

**Association for the Protection of Rural Metchosin**  
#1 - 4401 William Head Road, RR#1, Victoria, B.C. V9C 3Y6  
August 10, 2004.

Dear Fellow APRMer,

Here are two invitations and a (brief!) newsletter.

## *You Are Invited*

to the

### **APRM Summer Potluck Picnic and Rural Dance**

Kids Games, Pony Rides, and Rural Music

**Saturday, August 28, 2002 from 4 to 8 pm at 530 Witty Beach Road**

**Please bring:** • A dish for 6 to 8 people to share with all • Plates and cutlery for your own use. • Extra warm clothing in case it gets windy and cold

APRM will provide gas grills for cooking your own meat/fish/whatever plus tea, coffee and lemonade, styrofoam cups and plastic glasses.

***All Metchosinites and their visitors welcome!***

More info — call Gaert at 381-5752

#### **SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

**The Annual General Meeting** on June 16, 2003 at the Community House was very well attended. The first hour was taken up with presentations and discussions on the theme: "What does my rural Metchosin look like?" (see the August Metchosin Muse for details.) Following adoption of the minutes, and reports by the President and Treasurer (a bank balance \$2,581.58 at March 31), returning officer Sandra Martin supervised the election of officers. The current President (Frank Mitchell), Vice-President (Robert Patterson), Secretary (Nan Brown) and Treasurer (Werner Faust) were re-elected. Gaert Linnaea was elected

as Member at Large, and John Hollemans was elected chair of the Resource Group. The meeting expressed its thanks to Fiona Cannon who was unable to run again as she will be out of the country for most of 2004-5.

The meeting then briefly reviewed status of various outstanding issues.

Since the AGM, the executive has met to plan the year's program, and the **The Resource Committee** has met twice, first to review the whole range of issues, then to consider the Bilston Moratorium/Rainwater Protection (By law 467) issue. **All members of the APRM are welcome to join the resource group.**

Among issues now under consideration are:

**Bilston/Rainwater Protection (Bylaw 467)**; Municipal staff are currently reviewing information received on these matters (including queries from APRM on the adequacy and feasibility of BL467 to replace the Development Permit requirements on the uplands slopes of Bilston watershed).

**OCP Review**: At its July meeting, Council requested staff to prepare a draft "request for proposals" (rfp) to invite consultants to assist with a full OCP review. APRM has asked council to carry out such a review, rather than continue "piece-mealing the OCP to death." We have requested that the rfp ensure major emphasis on public consultation to ensure the OCP reflects residents' community vision.

**Amenity Zoning/Transferable Density**: An application to secure

extra density along Rocky Point Road in return for donation of a piece of land beside Matheson Lake Park will soon come forward. APRM has opposed transferable densities (following the recommendation of the 1996 Uplands Planning Commission which brought amenity zoning to Metchosin). Transferable densities would create density where it is not wanted, and only benefit owners of lands which are otherwise too expensive to develop profitably.

In the last three months, APRM has written to relevant authorities to support keeping **Bilston Farm** in public hands, keeping 5076 William Head Road in the **Agricultural Land Reserve**, keeping **Sections 25, 28 and 95** as parks, ensuring environmental protection and appropriate road standards in the proposed subdivision of **Sections 120 and 121** and seeking more clarity in the **rainwater protection bylaw**.

**Another Invitation!** Please feel free to attend the Resource Group meeting at 3pm on Saturday, August 14. We will review the above issues and others, and review the Council's August 16 agenda (which becomes available in the afternoon of Friday the 13th). The meeting will be at the home of Robert Patterson and Gaert Linnaea at 4850 Jelinek Place. If you have queries, please ring Resource Committee Chair John Hollemans at 474-1471.

Hope to see you at the picnic.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Mitchell, President

**PS.** Please remember to quote the number **19391** when buying gas or groceries at the **Co-op or Save-on Gas** and you will contribute to the APRM while shopping!