

VILLAGE OF BELCARRA MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2002
AT 7:30 P.M.**

These are the minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the Municipal Council for the Village of Belcarra, held Monday, September 30, 2002, at the Municipal Hall, 4084 Bedwell Bay Road, Belcarra, BC.

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Ralph Drew
Councillor Bruce Drake
Councillor Larry Carlsen
Councillor Jennifer Glover
Councillor Jamie Ross

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Administrator, Moira McGregor
Building Inspector, Larry Scott

Linda Lee – North East Sector Tourism Strategic Plan (Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Moody)

1. Upon advice that there was a quorum present, Mayor Drew called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
It was; Moved by: Councillor Ross
 Seconded by: Councillor Carlsen
THAT the Agenda be approved as amended to allow the Item 6.1 Delegation to proceed first.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS**
 - 3.1 Mayor Drew introduced Linda Lee, Strategex Consulting Group, and Ken Willoughby, on behalf of the North East Sector Tourism Task Force. Mayor Drew advised that the North East Tourism Task Force was established and funded by the five municipalities under the Simon Fraser Formula. The Committee has been working on preparing a Tourism Strategic Plan for the North East Sector and is now visiting each municipality to brief the Councils on the plan.

The presentation provided a background summary of why the tourism plan was developed jointly and offered highlights from the situation analysis that is intended to bring tourists to the region. The long-term goal is that the North East Sector

must encourage the development of high profile attractions or events that are unique, compelling, and consistent with a focused vision to be successful.

Mayor Drew thanked Linda for the excellent summary of the program. Mayor Drew stated that the challenge in the North East Sector is creating an identity. The Village of Belcarra has very little commercial activity and Council will have to justify spending costs to the taxpayers where there is no commercial benefit. Ken Willoughby highlighted the point that the benefits to Belcarra residents are that they will share in all amenities and resources that are available in other communities and having those communities to grow and thrive economically will give Belcarra residents access to more amenities, programs and services, possibly by increasing property values. The Tourism Task Force has recommended that each funding organization, city, or village automatically have a seat on the tourism board.

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4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was; Moved by: Councillor Drake
Seconded by: Councillor Glover

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held Monday, September 16, 2002 be **ADOPTED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AS ADOPTED MINUTES

6. BUSINESS POSTPONED OR TABLED AT OR NOT DEALT WITH AT A PREVIOUS MEETING

**BC Ambulance Service
Resolution for Support**

6.1 TABLED from September 16, 2002

The Fire Chief presented a report dated September 18, 2002 to provide background and comment to Council regarding a letter dated September 5, 2002 from *Ambulance Paramedics of BC CUPE Local 873*. The Fire Chief stated that he discussed the proposed resolution by the BC Ambulance Service with the Chair of the BC Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Owens stated that the Fire Chiefs Association is concerned with the wording of the proposed resolution, as some communities optimize their fire department forces to provide medical care to the residents. Other communities have no desire to do that and look to the BC Ambulance Service to provide that service. Chief Owens was concerned that support of the resolution may change a choice of service for some small communities.

BC Ambulance Service

Councillor Ross stated that the Village and the Province would always depend on the ambulance service and that this is an extension of the Health Care Service and provides some degree of consistency across the province. Councillor Drake stated that it is in the Village's best interest to maintain the service.

Moved by: Councillor Drake
Seconded by: Councillor Ross

WHEREAS: The BC Ambulance Service provides all British Columbians with province-wide emergency medical care no matter where they live;

WHEREAS: The BC Ambulance Service responds to more than 400,000 emergency calls per year;

WHEREAS: The BC Ambulance Service provides an essential medical service to all BC communities, answering an emergency call almost every two minutes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Council support a review of the cost effectiveness of the BC Ambulance Service in comparison with best practices in other jurisdictions with the clear objective of maintaining a province-wide integrated BC Ambulance Service that is adequately funded and that provides the best possible training for emergency paramedics.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Administrator was instructed to write a letter of to the BC Ambulance Service with an invitation to attend Council.

Office & Professional Employees' International Union, Local 378**6.2 TABLED from September 16, 2002**

Mayor Drew stated that following the presentation from the Office and Professional Employers Union International Union at the September 16th meeting the proposed resolution was tabled to allow Council additional time to consider the presentation on the preservation of universal auto insurance in BC.

Councillor Glover asked if this resolution is in the best interest of the community, and should the municipality be taking a position on this type of issue and therefore speaking for its residents. Does the community benefit from a free market enterprise on this type of initiative. Mayor Drew stated that Council is elected by the community to use their best judgment to comment or support these types of initiatives.

Moved by: Councillor Drake
 Seconded by: Councillor Carlsen

WHEREAS: The Insurance Corporation was founded in 1973 as a direct result of the Wooten Royal Commission that investigated the practices of private insurance companies, and;

WHEREAS: The Insurance Corporation is mandated to provide fair rating which minimizes discrimination on the basis of age, gender, marital status nor postal code, and;

WHEREAS: Statistics show that over 99% of all motorists carry valid insurance in BC, unlike other jurisdictions where the incidence of uninsured motorists are as high as 30%, and;

WHEREAS: The Insurance Corporation due to its scale is motivated by selfish interests to contribute \$60 million per year on road safety initiatives which is 30 times more than all private insurance carriers combined in the province of Ontario, and;

WHEREAS: Safer roads make our communities better places to live, and

WHEREAS: ICBC has improved standards and consistency of repair and services, and

WHEREAS: The Insurance Corporation provides over 6,000 direct jobs and many more in supporting business including, independent brokers, autobody shops, glass shops and others;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT City Council call upon our local MLA, the Minister responsible for I.C.B.C. and the Premier of the Province of British Columbia to preserve the benefits of universal public auto insurance while ensuring public accountability.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. STAFF REPORTS/DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

Paving Contract – Marine Avenue

- 7.1** Council reviewed a report from Public Works dated September 26, 2002 to review the tenders received for the pavement overlay between 3396 Marine Avenue and 3750 Marine Avenue. The lowest bid received is \$48,432 plus a 10% contingency. Public Works stated that the residents of Marine Avenue have been very cooperative and patient with the roadwork.

**Awarding of Paving
Contract – Marine Avenue**

Moved by: Councillor Carlsen
Seconded by: Councillor Drake

THAT on the recommendation of the Municipal Engineer, Jack Cewe Ltd., being the lowest of three bids, be awarded the contract for the supply and placement of an asphalt overlay along Marine Avenue, as per the tender specifications noted in tender document 02.03B at a cost of Forty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two Dollars and forty-eight cents (\$48,432.48).

AND THAT on the recommendation of the Municipal Engineer, a 10% contingency of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Three Dollars (\$4,843.00) be added to account for unforeseen items such as excessive fill areas, or drainage and driveway tie-ins.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Tree Cutting Application
5170 Coombe Lane**

- 7.2 Public Works verbally reported on a tree cutting application for the undeveloped lot at 5170 Coombe Lane. It is proposed that approximately 60 alders would be removed; the larger cedars and hemlocks will be assessed to ensure they are not a hazard to the new house. This particular lot is on a flat slope and has existing drainage on 2 sides. Removal of the alder trees and preparation for construction would not create erosion or a landslide.

Moved by: Councillor Carlsen
Seconded by: Councillor Drake

THAT subject to noted terms and conditions, the attached Tree Cutting Permit #10093002 be granted for the selective removal of trees located within the property boundaries at 5170 Coombe Lane.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Carlsen

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

- (i) Councillor Carlsen reported that the Public Works Labourer painted the compactors at a cost of approximately \$1,200.00, including the purchase of a pressure washer for the Village. This was a significant saving over earlier contractor's estimates that were as high as \$2,000 per compactor.

Councillor Ross	8.2	Planning & Special Projects
	(i)	Councillor Ross reported on the Eagle Ridge Evening of Caring, which he attended on behalf of Belcarra. The evening was very enjoyable with a lot of donations; the salad bowl made by Don Hoskins and donated by the Village was very nice.
Councillor Drake	8.3	Protective Services
	(i)	Councillor Drake advised that the next Protective Services meeting is on Thursday October 3 rd .
Councillor Glover	8.4	Environmental Affairs
Mayor Drew	8.5	Finance Committee
Policing Costs Being “Transferred” to Small Communities	9.	<p><u>MAYOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>9.1 Mayor Drew discussed the recently released report from the Ministry of the Solicitor General entitled “<i>Restructuring Police Financing in Municipalities under 5,000 Population and Unincorporated Areas</i>”. Mayor Drew stated that Option 1 is based on assessments and has the potential, resulting in a levy on the order of 30% or more of the municipal budget, which could be \$180,000 per year and Option 2, is estimated to be approximately 20% of the municipal budget or approximately \$120,000 per year.</p> <p>The Administrator attended the Small Communities Policing Forum at UBCM, and there was a very high degree of anger across all sectors of small communities. Mayor Drew and the Administrator spoke to MLA Christy Clark at UBCM and she is arranging a follow up meeting to discuss the matter further. In addition, Mayor Drew, Councillor Heather Anderson and Administrator, Howard Carley of Anmore met with Solicitor General Coleman who stated that the change is going to happen and small communities will contribute to policing. Mayor Drew advised Minister Coleman that Belcarra was not happy with the two options on the table and indicated that Anmore and Belcarra were left out of the review process by UBCM.</p>

2002 Election Pay Rates	10.	<u>ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT</u>
Advance Voting Days 2002 Municipal Election	10.1	Moved by: Councillor Drake Seconded by: Councillor Carlsen THAT the pay rates to be paid in the 2002 Municipal Election as outlined in the in the Administrators report dated September 27, 2002 be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Christmas Holiday Office Closure	10.2	The Administrator advised that advanced voting would be on Wednesday, November 6 th , and Tuesday, November 12 th . Nominations will be received in the Office from October 1 st to October 11 th at 4:00 p.m. The Nomination Notice was advertised in the Now newspaper on September 18 th will be in the October Barnacle and the notice has been placed at the mailboxes.
Council Regular Meeting Dates	10.3	Moved by: Councillor Ross Seconded by: Councillor Carlsen THAT the Village office close from Monday, December 23, 2002 and re-open on Thursday, January 2, 2003. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
North East Sector Mayors Meeting	10.4	The Administrator asked Council if they wished to keep the October 7 th . Mayor Drew suggested that they keep the dates as listed.
	10.5	The Administrator advised that there would be a North East Sector Mayors Meeting on October 18 th , which will include the MLA's. Mayor Drew has a conflicting meeting with the Attorney General and the Administrator asked if any of the Councillors would be available to attend the meeting. Councillor Drake stated that he may be available and would advise closer to the date.
	11.	<u>BYLAWS</u>
	12.	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> Moved by: Councillor Ross Seconded by: Councillor Carlsen THAT correspondence be RECEIVED as reviewed by Council and those requiring action be itemized below. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K.M. Burpee Fraser-Burrard Community Justice Society	12.1	<u>Letter dated September 19, 2002</u> asking Council to consider a grant of \$336 to support the Community Youth Justice Program in the fiscal year 2003. This request will be deferred to the operation budget discussions for 2003.
COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH	13.	PROCLAMATIONS 13.1 Moved by: Councillor Carlsen Seconded by: Councillor Glover THAT Belcarra Council PROCLAIMS the month of October 2002 as “COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH“ . CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
WASTE REDUCTION WEEK	14.	NEW BUSINESS 14.1 Councillor Glover advised that the Taste of the Tri-Cities would be held on October 9 th at the Pinetree Community Centre. 15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS 16. NOTICES OF MOTION 17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 18. TERMINATION OF REGULAR MEETING Moved by: Councillor Ross Seconded by: Councillor Glover THAT the Regular Meeting of Council TERMINATES at 10:15 p.m. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Taste of the Tri-Cities		

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Mayor Drew

**ADMINISTRATOR
M. McGregor**