



**VILLAGE OF BELCARRA
Tree Committee
Village Hall
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Minutes**



Minutes of the Tree Committee for the Village of Belcarra, held Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at the Municipal Hall, 4084 Bedwell Bay Road, Belcarra, BC

Members in Attendance

Begg, Mary – Vice Chair
Bramley, Les
Greig, Vicky

Members Absent

Chapman, Sandra – Chair
Struk, Deborah

Council in Attendance

Carolina Clark, Councillor

Staff in Attendance

Lorna Dysart, Chief Administrative Officer
Paula Richardson, Administrative Services Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mary Begg, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1 Agenda for March 20, 2019

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda for March 20, 2019 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of February 27, 2019

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes from the meeting held February 27, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Unfinished Business

No items presented.

5. New Business

Committee members discussion included:

- a) Riparian Areas Regulation 376 / 2004
 - Trees in the riparian zone
 - Riparian area is protected by the Department of Fisheries (DFO)

b) Environmental Protection and Management Regulation 200 / 2010

- The process for removal of dangerous trees
- Consideration of eliminating permit costs for removal of dangerous trees on residential property as an incentive
- The Village tree removal application
- The development of a fuel management program
- Recruiting resident volunteers to assist with fuel management clearing
- Village staff will contact Parks staff for any tree issues on Park property
- Fireguard Community programs which are set up in Rural BC communities
- Mapping the Village trails in a grid to identify the location in case of fire
- North Vancouver is working to manage fuel on Crown Land, 10 m around homes and 30 m into the surrounding forest to make a fire break around the community
- Reporting hazardous trees to the Village office where they will be assessed and removed if proven hazardous
- Residential view issues must go to Council for approval before tree removal
- Crossover items between the Tree Committee and the Water System Capacity for Fire Protection Committee
- The firm guidelines for regulations that are contrary to the BC Building Code
- Incentives for installing sprinklers in residences for fire safety (Delta Municipality) reduced house insurance costs
- Inviting an arborist to speak at a future Tree Committee meeting

c) Invasive Plants Regulation 18 / 2004

- The plants included on the Invasive Species list
- The prevalence of ivy and laurel in Belcarra
- Invasive species clippings may be disposed of in the organics bin at the Waste and Recycle Depot
- The OCP includes a section on tree trimming and invasive species

Resident Education

- Education for residents on the proper disposal of clippings and the possibility of fines for illegal disposal
- Development of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page for the website
- An article may be written for the Barnacle, posting at the bus stops and distributed by the resident email list to provide educational information for residents on FireSmart issues
- Links for FireSmart information on the website
- Enrol a volunteer in the FireSmart training program with a view to holding a workshop at a Town Hall meeting

The Superintendent of Public Works noted that the flail mower is used to control roadside brushing. He suggested that trimming ivy back, on trees, a meter in height and a meter around a tree. This action will cause the ivy to die and fall off above the cutting line on its own. B. Serné noted that Public Works would work with volunteers to remove large amounts of cleared material.

L. Dysart noted that a Fuel Management Grant application was submitted unsuccessfully due to an information requirement from a qualified forester. This work will take place to submit an application for the next grant opportunity. Metro Parks staff will be contacted to obtain information on their dangerous tree policy.

6. Next Steps

Next meeting date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019

7. Adjournment

The Vice Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Certified Correct:



Lorna Dysart
Chief Administrative Officer



Sandra Chapman
Chair