

Association for the Protection of Rural Metchosa (www.aprm.ca)
Summer 2007 NEWSLETTER and

INVITATION
to the
APRM POTLUCK PICNIC
& Tribute to **CHRIS PRATT**

for his many years of commitment to Metchosa's rural and green values and APRM work (he's not leaving Metchosa, and we look forward to more years of work)

Noon – 3 pm
Sunday July 29
530 Witty Beach Road (Mitchell's)

Please Bring – Kids, Guests, Some food to share, BYOB, Be Earth friendly, bring your plate, mug & cutlery, any instruments and singing voice (in case song breaks out) Cash, if you want to renew your membership! Or purchase a bat house handmade by our president!

APRM will provide -- Lemonade, Tea, Coffee, Ice, Condiments, Grills for Barbequeing if you bring your own Meat

Hay Rides and lots of FUN, Children's Activities!
Kids' door prize Awesome Raffle
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Parking in the field near the House is available—no need to walk up the drive!!
Call Moralea Milne for more info. 478-3838 (moralea@telus.net)

Association News

Executive: The AGM on June 21 elected an executive comprising:
Derek Wulff (President), Ken Farquarson (Secretary), Moralea Milne (Treasurer), Sally Garcelon (Member-at-Large), and Frank Mitchell (Chair, Resource Group).

Opportunity: There was no candidate for Vice President at the AGM. Under the constitution, the executive can appoint a member to the position, subject to confirmation at the next meeting (October 17). *Would you like to serve?* Please let Derek know!! 478-2677 or derekwulff@shaw.ca

The President thanked retiring members, Betty Ann Snyder, Colleen Brownlee, Gaert Linnaea and spouse Robert Patterson for their sterling service. Also, kudos to John Hollemans for continuing to look after the APRM website (aprm.ca) and to John Houseman for reviewing our annual accounts, which were approved by the members.

Meeting Schedule: Regular meetings are at 7:00 pm the third Wednesday of the month (except July, August, September, December), at the Metchosin Community House. Meetings start with a speaker on an issue of the day, followed by refreshments (both open to the public). Brief members' business meetings follow. Meetings are also announced in the Muse and on our website (www.aprm.ca). Remember to visit the APRM table at *Metchosin Day* on Sunday Sept 9.

ISSUES: Little has happened since our Spring newsletter, except:

Temporary Use Permit for Industry on Section 28. At the July 9 Council meeting, Mr. Russ Crawford requested deferral of his application pending his furnishing more information including evidence of public support. Councillors Mitchell and Brownlee opposed the deferral, believing there was enough information available now to take a decision in the light of our OCP and the content of the proposal. They were outvoted by the Mayor and other Councillors. The meeting was attended by an enormous crowd who had not heard of the deferral. Council listened to their presentations, however. To date, council has heard (in person or by letter) from 70 people supporting the proposal, 4 fence sitters (including the President of the Metchosin Resident' Association), and 114 people against the proposal (including 21 neighbours of Section 38 living in Langford). Most of the "pro" voices signed a standard form, presumably circulated by the applicant or his agents. The "con" voices were mostly in letters from individuals or households, the exception being the petition of 21 from Langford. We don't know if Mr. Crawford will resubmit this summer – if he does, please be ready to write or speak (if you haven't so far).

Co-op Ownership of Weirs Beach RV Pads: At its meeting of July 9, Council rescinded the 2000 policy which allowed co-op ownership of RV pads. This will remove the threat of a many more voters with little interest in the community.

We hope for a quiet summer – but stay tuned just in case!

RESOURCE GROUP—Opportunity still knocks!

If you would like to help out on one or more community issues, ***please consider joining the APRM Resource Group.*** The Resource Group meets occasionally. Sometimes subgroups (or individuals) take responsibility for researching specific issues and reporting back . Some members only come when "their" issues are under discussion. To save time and facilitate contributions, the Group makes extensive use of email, but email is not required to belong. Our next meeting will be sometime in August. For further details, please call Frank Mitchell, Resource Group Chair, at **478-1671** or email fhm@shaw.ca.

APRMers and Community Works

Many thanks to all those APRMers, who, in addition to their "regular" volunteer activities, cheerfully responded to the appeal to assist with cleaning up the *orphan gardens*, one of which is at the corner of Metchosin and Happy Valley Roads and another at the Metchosin sign by the firehall, as well as helping with some weeding near

the Community House. New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Moralea (4748-3838) if you would like to help.

See you at the Picnic!

Derek Wulff, President

PS: IF there is a membership form attached to this newsletter, it means we have no record of your having renewed to June 30, 2008. Please consider renewing -- at the Picnic and at Metchosin Day – or through the mail/corner store drop box.

PPS: If NO membership form is attached, many thanks for being up to date!

PPPS: Please 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!