

## VILLAGE OF BELCARRA REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA VILLAGE HALL January 8, 2018 7:30 PM



#### COUNCIL

Mayor Ralph Drew Councillor Bruce Drake Councillor Jennifer Glover Councillor Perry Muxworthy Councillor Jamie Ross

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Drake will call the meeting to order.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

### 2.1 Regular Council Meeting, January 8, 2018

#### Recommendation:

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting January 8, 2018 be approved as circulated.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 3.1 Regular Council Meeting, December 11, 2017

#### Recommendation:

That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held December 11, 2017 be adopted.

#### 4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1 <u>Walt Bayless, Project Director and Fofo DK. Fan, Project Engineer, Opus International Consultants (Canada) Ltd.</u> to make a presentation regarding the Belcarra Drainage Study

#### 5. REPORTS

**5.1** Bernie Serné, AScT, Superintendent of Public Works, report dated January 8, 2018 regarding Trail Crosswalk Review

#### Recommendation:

That the Pedestrian Crosswalk Review Sketches dated January 8, 2018 be received for information purposes; and

That Staff continue to monitor crosswalk usage and Pedestrian and Bike activity.

- 6. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND PROJECT LEADS
- 6.1 Mayor's Report 2017 Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Call-Out Statistics
- 6.2 Mayor's Report 2018 Property Assessments
- 6.3 Mayor's Report The Future of Traffic on Port Moody's North Shore
- 7. BYLAWS
- 7.1 Village of Belcarra Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 513, 2017 Recommendation:

That the Village of Belcarra Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 513, 2017 be adopted.

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE/PROCLAMATIONS

#### Recommendation:

That correspondence item 8.1 to 8.4 be received.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.1 <u>Chris Nicolls, Secretary Treasurer / CFO, School District No. 43 (Coquitlam),</u> dated November 17, 2017 regarding Fire Protection Services for Eagle Mountain Middle School
- **8.2** Letters to Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy regarding Prevention of Quagga and Zebra Mussels
  - a) Ron Hovanes, Mayor, Town of Oliver, dated December 13, 2017
  - b) Mike Richman, Mayor, Village of Pemberton, dated December 15, 2017
  - c) Janice Brown, Mayor, Township of Spallumcheen, dated December 19, 2017
  - d) Marc Lefebvre, Mayor, City of Parksville, dated December 19, 2017
  - e) Dale Bumstead, Mayor, City of Dawson Creek, dated December 19, 2017
- **8.3** <u>Doug Findlater, Mayor, City of West Kelowna</u>, dated December 13, 2017 regarding Request for Local Governments to Share in Cannabis Tax Revenue
- 8.4 <u>Danyta Welch, Policy & Programs Officer, Local Government Program Services,</u> dated December 18, 2017 regarding 2016 Asset Management Planning Program (Roads Asset Management Report)
- 9. **NEW BUSINESS**
- 10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD
- 11. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING
- 12. ADJOURNMENT

#### Recommendation:

That the January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting be adjourned.



## VILLAGE OF BELCARRA REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES VILLAGE HALL December 11, 2017



Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for the Village of Belcarra held December 11, 2017 at the Municipal Hall, 4084 Bedwell Bay Road, Belcarra, BC.

#### **Council in Attendance**

Mayor Ralph Drew (via Skype) Deputy Mayor Bruce Drake Councillor Jennifer Glover Councillor Jamie Ross

#### **Council Absent**

Councillor Perry Muxworthy

#### Staff in Attendance

Lorna Dysart, Chief Administrative Officer Bernie Serné, Superintendent of Public Works Paula Richardson, Administrative Services Assistant

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Drake called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

#### 2.1 Regular Council Meeting, December 11, 2017

Moved by: Councillor Glover Seconded by: Councillor Ross

That the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, December 11, 2017 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED** 

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

## 3.1 Special Council Meeting, November 16, 2017

Moved by: Mayor Drew Seconded by: Councillor Glover

That the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held November 16, 2017 be adopted.

## 3.2 Regular Council Meeting, November 20, 2017

Moved by: Councillor Glover Seconded by: Councillor Ross

That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held November 20, 2017 be adopted.

**CARRIED** 

#### 4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

No Items

#### 5. REPORTS

5.1 Nancy Gomerich, NG Consulting, report dated December 11, 2017 regarding
TransLink Major Road Network and Bike (MRNB) Grant Request – for Road Guard
Rails on Bedwell Bay MRN Road

Lorna Dysart outlined the grant request. Council asked pertinent questions with regard to the importance of guard rails as a safety measure in the Village.

Moved by: Councillor Glover Seconded by: Councillor Ross

That road guard rails be installed at various locations along Bedwell Bay road, to be phased over a three year period, subject to annual budgeting considerations, as follows:

		Cumulative				
Location	Length		Cost Cost		Year	
3931 Bedwell	24	\$	9,000	\$	9,000	2018
X3186 Bedwell	52	\$	19,500	\$	28,500	2018
X4084 Bedwell	20	\$	7,500	\$	36,000	2018
3905 Bedwell	20	\$	7,500	\$	43,500	2018
4005 Bedwell	44	\$	16,500	\$	60,000	2019
3375 Bedwell	64	\$	24,000	\$	84,000	2019
3789 Bedwell	20	\$	7,500	\$	91,500	2019
3981 Bedwell	44	\$	16,500	\$	108,000	2019
3875 Bedwell	20	\$	7,500	\$	115,500	2020
3945 Bedwell	32	\$	12,000	\$	127,500	2020

<sup>&</sup>quot;X" denotes guard rail across from stated address.

And That staff apply for a TransLink Major Road Network and Bike Grant to fund 50% of the costs, being \$63,750.

**CARRIED** 

# 5.2 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 513, 2017

<u>Lorna Dysart, Chief Administrative Officer</u>, verbal report regarding the Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 513, 2017.

Moved by: Councillor Glover Seconded by: Councillor Ross

That the Village of Belcarra Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 513, 2017 be read a first, second and third time.

# 5.3 <u>Bernie Serné, AScT, Superintendent of Public Works</u>, report dated December 11, 2017 regarding Belcarra Trail Safety Review

B. Serné outlined the Trail Safety Review. Discussion ensued.

Moved by: Councillor Glover Seconded by: Councillor Ross

That Council receive the Belcarra Trail Safety Review dated November 10, 2017 from Urban Systems for information purposes; and

That staff follow up and complete the mitigation of issues outlined within the established timeline; and

That staff install appropriate warning signage at all Watson and Tatlow Trail driveway crossings; and

That staff report back to Council on the Bedwell Bay crosswalk locations at Kelly Road and Tatlow Trail, with sketches and measurements.

**CARRIED** 

#### 6. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND PROJECT LEADS

### 6.1 Mayor's Report

Responding to the Increasing Number of Regional Park Visitors

#### 7. BYLAWS

## 7.1 Village of Belcarra 5-Year Financial Plan 2018 - 2022 Bylaw No. 512, 2017

Moved by: Councillor Glover Seconded by: Councillor Ross

That the "Village of Belcarra 5–Year Financial Plan 2018 – 2022, Bylaw No. 512, 2017" be adopted.

**CARRIED** 

# 7.2 Village of Belcarra Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 463, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 511, 2017

Moved by: Councillor Glover Seconded by: Councillor Ross

That the "Village of Belcarra Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 463, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 511, 2017" be adopted.

CARRIED

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE/PROCLAMATIONS

Moved by: Councillor Ross Seconded by: Councillor Glover

That correspondence item 8.1 – 8.4 be received.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.1 <u>Ivanno Cecchini, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Facilities & Planning Services, School District 43 (Coquitlam)</u>, dated November 6, 2017 regarding Fire Protection for Eagle Mountain Middle School

Mayor Drew provided background on fire protection services at Eagle Mountain Middle School. Discussion ensued.

Moved by: Councillor Glover Seconded by: Councillor Ross

That staff contact Ivanno Cecchini, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Facilities & Planning Services, School District 43 (Coquitlam), regarding the letter received dated November 6, 2017 regarding Fire Protection for Eagle Mountain Middle School; and That it be noted that the Municipalities of Anmore and Belcarra are funding sources directly involved with the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department; and That School District 43 be advised that any correspondence regarding Fire Protection

with Metro Vancouver should include both municipalities; and

That Mayor Drew contact Metro Vancouver with regard to Fire Protection Services for Eagle Mountain Middle School; and

That a response be brought back to Council.

CARRIED

- **8.2** Wendy Booth, UBCM President, Union of BC Municipalities, dated November 21, 2017 regarding Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment
- 8.3 <u>Terry Rysz, Mayor, District of Sicamous</u>, dated November 29, 2017 regarding a letter to Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, regarding Prevention of Quagga and Zebra Mussels
- 8.4 Karin England, Planner, Regional Parks, Central Area Office, Parks, Planning and Environment, Metro Vancouver, dated November 30, 2017 regarding Belcarra South Picnic Area: Update

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

No item

#### 10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Jim Chisholm, 4505 Belcarra Bay Road, queried with regard to:

- The role of the Chair of Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Trustees.
- The cost to date for: the Road Asset Management Report and the Drainage Study.

#### 11. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

No item

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Moved by: Councillor Ross Seconded by: Councillor Glover

That the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Certified Correct:	
Bruce Drake	Lorna Dysart
Deputy Mayor	Chief Administrative Officer



From:



File No. 5400-08

Date: January 8, 2018

Bernie Serné, AScT, Superintendent of Public Works

Subject: Trail Crosswalk Review

#### Recommendation

That the Pedestrian Crosswalk Review Sketches dated January 8, 2018 be received for information purposes; and

That Staff continue to monitor crosswalk usage and Pedestrian and Bike activity.

#### **Background**

Urban Systems was contracted to conduct a Trail Safety Review on the repair on Tatlow Trail and the new Watson Trail in October 2017. Urban Systems prepared a review with proposed mitigation measures to further enhance safety on the trails. One suggestion was to continue to monitor Tatlow Trail crosswalk usage related to pedestrian safety.

At the December 11, 2017 Council Meeting, the Urban Systems Trail Safety Review was submitted for information purposes. Staff were directed to report back to Council on the Bedwell Bay crosswalk locations and provide sketches indicating potential for additional advance warning signage.

#### Conclusion

The four Pedestrian Road Crossings on Bedwell Bay Road were field reviewed, measured and photographed. The information for Kelly Road and Tatlow Trail was run through the warrants from the Ministry Of Transportation and Highways (MOTH); the Pedestrian Manual Crossing Control Manual and the BC Highway Engineering Design Manual. (See i and ii below) The findings, due to low volumes of traffic and pedestrian usage, were that the existing Pedestrian Crossing signage is sufficient and further signage unwarranted. Some latitude is afforded to these results for the summer peak season increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

The Kelly Road north bound crossing came close to the warrants because of the downgrade of the road and curve preceding the Crosswalk. Presently there is a north bound advance warning sign prior to that crosswalk.

The Tatlow Trail north bound crosswalk location has similar conditions the Kelly Road pedestrian crosswalk but with adequate sightlines. Suggestions for enhanced improvements could be the installation of:

- a) no parking signs near the crosswalk to increase pedestrian and vehicle visibility
- b) reflective strips on the sign posts to enhance sign visibility
- c) signage on the trail to advise Pedestrians and Bikes of the approaching crosswalk
- d) a pedestrian crosswalk ahead sign on Bedwell Bay Road to advise Vehicles of the upcoming crosswalk

- i. "Pedestrian control issues are often emotionally charged, there can be a tendency to assume that using more traffic control devices will resolve Pedestrian safety problems. However, experience has shown that the overuse of devices may reduce their effectiveness..."
  - MOTH, Pedestrian Crossing Control Manual for British Columbia, April 1996, page VII, item 1.1
- ii. "Stopping should be prohibited for a minimum of 30 M on the approaches to the crosswalk and for 15 m following..."
  - MOTH, Pedestrian Crossing Control Manual for British Columbia, April 1996, page 2-3, item

#### Attachments:

- 1. Pedestrian Crossing, Kelly Road Safety Review Sketch
- 2. Pedestrian Crossing, Tatlow Trail Safety Review Sketch

Kelly Road Pedestrian Crosswalk









Stop Sight Distance = 80M N/B





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**Tatlow Trail Pedestrian Crosswalk** 





Stop Sight Distance = 115 M W/B, Advance Warning 90M



Stop Sight Distance = 110 M E/B, Advance Warning 90M





# ILLAGE OF BELCARRA

"Between Forest and Sea"





# **MAYOR'S REPORT** 2017 SVFD CALL-OUT STATISTICS

The **SVFD** call-outs during 2017 were typical in distribution, and slightly higher than the average of 95 call-outs per year over the past five years (see graph):

Total Call-Outs amounted to 100 during 2017, distributed as follows:

Anmore Village 64 (64%) Belcarra Village 29 (29%) Park, Lakes, Road 7 (7%)

Fire Calls (FIRE) accounted for 38 call-outs (38%):

Anmore Village 24 (24%) Belcarra Village 6 (6%) Park, Lakes, Road 1 (1%)

**Medical Emergencies** (MESA) accounted for **49** call-outs **(49%)**:

Anmore Village 35 (35%) Belcarra Village 19 (19%) Park, Lakes, Road 4 (4%)

Motor Vehicle Incidents (MVI) accounted for 5 call-outs (5%):

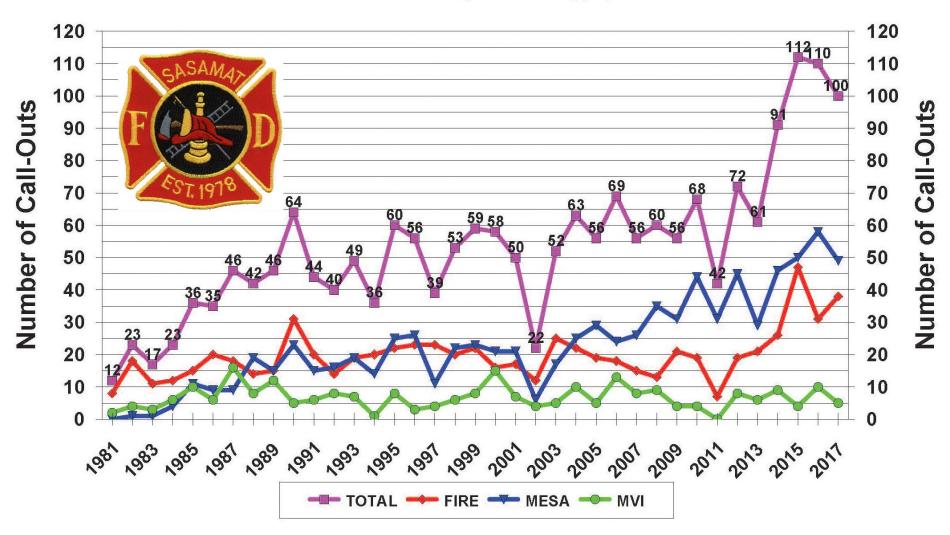
Anmore Village 7 (7%) Belcarra Village 2 (2%) Park, Lakes, Road 1 (1%)

Other (Misc.) accounted for 8 call-outs (8%):

Anmore Village 5 (5%) 3 (3%) Belcarra Village

> **RALPH DREW MAYOR**

# Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Call-Outs By Year & Type



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# MAYOR'S REPORT 2018 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we received our 2018 property assessment notices from the <u>BC Assessment Authority</u> (BCA), and it is interesting to examine the statistics. Overall, the total assessment base in Belcarra increased by +10.8%, of which +10.2% was due to market movement.

Within School District 43 residential market movements were: Anmore (13.2%), Belcarra (10.2%), Coquitlam (9.8%), Port Coquitlam (11.4%), and Port Moody (8.9%).

The overall assessment roll for School District No.43 increased by +13.3% for 2018. A look at the increase in total assessed values for the municipalities comprising School District No.43 shows that Belcarra's assessments compare as follows:

	TOTAL ASSESSED VALUES				
MUNICIPALITY	2017	2018	INCREASE		
Coquitlam	\$ 50,188,584,966	\$ 57,256,399,602	14.08%		
Port Coquitlam	\$ 17,236,709,626	\$ 19,464,269,359	12.92%		
Port Moody	\$ 12,183,438,633	\$ 13,449,649,933	10.39%		
Anmore	\$ 1,425,329,300	\$ 1,642,669,200	15.25%		
Belcarra	\$ 600,630,300	\$ 665,300,200	10.77%		
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$ 81,634,692,825	\$ 92,478,288,294	13.28%		

RALPH DREW MAYOR Subject: Attachments: FW: The Future of Traffic on Port Moody's North Shore

The Future of Traffic on Port Moody's North Shore (September 2017).docx

From: Ralph Drew

Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2017 1:15 PM

Subject: The Future of Traffic on Port Moody's North Shore

#### Council,

I am following-up on the Mayor's Report that I spoke to at the July 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting regarding: "The Future of Traffic on Port Moody's North Shore".

I believe that the City of Port Moody has selected a consultant who will now proceed to assess five alternate routes for a new traffic thoroughfare across Port Moody's North Shore, including the extension of David Avenue.

As previously stated, I believe it important that the Village of Belcarra provide Port Moody its views on this subject.

Accordingly, I have converted my Mayor's Report into a set of discussion points (attached) which Council should review with the objective of preparing a letter to be sent to Port Moody Council in the near term.

Thanks,

#### Ralph

Ralph Drew, Mayor Village of Belcarra 4084 Bedwell Bay Road

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#### **Discussion Points:**

# The Future of Traffic Flow on Port Moody's North Shore

In June 2017, Port Moody Council approved a study to assess five alternate routes for a new traffic thoroughfare across Port Moody's North Shore, including the extension of David Avenue which has been part of the area's Official Community Plan for the past 30 years. Given the ever-increasing traffic volume along loco Road, the outcome of this study has important implications for all residents living on the North Shore, including the residents of Anmore and Belcarra. Belcarra Council commends Port Moody for doing due diligence by studying traffic flow alternatives, and would like to constructively contribute to the process by providing Belcarra's perspective regarding the future pattern of traffic flow across the North Shore.

In studying the alternatives, it is important to recognise that there are other factors to consider in addition to the future residential development of the 250-acre 'loco Lands' in Anmore and Port Moody. The increasing number of recreational visitors to 'Belcarra Regional Park' and 'Buntzen Recreation Area' is a huge driver of traffic growth on Port Moody's North Shore. The population of Metro Vancouver has increased by one million people over the past 20 years and is predicted to grow by another one million people over the next 20 years. The regionally significant 'Belcarra Regional Park' is considered the 'Stanley Park' of the Northeast Sector, and the number of park visitors will continue to increase in proportion to the region's population growth.

Another consideration is the future use of the regionally important industrial lands on Port Moody's North Shore. The former refinery site owned by Imperial Oil Company, currently used as a 'Tank Farm' and distribution facility, will likely have a "higher activity" industrial use in the future. With both a rail connection and deep-water vessel access on Burrard Inlet, it's current use is unlikely to remain static. Industrial sites around Metro Vancouver are limited in supply and critical to the economic health of the region. As a consequence, the future potential use of the former oil refinery lands must contemplate the possibility of increased heavy vehicle traffic to and from the site. A similar change regarding the future use of the Provincially-owned 'Burrard Thermal Plant' site should be considered. It too has rail access, deep-water vessel access, a 12-inch high-pressure natural gas line, and high-voltage electrical grid connectivity.

With the foregoing in mind, the following perspectives are considered key to the development of a new traffic flow pattern across Port Moody's North Shore:

- loco Road is already an over-utilized traffic corridor that was never designed to accommodate the anticipated volume of future traffic on Port Moody's North Shore. The future of loco Road should be reserved for local residential traffic and local transit access.
- Access to the 'Village of Belcarra', 'Belcarra Regional Park' and the North Shore industrial lands should be accommodated by a new "upper level" access corridor across the North Shore that can also accommodate the local residential and 'Buntzen Recreation Area' traffic from the Anmore valley.
- Belcarra Council believes that the extension of David Avenue, as contemplated within Port Moody's Official Community Plan for the past 30 years, is the logical alternative to address the future traffic flow demands on Port Moody's North Shore.



# VILLAGE OF BELCARRA

# Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 513, 2017



A Bylaw to provide for borrowing of money as may be requisite to meet the current lawful expenditures for the Village of Belcarra for the year 2018

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Belcarra, hereinafter called the "Village", is empowered by section 177 of the Community Charter to provide, by bylaw, for the borrowing of such sums of money as may be requisite to meet the 2018 lawful expenditures of the Village, such borrowing not to exceed at any time the aggregate sum of:

 a) The entire amount remaining unpaid of the taxes for all purposes during the year 2018;

AND WHEREAS prior to the adoption of the annual rates bylaw in any year, the taxes in the current year shall be deemed to be seventy-five per cent (75%) of all taxes levied for all purposes in the preceding year;

AND WHEREAS the aggregate sum that the Village may presently borrow calculated in accordance with the foregoing is: \$1,330,000.

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Village of Belcarra, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1. This bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as the "Village of Belcarra Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 513, 2017".
- 2. The Village of Belcarra is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow upon the credit of the Village from the TD Canada Trust or Municipal Finance Authority, the sum of one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,330,000.00) in such amounts and at such times as the same may be required and to pay interest thereon.
- 3. The form of obligation to be given as an acknowledgement of the liability shall be a promissory note or notes bearing the corporate seal and signed by the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer of the Village.
- All unpaid taxes and the taxes of the current year when levied or so much thereof
  may be necessary shall, when collected, be used to repay the money so
  borrowed.
- 5. If a portion of this bylaw is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of this bylaw is deemed to have been adopted without the severed section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or phrases.

Read a First Time on December 11, 2017	
Read a Second Time on December 11, 2017	
Read a Third Time on December 11, 2017	
ADOPTED by the Council	
Bruce Drake	Lorna Dysart

Chief Administrative Officer

Village of Belcarra Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 513, 2017

This is a certified a true copy of Village of Belcarra Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 513, 2017

Chief Administrative Officer

**Deputy Mayor** 



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FILE NO. 0460-01

November 17, 2017

Mr. Darrell Penner, Chair Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Board of Trustees Metro Vancouver Regional District 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4G8

Dear Mr. Penner,

Re: Fire Protection Services for Eagle Mountain Middle School (the "School")

Thank you for your letter to The Board of Education of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) (the "School Board") dated September 13, 2017.

The Fire Protection and Emergency Response Agreement between the School Board and the City of Port Moody will expire on November 30, 2017 and will not be renewed.

Accordingly, we confirm that as of December 1, 2017, the School Board will be relying primarily on the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department (the "SVFD") for fire and rescue services for the School, subject to the SVFD's response capabilities and available resources.

Yours truly,

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)** 

Chris Nicolls

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

cc: Patricia Gartland, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Michael Thomas, Vice-Chair, Board of Education
Ivano Cecchini, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Facilities & Planning Services



Office of the Mayor

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December 13, 2017

Honourable George Heyman Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy PO Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt Rm 112, Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8W9E2

Dear Honourable Heyman,

Re: Prevention of Quagga and Zebra Mussels

On behalf of the Town of Oliver we write to express our concern about the threat of Quagga and Zebra mussels. Sicamous submitted a resolution at UBCM that was endorsed requesting more funding from the Provincial Government to increase awareness and Education for the threat of Quagga and Zebra mussels into BC Lakes.

The effects to ALL BC Lakes would be devastating:

- Zebra and quagga mussels filter water to the point where food sources such as
  plankton are removed, altering food webs. This also causes clearer water,
  allowing sunlight to penetrate deeper, increasing growth of aquatic vegetation.
  One mussel can produce one million mussels per year.
- Impact fish and wildlife by increasing toxic algal blooms.
- Large colonies affect spawning areas, impacting the survival of fish eggs.
- Affects recreational activities by cutting swimmers feet as a result of their sharp shell
- Non-reversible once infested with mussels, all BC Lakes will be contaminated and there is currently no solution to destroy them.
- Cost to British Columbia will be Billions, to government, taxpayers and businesses if mussels manage to get into our eco-system
- Eco-system compromised, water intakes plugged, fish destroyed, beaches destroyed
- No long-term research provided on drinking water quality
- Negative tourism impact

#### Solutions:

- Guard the boarders cost British Columbia Millions to guard the boarders 24/7 365 days per year to prevent infestation or Boat border crossing hours, that work.
- Train border patrols this is a serious issue, they must collect the correct information from boaters (of all kinds such as zodiacs, blow up paddle boards)
- More conservation officers, with more authority
- This is no longer a campaign, it should now be a department of the government with funding to continue prevention
- This is no longer a provincial problem, it is a federal problem, lakes that are contaminated in Canada should not be allowed to let boats leave without

inspection to prevent contaminating other lakes.

- Transport Canada should now prevent float planes from hoping provinces and states
- Education Major Media campaign announcing BC's commitment to keep our waters pristine. TV, Billboards, News paper, social media
- All Municipalities and Regional Districts should run a banner on their website home pages "British Columbia is Committed to keeping their lakes Quagga and Zebra Mussel free. Please respect our Lakes and boarder crossing patrols, STOP at the boat inspection stations". This should have a link to a website explaining the seriousness of this issue, and explain fines for breaking the law by transporting invasive species.
- All British Columbia tourism sites should also announce and run the banner on their sites. Tourism will stay healthy if BC lakes stays healthy.
- Boaters registration, should include education
- Immediate allocations of funds dedicated to research, to enable BC biologists to work on a solution with Manitoba & US studies research groups. Let's work on removing them, together.
- Collaborate with infested US bordering Lakes on research and prevention of cross contamination.
- Collaborate with Alberta and Saskatchewan to stay mussel free

#### Funding:

BC government will find the funds (billions) if we lose the battle against mussels, as we'll need to manage the problem. This is how can we help fund the prevention now (millions):

- Out of province user pay at all BC boat ramps
- Lake passes for BC boaters
- All fines are allocated back to the program
- Boat registration increase some funding back to project

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Regards

Ron Hovanes,

Mayor

Cc: Mark Zarcharias, Deputy Minister (via email: <a href="mailto:DM.ENV@gov.bc.ca">DM.ENV@gov.bc.ca</a>)
Wendy Booth, UBCM President (via email: <a href="mailto:wndbooth@gmail.com">wndbooth@gmail.com</a>)
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December 15, 2017

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Honourable George Heyman Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy PO Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt Rm 112, Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8W9E2

VIA EMAIL: ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Re: Prevention of Quagga and Zebra Mussels

Dear Honourable Heyman,

On behalf of the Village of Pemberton, we write to express our concern about the threat of Quagga and Zebra mussels. We understand that the District of Sicamous submitted a resolution at UBCM that was endorsed in which more funding from the Provincial Government was requested to increase awareness and education for the threat of Quagga and Zebra mussels into BC Lakes.

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- Train border patrols this is a serious issue, they must collect the correct information from boaters (of all kinds such as zodiacs, blow up paddle boards)
- More conservation officers, with more authority
- This is no longer a campaign, it should now be a department of the government with funding to continue prevention
- This is no longer a provincial problem, it is a federal problem, lakes that are contaminated in Canada should not be allowed to let boats leave without inspection to prevent contaminating other lakes.
- Transport Canada should now prevent float planes from hoping provinces and states
- Education Major Media campaign announcing BC's commitment to keep our waters pristine. TV, Billboards, News paper, social media
- All Municipalities and Regional Districts should run a banner on their website home pages — "British Columbia is Committed to keeping their lakes Quagga and Zebra Mussel free. Please respect our Lakes and boarder crossing patrols, STOP at the boat inspection stations". This should have a link to a website explaining the seriousness of this issue, and explain fines for breaking the law by transporting invasive species.
- All British Columbia tourism sites should also announce and run the banner on their sites. Tourism will stay healthy if BC lakes stays healthy.
- Boaters registration, should include education
- Immediate allocations of funds dedicated to research, to enable BC biologists to work on a solution with Manitoba & US studies research groups. Let's work on removing them, together.
- Collaborate with infested US bordering Lakes on research and prevention of cross contamination.
- Collaborate with Alberta and Saskatchewan to stay mussel free

#### Funding:

BC government will find the funds (billions) if we lose the battle against mussels, as we'll need to manage the problem. This is how we can help fund the prevention now (millions):

- Out of province user pay at all BC boat ramps
- Lake passes for BC boaters
- All fines are allocated back to the program
- Boat registration increase some funding back to project

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Yours Truly,

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON** 

Mike Richman Mayor

Cc: Mark Zarcharias, Deputy Minister (via email: DM.ENV@gov.bc.ca) Wendy Booth, UBCM President (via email: wndbooth@gmail.com)

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file NO. 450-01

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Honorable George Heyman Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy PO Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt Rm 112, Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Re: Prevention of Quagga and Zebra Mussels

Dear Minister Heyman,

On behalf of the Township of Spallumcheen, I would like to express my concern about the threat of Quagga and Zebra mussels. In September of 2017 Sicamous submitted a resolution at UBCM that was endorsed requesting more funding from the Provincial Government to increase awareness and education regarding the treat of Quagga and Zebra mussels in BC lakes.

The effects to all BC lakes would be devastating:

- Zebra and Quagga mussels filter water to the point where food sources such as plankton are removed, altering food webs. This also causes clearer water, allowing sunlight to penetrate deeper, increasing growth of aquatic vegetation. Once mussel can produce one million mussels per year.
- Impact on fish and wildlife by increasing toxic algal blooms.
- Large colonies affect spawning areas, impacting the survival of fish eggs.
- Affects recreational activities by cutting swimmers feet as a result of their sharp shell.
- Non-reversible once infested with mussels, all BC lakes will be contaminated and there
  is currently no solution to destroy the mussels.
- Cost to BC government, taxpayers, and businesses will be billions if mussels get into our ecosystem.
- Ecosystem compromised, water intakes plugged, fish destroyed, beaches destroyed.
- No long-term research provided on drinking water quality.
- Negative impact to tourism.

#### Solutions:

- Guard the borders cost BC millions to guard the borders 24/7, 365 days per year to prevent infestation or boat border crossing hours.
- Proper training of our border patrol members this is a serious issue, they must collect
  the correct information from boaters (of all kinds such as zodiacs, blow up paddle
  boards, etc.).
- More conservation officers, with more authority.

- More docks.
- This is no longer a campaign, it should now be a department of the government with funding to continue prevention.
- This is no longer a provincial problem, it is a federal problem, lakes that are contaminated in Canada should not be allowed to let boats leave without inspection to prevent contaminating other lakes.
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- Education major media campaign announcing BC's commitment to keeping our waters pristine (TV, billboards, newspapers, social media).
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- Boaters' registration, should increase education.
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- Collaborate with infested US bordering lakes on research and prevention of cross contamination.
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#### Funding:

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- Out of province user pay at all BC boat ramps.
- Lake passes for BC boaters.
- All fines are allocated back to the program.
- Boat registration increase some funding back to project.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Respectfully,

Janice Brown

Mayor

Cc: Mark Zacharias, Deputy Minister of Environment Wendy Booth, UBCM President



City of Parksville Office of the Mayor FILE NO. 450-01

December 19, 2017

The Honourable George Heyman Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy PO Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Heyman:

#### RE: Prevention of Quagga and Zebra Mussels

At the December 18, 2017, regular meeting, Parksville City Council passed a resolution to express concern regarding the threat that quagga and zebra mussels pose to BC lakes.

The District of Sicamous submitted a resolution at UBCM that was endorsed requesting more funding from the provincial government to increase awareness and education regarding this issue. Quagga and zebra mussels are highly invasive; only one mussel can produce one million mussels per year. Should BC become infested with these mussels, the impact will not ever be reversible. All BC lakes would be contaminated and there is currently no solution to destroy the mussel population.

It is our belief that the effects of these mussels would be devastating to BC freshwater eco-systems. Zebra and quagga mussels filter water to the point where food sources such as plankton are removed, altering food webs. This also causes clearer water, allowing sunlight to penetrate deeper, increasing growth of aquatic vegetation. Toxic algal blooms may negatively impact native fish and wildlife. Large mussel colonies affect spawning areas, impacting the survival of fish eggs.

With the eco-system compromised, beaches will be destroyed. Water intakes may become clogged with mussel colonies and there is no research on how these mussel populations may affect water quality. Recreational users may no longer wish to access lakes due to the environmental changes, which would negatively impact the vital tourism industry in BC. The cost to British Columbia government, taxpayers and businesses will be billions if these mussels manage to infiltrate our ecosystem.

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Fortunately, there is still time to prevent this disaster. The District of Sicamous submitted a comprehensive list of preventative measures to keep these mussels out of BC waterways, including stricter border patrols, increased conservation staffing, inter-governmental collaboration and improved boater education. It is our hope that the Government of BC will heed this warning and implement some of these suggestions before it is too late.

Yours truly,

MARC LEFEBVRE

Mayor

Cc: Council Members

Mark Zarcharias, Deputy Minister (via email: <a href="mailto:DM.ENV@gov.bc.ca">DM.ENV@gov.bc.ca</a>)
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**UBCM Members (via email)** 



FILE NO. 450-01

December 19, 2017

FILE: 1-1-4

Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Via E-mail: ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca
PO Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt
Rm 112, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8W9E2

Dear Honourable Heyman,

#### Re: Prevention of Quagga and Zebra Mussels

On behalf of the City of Dawson Creek, I write to express our concern about the threat of Quagga and Zebra mussels. Sicamous submitted a resolution at UBCM that was endorsed requesting more funding from the Provincial Government to increase awareness and Education for the threat of Quagga and Zebra mussels into BC Lakes.

The effects to ALL BC Lakes would be devastating:

- Zebra and quagga mussels filter water to the point where food sources such as plankton are removed, altering food webs. This also causes clearer water, allowing sunlight to penetrate deeper, increasing growth of aquatic vegetation.
   One mussel can produce one million mussels per year.
- Impact fish and wildlife by increasing toxic algal blooms.
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- Cost to British Columbia will be Billions, to government, taxpayers and businesses if mussels manage to get into our eco-system
- Eco-system compromised, water intakes plugged, fish destroyed, beaches destroyed
- No long-term research provided on drinking water quality
- Negative tourism impact

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Regards,

Dale Bumstead

Mayor

Cc: Mark Zarcharias, Deputy Minister (via email: <u>DM.ENV@gov.bc.ca</u>)

Wendy Booth, UBCM President (via email: wndbooth@gmail.com)

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### **Office of the Mayor** 2760 Cameron Road, West Kelowna, British Columbia V1Z 2T6 Tel (778) 797.2210 Fax (778) 797.1001

FILE NO. 0450-01

December 13, 2017

Dear Local Governments of British Columbia,

With cannabis sales becoming legal in 2018, there must be a formal agreement that will divide the tax revenue on cannabis sales in a fair and equitable manner. Current discussions regarding revenue sharing involve the Federal and Provincial governments with no inclusion of local governments. Ultimately, the legalization will entail additional costs for local governments both in social and policing costs. A Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) paper is stating that the impact may affect policing, fire services, building codes, city planning, municipal licensing and standards, public health, social services, communications, law, etc.

City of West Kelowna Mayor and Council is requesting your support, by writing to the Province to lobby them to agree to 50% of the provincial share of the cannabis tax sharing formula be provided to local governments. This is an adequate and equitable share to help support costs and services incurred by local governments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, on behalf of Council,

Doug Findlater

Mayor

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Mayor Drew and Council Village of Belcarra 4084 Bedwell Bay Road Belcarra, BC, V3H 4P8

FILE NO. 1850-20-22

Re: 2016 Asset Management Planning Program (Roads Asset Management Report)

Dear Mayor Drew and Council,

Thank you for providing a final report and financial summary for the above noted project. We have reviewed your submission and all reporting requirements have been met.

The final report notes a total expenditure of \$15,750.00. Based on this, a payment in the amount of \$7,875.00 will follow shortly by electronic funds transfer. This is the final payment of the approved grant and is based on 50% of the total reported expenditure.

I would like to congratulate the Village of Belcarra for undertaking this project and responding to the opportunity to strengthen asset management capacity in your local government.

Sincerely,

cc:

Danyta Welch

Policy & Programs Officer

Lorna Dysart, CAO, Village of Belcarra