



**VILLAGE OF BELCARRA
TREE COMMITTEE
Village Hall
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**



Committee Members

Begg, Mary, Vice Chair
Bramley, Les
Chapman, Sandra, Chair
Greig, Vicky
Struk, Deborah
Council Representative, Carolina Clark

1. Call to Order

The Chair will call the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1 Agenda for October 16, 2019

Recommendation:

That the Agenda for October 16, 2019 be approved as circulated.

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of July 17, 2019

Recommendation:

That the Minutes from the Tree Committee meeting held July 17, 2019 be adopted.

4. Unfinished Business

5. New Business

5.1 Guest Speaker: Aaron Minicola – Specialized Tree Service

- a) A. Minicola to speak regarding his experience as an arborist and how tree bylaws apply to tree trimming.
- b) Question Period.

5.2 West Vancouver Tree Cutting Permit Review

Discussion on the attached document.

Recommendations:

- a) That the Village Tree Cutting Permit application be updated and simplified similar to the West Vancouver Tree Cutting Permit.
- b) That the Village list all required forms within the Tree Cutting Permit form.
- c) That the Village remove the requirement of a 2-week posting notice for resident feedback when a tree has been identified for removal.
- d) That the Tree Cutting Permit process allow for trimming.

5.3 Curbside Tree Chipping

Recommendation:

- a) That the Village create a registry for elderly residents who may require assistance with moving tree limbs and debris to the curb for tree chipping; and That the Village create a volunteer group list to assist the elderly through an ad in the Barnacle.

Recommendation:

- b) That two curbside tree chipping opportunities be provided by the Village: the first in early April and the second in mid-October; and That the second curbside tree chipping should be for a fee to the homeowner, with that fee to be determined by Council.

5.4 Cleared Spaces Discussion

Clear spaces can rapidly disappear through natural regeneration, native species combined with our climate, and soil fertility, can grow at a rapid pace which in turn will continue to undermine views if not addressed.

- i) Is control of regeneration on clear spots to maintain view necessary?
- ii) Does the Village prevent natural regeneration trees from growing over 1.4 metres on municipal land where they will be blocked?
- iii) It is proposed that a maintenance plan be developed which will address trees on Village property to also include the annual trimming of areas which have been cleared of trees to minimize unwanted new growth.

6. Next Steps

- a) Committee members will accumulate all voted on recommendations and begin to assemble a report for Council.

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019