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From: Farrer Cove Committee – Brian Ashford-Chair, Larry Carlsen-Vice-Chair, Sy Rogers, Lynda Spence, Bob Wilson

Subject: Farrer Cove Committee Progress Report

Recommendation:

That Council direct staff to work with all appropriate parties with respect to exploring mechanisms to secure long-term legal access to Farrer Cove.

Background:

After three Committee Meetings and numerous committee discussions, the Farrer Cove Committee has identified the most important issue facing Farrer Cove – legal access to Farrer Cove connecting directly to Belcarra Village.

The Committee is submitting a progress report to advise Council that Committee members unanimously recommend that a legal access route to Farrer Cove be explored utilizing the Farrer Cove Hydro right of way linking into Belcarra (hereafter, known as the North-South Connector). This decision is based on the Committee's research and evaluation, as well as previous studies, and is the same route as stated in the 2011 OCP and the 1997 OCP:

“6.3 Belcarra North Road Access: Facilitate discussions with the appropriate parties with respect to exploring mechanisms to secure long-term legal road access to Farrer Cove (South).”

(As taken from Bylaw 435, 2011 OCP, and Bylaw 252, 1997 OCP)

Legal access would make a road to Farrer Cove possible. A road could then be explored if legal access was attained. A legal road would mean that safety and other concerns, some of which are listed below, would be addressed. Without a road the current status quo conditions will continue.

1. Direct access for fighting wildfires in Farrer Cove and the surrounding forest which have become regular occurrences.
2. Second emergency access and exit route for Belcarra residents and other visitors in the event of emergencies such as medical trauma, fire, and earthquake, as well as access for water rescue in Farrer Cove.
3. Allow for a timely and safe access to the Farrer Cove Community, including north shore water access properties, for fire, ambulance, and police services, public/school buses, and power/communication lines.

4. Shortest route is the existing Hydro right of way, which has no other use, and is already maintained for Hydro and Telus servicing. A road would allow for better access to, and management of, the power/communication lines.
5. Possible future upgrades for Farrer Cove in terms of fire hydrants, a more secure source of potable and fire-fighting water, natural gas, and communication upgrades such as fibre optics – all safety issues which would improve livability for Farrer Cove residents. The Community currently relies on surface water supply.
6. A physical connection to the main Village area of Belcarra allowing for a more united and stronger community - “Community Building”.
7. Take Farrer Cove resident and visitor traffic away from White Pine Beach Park.

The proposed North-South Connector route involves crossing approximately 565 metres of Belcarra Regional Park land within Port Moody.

The Committee is asking Council to work with all appropriate parties with respect to exploring mechanisms to secure long-term legal access to Farrer Cove.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Ashford, Larry Carlsen, Sy Rodgers, Lynda Spence, Robert Wilson

Attachments (7):

1. 1997 OCP, sections 2.2, 3.2, 4.2, pages 5,7,10
2. Potential Route Plan
3. 2011 OCP, Transportation Policies, 3.3.1(e), page 8, and OCP map Schedule B.
4. 2011 OCP, Implementation, 6.3, Belcarra Road North Access, page 17.