Bay and meet the criteria, and the Valerie Cochran Memorial Fund to assist students at Pearson College with emergency trips home.

## **Deciding What is Right for You**

As a past or current member of the Metchosin Foundation we wanted you to be aware of the different considerations associated with being a member.

Going forward, whether you choose to remain or again become a member or whether you chose to be a supporter, we want you know that we greatly value your past contribution to the work of the Metchosin Foundation, and would be grateful for whatever support you may choose to provide in the future.

## Appendix E

### Proposed Changes to Guiding Statements for the Metchosin Foundation

August 26, 2020

The Directors of the Metchosin Foundation are suggesting changes to the vision for the future and the 'byline' used with the logo on the website and displays at events.

The purpose of the proposed changes is to make these statements more congruent with the purposes of the Foundation as a charitable organization registered with the Canada Revenue Agency. These purposes are:

1. To organize or participate in environmental projects designed to:
  - (a) preserve and protect flora and fauna;
  - (b) preserve, protect and restore rivers, lakes, wetlands, ground water and marine areas; and
  - (c) improve the rural and/or urban environments;
2. To educate and increase the public's understanding of the environment and/or community development by offering presentations and seminars, by collecting and disseminating information on those topics, and by providing educational resources to students on those topics;
3. To enhance educational opportunities at primary, secondary and post-secondary levels through the provision of scholarships and support funds to students in registered Canadian educational institutions; and
4. To do all such other things, including the exercise of the powers of the Society, as are incidental or ancillary to the attainment of the above purposes.

Thus the focus of the Metchosin Foundation is on protection and stewardship of the natural environment and education. While this environmental focus is in support of the community of Metchosin and making it a better place to live, there are other organizations in Metchosin with mandates focused on community and social projects. We want to make our focus on the environment and education very clear.

Our proposed new byline makes an explicit link between a healthy environment and a healthy community and future rather than suggesting the Foundation is involved in community and social projects.

#### Current Byline

Healthy lands, healthy waters, and a  
healthy caring community

#### Proposed Byline

Healthy lands and waters – the  
foundation for a healthy community  
and future.

The original vision of the Foundation was directed at an ideal future for Metchosin. The current Directors suggest the vision for the Foundation should be focused instead on what we hope to achieve as an organization.

#### **Current Vision Statement**

A sustainable rural community with a vibrant diversified presence and preservation and stewardship of Metchosin's unique lands (ecosystems) and waters for the benefit of all Canadians.

#### **Proposed Vision Statement**

The Metchosin Foundation is widely known and supported for its successful work in protecting and sustaining important environmental values and natural habitat within the District of Metchosin.

The Foundation's initiatives have inspired Metchosin residents and visitors to recognize the inter-dependence of ecological health, biodiversity and their own overall well-being.

Research, citizen science, and field publications created or supported by the foundation continue to build knowledge and understanding of local species and ecosystem health.

Students supported by the Foundation have successfully completed advanced education and are

The Directors are also proposing that the Foundation should have a clear mission that is consistent with its purposes. This would be concise statement of the mandate of Metchosin Foundation used in public communications and grant applications.

#### **Proposed Mission Statement**

The Metchosin Foundation undertakes and supports initiatives to improve environmental protection, stewardship, awareness, and education in Metchosin.

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#### **Request for Feedback**

The Directors of the Metchosin Foundation would like to provide members with a chance to comment on the proposed new statements before they are adopted.

We are asking that you provide feedback on the new byline, vision, and mission on or before October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 so that the input can be summarized and brought forward to our Director's meeting later that month. Please send your comments to [MetchosinFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:MetchosinFoundation@gmail.com) with *Feedback on Statements* in the subject line.

Thank you.

**Appendix F**

**Omnibus Motion**

**THE METCHOSIN FOUNDATION**

(The "Society")

INCORPORATED: February 12, 2008

**RE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF September 13, 2020**

WE, Jacqueline Clare, Michael Fischer, Beverley Hall, Nicole Lalonde, Christopher Gratrix Pratt, Morgan Yates, Carol Carman, Valerie Jaeger and Joan Rosenberg, 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:

1. The following persons are confirmed as re-elected Directors of the Society (year 1 of 2nd term of 4 years) until successors are appointed in accordance with the bylaws:

Jacqueline Clare  
Michael Fischer  
Beverley Hall.

2. The following persons are confirmed as re-elected as Directors of the Society (year 3 of 1st term) until successors are appointed in accordance with the bylaws:

Christopher Pratt  
Nicole Lalonde  
Morgan Yates

3. The following persons are confirmed as elected as Directors of the Society (year 2 of 1st term of 4 years) until successors are appointed in accordance with the bylaws:

Carol Carman  
Joan Rosenberg

4. The following person is confirmed as elected as Director of the Society (year 1 of 1<sup>st</sup> term) until successors are appointed in accordance with the bylaws:

Valerie Jaeger

5. The appointment of an auditor is confirmed as waived for the coming year.
6. The Members of the Society hereby confirm February 12 (incorporation anniversary date) as the annual reference date for the Society.
7. The Solicitors for the coming year are confirmed to be MacIsaac and MacIsaac, 2227 Sooke Road, Victoria, B.C.
8. The annual membership fee for membership in the Society is confirmed to remain set at \$10.00.



## Appendix G

### Metchosin Foundation 2020 AGM on "Zoom"

