

**Association for the Protection of Rural Metchosin**

#2-4401 William Head Road

Victoria, BC V9C 3Y6

www.metchosinaprm.org

September 15, 2021

Mayor and Council  
District of Metchosin  
4450 Happy Valley Road  
Victoria, BC V9C 3Z3

Dear Mayor Ranns and Council

**Re: Request for progress report on the 2017 Land Swap**

In January 2017, over 1,400 Metchosin residents participated in a local referendum on the land swap between the Sc'ianew Nation, the City of Langford and our District. The result was a 76% approval, allowing for the formal ratification of the deal through the Reconciliation Agreement by the Sc'ianew Nation, Langford and Metchosin.

Given the commitments made by all three participants and the long-term nature of realizing the full outcomes of the Reconciliation Agreement, we believe that regular reports on the Agreement to the community would be valuable. Such reports will also assist in building trust in the overall progress of the Agreement, particularly if there are any changes/amendments to the terms, intent and spirit of the Agreement that formalized the matter Metchosin residents voted on in 2017.

Thus, we request that the District provide residents, through Council, with a progress report on the Land Swap. We have several questions which we ask be addressed in such a report:

- What's the overall status of the Agreement, particularly in terms of the provisions which can be acted upon and fulfilled to date?
- In terms of tax revenue, is Metchosin realizing its fair share, per section 10 of the Agreement?
- What corporations or corporate/business entities are currently involved in developing the Centre Mountain Business Park? We ask this as these business entities are vital to realizing the full economic vision of CMBP, particularly for the Sc'ianew Nation.
- Recognizing that Metchosin does not have a direct role in Treaty negotiations between the Sc'ianew Nation and the Crown, what can be said of the Treaty process? We note that the outcome of the Treaty negotiations is central to one of the key outcomes of the Agreement, in terms of protecting sections 25, 28 and 95.
- Since 2017, have there been significant changes to the overall planning of the Business Park and the planned residential area on the lands transferred to Langford from Metchosin, per the Agreement? While we recognize this area is under the jurisdiction of Langford, these developments have the potential to create significant environmental effects (water, wastewater, stormwater, etc) and quality of life issues (noise, traffic, views) for Metchosin residents.

We look forward to an update in the near future.

Sincerely,

Jay Shukin  
President, Association for the Protection of Rural Metchosin

CC: APRM Executive