



**VILLAGE OF BELCARRA  
INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE HALL  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008**



Minutes of the Inaugural Council Meeting of the Municipal Council for the Village of Belcarra, held Monday, December 1, 2008, at the Municipal Hall, 4084 Bedwell Bay Road, Belcarra BC.

Council in Attendance:

Mayor Ralph Drew  
Councillor Bruce Drake  
Councillor Jennifer Glover  
Councillor Colin Richardson  
Councillor Jamie Ross

Staff in Attendance:

Chief Administrative Officer, Lynda Floyd  
Superintendent Public Works/Building Inspector, Larry Scott  
Administrative Assistant, Erin Boyes

**1. OATHS OF OFFICE**

The Honourable Justice Susan Antifaeve administered the Oaths of Office to the Acclaimed Mayor and Council.

**2. INVOCATION**

Invocation Prayer was given by Pastor Kevin Hegseth of the Ioco United Church.

**3. INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

Mayor Drew provided a summary of the projects that Council and staff have been involved with noting:

I want to begin by congratulating Belcarra's re-elected Councillors and thanking them for their continued efforts over the past year. We are indeed fortunate to have such talented individuals who also demonstrate commitment to community service. As I proceed through my address, you will see the broad range of issues that demand the attention of Council and staff, and illustrate the obligation placed on our Councillors given they all have full-time jobs and other time demands.

In keeping with past practice, my annual address will be a series short status reports on subjects that have occupied Council's attention during 2008, and that reflect Council's focus for 2009.

**Potable Water Infrastructure Project**

In November 2005 the residents of Belcarra clearly indicated that they wanted Council to pursue infrastructure funding for a potable water distribution system. In 2006 Council undertook the Preferred Option Pre-Design Study for the submarine crossing of Indian Arm to the District of North Vancouver and followed-up in 2007 with the Environmental Assessment of the proposed submarine alignment.

In October 2006 the provincial government announced the Canada–British Columbia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF), and Council immediately made application for funding under this program. Thanks our MP, James Moore, and to our MLA, Iain Black, both of whom worked hard to lobby on Belcarra’s behalf, two-thirds (⅔) Federal–Provincial funding for our infrastructure project was announced in January 2008. (Note that I used the word “announced”.) In order to satisfy program requirements to obtain a “signed agreement” under the MRIF program, a number of administrative prerequisites have to be completed to obtain the actual infrastructure grant. In other words, Belcarra has to “jump through hoops” before doing the engineering design work, preparing tenders, and beginning the construction phase of the project. A tremendous amount has been accomplished since January, and in September I reported on the numerous items that have been undertaken thus far.

I am pleased to announce that the Servicing Agreement between the District of North Vancouver and the Village of Belcarra has now been ratified by both Councils, and the legal agreement that enables Belcarra to join the Greater Vancouver Water District will be ratified in the very near future. We are hopeful that the “signed agreement” from Western Economic Diversification Canada will be received early in the New Year which will enable us to proceed with engineering design and construction starting next summer.

### **Official Community Plan Review**

Last year Council was hopeful that work would commence on the Official Community Plan (OCP) review process. This project is still pending due to staff focus being diverted by the work associated with other priorities. Regardless, Council has not lost sight of the need to undertake a review of the OCP, and continues to identify this work as a priority albeit a priority second to work on the potable water infrastructure project. In the interim, however, there are now other issues that must be addressed prior to the OCP review.

### **Greenhouse Gas Challenge**

Local governments from across BC have joined with the Province and the Union of BC Municipalities, to find ways to tackle the challenges posed by Climate Change, pledging to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 33% below current levels by 2020. In July 2008 Belcarra Council “signed-on” to the BC Climate Action Charter and now has to focus its attention on the goals of the BC Climate Action Plan. This means that Belcarra will be joining with municipalities across the region and province to compile energy and emissions inventories for our municipality, implement strategies to reduce energy consumption, and thereby reduce Belcarra’s GHG emissions.

The provincial Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act provides local governments the tools and guidelines necessary to ensure a stronger focus on energy conservation and GHG reduction. Local governments will be required to include GHG-emission targets, policies and actions in their official community plans; therefore, this issue is now a prerequisite to Belcarra undertaking its OCP review.

### Energy and GHG-Emissions Inventory

This provincial initiative is being undertaken to provide energy- and GHG-inventory reports for all BC communities. This data collection, analysis and reporting system will provide local governments with inventory baselines, ongoing monitoring and periodic reports to help inform community decision-making and support provincial objectives. The first inventories are anticipated to represent energy-consumption and GHG emissions from community activities in land use, transportation, buildings and solid waste. Benchmarking current energy use and GHG emissions is the obvious first step, and these inventories will help municipalities plan and implement effective strategies for managing GHG emissions and energy use.

### Treaty Negotiations

Last year I reported that the Tsawwassen Treaty had been ratified by both the Tsawwassen First Nation and the British Columbia Legislature, and had been forwarded to Parliament in Ottawa for its approval. This year I can report that the Tsawwassen Treaty was ratified by Parliament on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, and will become effective on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. As a consequence, the Tsawwassen First Nation will become a member of the federation of local governments in the Metro Vancouver region — a historic milestone for British Columbia. As anticipated, this first treaty has resulted in increased activity at both the Katzie and Tsleil-Waututh negotiating tables, and there is potential for another treaty in the Metro Vancouver region within a couple of years.

### Other Initiatives

Although I have high-lighted a number of significant items, there also other initiatives below the public's "radar screen" that warrant mention:

- **Controlled Access To The Waste Facility** – For several years Council has not acted on its contingency plan for controlled access to the Belcarra's waste and recycle facility. Given the new disposal restrictions on banned materials, coupled with continued unauthorized use by persons from outside our community, Council feels that the time has come to implement gated access to the waste and recycle facility, and the necessary works will be undertaken in the very near future.
- **Municipal Truck & Tractor Replacement** – A replacement for Belcarra's 27-year-old tractor was purchased this past summer, and the tender to replace Belcarra's 10-year-old municipal truck is being bid upon as we speak. Both purchases are being funded from Belcarra's equipment replacement reserve.

- **Municipal Hall Renovation Planning** – Belcarra’s municipal hall was opened in 1985, and has served our community admirably. Several years ago the south end of the building was extended to provide for badly-needed storage space, and now it is time to examine the office needs at the north end of the building. Last year I indicated that Council intended to pursue a needs assessment and design plan during 2008. That project also has been “put on the back burner”, but remains an objective *albeit* a priority second to work on the potable water infrastructure project.

As is evident from the foregoing, Council and staff have been very busy, and the coming year will be very much the same. As always, I am confident that Council and its committees can meet the challenges and achieve their objectives.

#### **4. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

##### **4.1 Appointment of Municipal Director to Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) Board**

Moved by: Councillor Ross  
Seconded by: Councillor Glover

That Council endorse the following:

1. Mayor Ralph Drew be appointed as municipal director to the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) Board; Alternate – Cllr. Bruce Drake;
2. 1 vote be distributed to the appointed municipal director; and
3. Councillor Bruce Drake be appointed as alternate municipal director to the GVRD Board.

**CARRIED**

##### **4.2 Appointment of Council Representatives on Committees**

Moved by: Councillor Drake  
Seconded by: Councillor Ross

That Mayor Ralph Drew’s recommendation to appoint the following council representatives be endorsed:

1. Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee (LMTAC): Primary – Cllr. Colin Richardson, Alternate – Cllr. Jamie Ross;
2. Staff Representatives: Primary – Lynda Floyd, CAO; Alternate – Larry Scott, Superintendent of Public Works; and
3. SVFD Fire Trustees: Mayor Ralph Drew, Cllr. Jennifer Glover, Cllr. Bruce Drake.

**CARRIED**

**4.3 Deputy Mayor Appointments 2008/2009**

Moved by: Councillor Richardson  
Seconded by: Councillor Glover

That the Councillors be appointed as Deputy Mayors for 2008/2009 as follows:

December 2008 to February 2009 – Councillor Jennifer Glover  
March to May 2009 – Councillor Bruce Drake  
June to August 2009 – Councillor Colin Richardson  
September to November 2009 – Councillor Jamie Ross

**CARRIED**

**5. BYLAWS**

**5.1 Village of Belcarra Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 410, 2008**

Moved by: Councillor Richardson  
Seconded by: Councillor Drake

That the Village of Belcarra Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 410, 2008 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Village of Belcarra Highway Encroachment Marine/Senkler Area Bylaw No. 411, 2008**

Moved by: Councillor Glover  
Seconded by: Councillor Drake

THAT:

1. Council rescind third reading granted to The Village of Belcarra Highway Encroachment Marine/Senkler Area Bylaw No. 411, 2008 on November 17, 2008; and
2. The Village of Belcarra Highway Encroachment Marine/Senkler Area Bylaw No. 411, 2008, as amended, be read a third time.

**CARRIED**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Glover  
Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

That the December 1, 2008 Inaugural Council Meeting be terminated. (8:00 pm)

**CARRIED**

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**Mayor R. E. Drew**

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**L. Floyd Chief Administrative Officer**