

February 5th, 2023

Submission to NDP provincial survey in response to "What are your priorities/ burning issues with respect to initiatives in 2023;

Dear Premier and our MLA team –

I am sending this note in response to your request to identify the most potentially important issue facing our community of Metchosin – it is that of the threat of being coerced and overruled by your party with respect to 'housing solutions' within our local community.

First off – we trust that you will respect our right to self-determination – be assured that it does NOT consist of 'tiny houses' nor further residential build-in beyond our current zoning. We hope that you will recognize that Metchosin plays an extremely important role as is, in light of the following:

We have no less than 98 legitimate status farms within our municipal jurisdiction and am embarking on initiatives to further increase same. We provide no less than 18 kilometers of designated and locally maintained natural trail systems, excluding the Galloping Goose. We also provide no less than five CRD-maintained parks for use by the general public, largely because our adjacent municipalities have failed to provide their own recreational and green space. This is one of the most important roles in which we serve the entire CRD.

Please note that Metchosin pioneered our version of 'affordable housing' in that every residence within the District has been allowed a secondary suite for the past 30+ years.

If we are to lose control of our destiny and rural identity, please be assured that you may be in for the 'fight of your life'.

Sincerely,

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