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To whom it may concern:

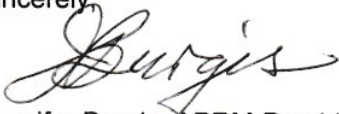
Re: Support for the Metchosin Invasive Species Cooperative (MISC)

The APRM wishes to commend the hard work and dedication of Metchosin Invasive Species Cooperative in tackling invasive plant species in Metchosin. MISC continues a proud Metchosin tradition of citizen involvement in managing invasive species. The testament to this work is particularly clear in Devonian Regional Park, where Metchosin residents have been volunteering their time for over a decade to pull a range of invasive species with the agreement of the CRD.

We understand that the Metchosin Invasive Species Cooperative is raising the alarm about the proliferation of English holly in Metchosin, and particularly in Matheson Lake Regional Park. Managing mature stands of English holly is incredibly difficult. It is critical that plants be removed at an early growth stage. Innovative approaches to dealing with the existing mature stands must be considered. Failure to take on the problem now will have lasting impacts on a park that thousands of people enjoy in all seasons.

As we have seen with Devonian Park, volunteer efforts can be highly successful in terms of invasive species management. The APRM strongly supports the Metchosin Invasive Species Cooperative in their efforts to deal with English holly in the District.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Burgis, APRM President
On behalf of APRM Members

Cc: Metchosin Parks and Trails Advisory Committee
Metchosin Environmental Advisory Committee
Metchosin Invasive Species Cooperative