



**VILLAGE OF BELCARRA  
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA  
VILLAGE HALL  
July 6, 2020  
7:00 PM**



This meeting is being held via Zoom Teleconference and will be recorded.

Meeting details as follows:

Click link to join meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93694167856> Meeting ID: 936 9416 7856

## **COUNCIL**

Mayor Neil Belenkie  
Councillor Rob Begg  
Councillor Carolina Clark  
Councillor Bruce Drake  
Councillor Liisa Wilder

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Neil Belenkie will call the meeting to order.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

#### **2.1 Regular Council Meeting, July 6, 2020**

##### **Recommendation:**

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, July 6, 2020 be approved as circulated.

### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Regular Council Meeting, June 22, 2020**

##### **Recommendation:**

That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held June 22, 2020 be adopted.

### **4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **5. REPORTS**

#### **5.1 Ken Bjorgaard, Financial Consultant, report dated July 6, 2020 regarding Update on Investment of Surplus and Reserve Funds**

##### **Recommendation:**

That the report dated July 6, 2020 regarding "Update on Investment of Surplus and Reserve Funds" be received for information; and  
That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign-off on all of the Village investment transactions and related account set-ups, based on recommendations from the Village Financial Consultant.

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

- 6.1 OCP Review regarding Section 3.2 – Marine Avenue & Senkler Road – Highway Encroachment Area – Underway, Anticipated for July 20, 2020 Council Meeting**
- 6.2 Revenue Generation Committee (RGC) Follow Up – Underway, Anticipated for July 20, 2020 Council Meeting**
- 6.3 Water System / Firefighting Capacity Review – Note: Water Committee Zoom meeting scheduled for July 22, 2020**
- 6.4 Property Tax Payment Update**
- 6.5 BC Hydro Installation of Street Lights at Village Bus Stops**

**7. BYLAWS****8. CORRESPONDENCE/PROCLAMATIONS****Recommendation:**

That correspondence items 8.1 to 8.13 be received.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 8.1 Jared Carriere & Family, Belcarra Residents, letter dated June 22, 2020 regarding Modification to Bylaws regarding Keeping of Chickens (full attachment available at the Village office)**

**Recommendation:**

That staff prepare a report to Council regarding residents keeping chickens.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 8.2 Laura Jones, Executive Vice President & Samantha Howard, Senior Director of BC, Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), letter dated June 19, 2020 regarding Showing Your Support for Small Business Recovery by Promoting #SmallBusinessEveryDay**
- 8.3 Oliver Grüter-Andrew, President & CEO, E-Comm 911, email dated June 25, 2020 regarding E-Comm 2019 Annual Report (full report available at the Village office)**
- 8.4 Janet Andrews, Secretary-Treasurer, New Westminster & District Labour Council, email dated June 25, 2020 regarding Proposed Motion for Local Governments - Belcarra**
- 8.5 Brad West, Mayor, City of Port Coquitlam, dated June 24, 2020 regarding City of Port Coquitlam 2019 Annual Report (full report available in the Village office)**
- 8.6 Angela Yin, Belcarra Resident, email dated June 21, 2020 regarding Upper Watson Road Right of Way**
- 8.7 Joe & Angela Pelliccia, Belcarra Residents, email dated June 22, 2020 regarding Taylor Road Community Trail Corridor**
- 8.8 The Hubbs Family, Belcarra Residents, email dated June 22, 2020 regarding Taylor Road Community Trail Corridor**

- 8.9** Judy Mackenzie, Belcarra Resident, email dated June 22, 2020 regarding Taylor Road Community Trail Corridor
- 8.10** Bonni & Brian Marshall, Belcarra Resident, email dated June 23, 2020 regarding Proposed Sale of Taylor Road Allowance
- 8.11** Jol Drake, Belcarra Resident, email dated July 1, 2020 regarding June 25, 2020 Tri-Cities News Article
- 8.12** Joel Johnston, Belcarra Resident, email dated June 30, 2020 regarding the Parking Situation in Belcarra
- 8.13** Jillian Hull & Eric Broberg, Belcarra Residents, email dated July 1, 2020 regarding Thank You for Addressing Parking

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Recommendation:**

That the July 6, 2020 Regular Meeting be adjourned.



**VILLAGE OF BELCARRA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES  
VILLAGE HALL  
June 22, 2020**



Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for the Village of Belcarra held June 22, 2020 at the Municipal Hall, 4084 Bedwell Bay Road, Belcarra, BC.

This meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference and was recorded.

**Council in Attendance**

Mayor Neil Belenkie  
Councillor Rob Begg  
Councillor Carolina Clark  
Councillor Bruce Drake  
Councillor Liisa Wilder

**Staff in Attendance**

Lorna Dysart, Chief Administrative Officer  
Paula Richardson, Municipal Coordinator

**Others in Attendance**

Dan Watson, Planning Consultant, Brook Pooni Associates (departed meeting at 7:42 pm)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Belenkie called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**2.1 Regular Council Meeting, June 22, 2020**

Moved by: Councillor Drake  
Seconded by: Councillor Begg

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, June 22, 2020 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 Regular Council Meeting, June 8, 2020**

Moved by: Councillor Wilder  
Seconded by: Councillor Clark

That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held June 8, 2020 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

No items.

**5. REPORTS****5.1 Lorna Dysart, Chief Administrative Officer, report dated June 22, 2020 regarding Land Disposition – Interim Report**

L. Dysart introduced Dan Watson, Planning Consultant with Brook Pooni Associates and co-author of the report.

Councillor Clark declared a Conflict of Interest with regard to specific Road End Lot 17 and left the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Councillor Drake declared a Conflict of Interest with regard to Road Ends and left the meeting at 7:09 pm.

D. Watson outlined the Interim Report which provides an update on the status of the 7 Road Ends Surveys and Preliminary Appraisals. Staff is requesting Council input on preparing amendments to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw to enable the Village to raise title on parcels smaller than the current minimum lot size.

D. Watson noted the following considerations:

- Minimum Subdivision Requirements
- Potential Encroachments
- Consideration of Neighbouring Properties
- Waterfront Lot Restrictions
- Building Code Limiting Distance

Considerable discussion ensued. Council asked pertinent questions with regard to options presented for Council consideration.

Residents raised questions related to waterfront lot restrictions. D. Watson outlined Section 41 (1) of the *Community Charter*. Further legal opinions may be required as the Road End disposition moves forward.

D. Watson noted that the Land Disposition – Interim Report dated June 22, 2020 is not required to be submitted to Metro Vancouver as there is no change to the Regional Growth Strategy because of the variety of existing lot sizes in the Village.

Moved by: Councillor Begg  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilder

That the Land Disposition – Interim Report dated June 22, 2020 be received for information.

**CARRIED**

Moved by: Councillor Begg  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilder

That staff be directed to pursue implementation of land disposition substantially in accordance with the Land Disposition report dated June 22, 2020; and  
That staff bring back a report on amending the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw to permit lot sizes less than 0.5 acres, only for Village owned parcels intended for land disposition.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Clark and Councillor Drake returned to the meeting at 7:43 pm.

**5.2** Lorna Dysart, Chief Administrative Officer, report dated June 22, 2020 regarding Disclosure of Legal Advice Policy No. 213

L. Dysart outlined the report regarding the Disclosure of Legal Advice Policy No. 213.

The purpose of the report is to provide a Policy for Council related to the Disclosure of Legal Advice to the Public that has been received by Council and staff.

It was noted that Belcarra legal counsel, Guy Patterson, provided the following statement:

“ A reminder that in some circumstances disclosing a portion of legal advice can mean privilege has been waived over all of the communications relating to that subject matter.”

Council members discussed various aspects of the Policy of Disclosure of Legal Advice.

Moved by: Councillor Begg  
Seconded by: Councillor Drake

That the Disclosure of Legal Advice Policy No. 213 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Clark and Councillor Wilder voted in opposition**

**6. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

**Mayor Belenkie Updates:**

**6.1 Official Community Plan (OCP) Full Review**

It was noted that due to COVID-19 and the inability to hold an election for Committee members, this item has been delayed. Further review of the process will take place when pandemic restrictions are lifted.

**6.2 OCP Review regarding Section 3.2 – Marine Avenue & Senkler Road – Highway Encroachment Area**

A report will be brought forward to a July Council meeting.

**6.3 Revenue Generation Committee (RGC) Follow Up**

This item is 5.1 on this Council Agenda.

**6.4 Water System / Firefighting Capacity Review**

Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is working with Chris Boit, Engineering Consultant, Fire Chief Jay Sharpe and staff on this matter.

**6.5 Transfer to Permit Only Parking in the Village**

L. Dysart outlined the progress of installing new signs throughout the Village which is a significant amount of work for the Public Works department. At this time, approximately 50% of the new signs are installed.

Considerable discussion ensued.

**7. BYLAWS****7.1 Village of Belcarra Bylaw Enforcement Notice Bylaw No. 520, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 565, 2020**

Moved by: Councillor Drake  
Seconded by: Councillor Clark

That "Village of Belcarra Bylaw Enforcement Notice Bylaw No. 520, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 565, 2020" be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE / PROCLAMATIONS**

Moved by: Councillor Drake  
Seconded by: Councillor Clark

That correspondence items 8.1 to 8.5 be received.

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION ITEMS****8.1 Mayor Belenkie, letter to Tracy Olsen, Senior Policy Analyst, Building & Safety Standards Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated June 18, 2020 regarding Application to Request a Local Authority Variation**

Councillor Drake thanked Mayor Belenkie and staff for the letter sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding an Application to Request a Local Authority Variation for sprinklers in the Village.

**8.2 Suzanne Kyra, Belcarra Resident, letter dated June 9, 2020 regarding Thank you for Supporting the Village During COVID-19****8.3 Ian Devlin, Water System Capacity for Fire Protection Committee, Chairman, letter dated June 11, 2020 regarding Water Committee Comments to Council**

Councillor Drake outlined correspondence Item 8.3 from Chair Ian Devlin of the Water Committee. He reviewed the letter in detail and noted that the Committee will working with staff to schedule a Zoom meeting in July.

A video from the Sechelt Fire Department was provided, by Water Committee member Doug Brain, relating to houses having sprinklers installed and will be posted and the web site.

**8.4 Colleen MacDonald, Belcarra Resident, email dated June 12, 2020 regarding Road Ends Sale Objection****8.5 Ralph Drew, Belcarra Resident, email dated June 17, 2020 regarding Creation of Waterfront "Road End Lots"****9. NEW BUSINESS**

No items.

**10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Don Babineau, Belcarra Resident, thanked Public Works for the paving of roads and queried with regard to:

- An expected timeline of the Engineering Consultant Report to Council
- A Fuel Management plan in the Village
- The cost of a new Fire Hall being included in a future 5 Year Financial Plan

Peter Boekhout, Belcarra Resident, queried with regard to the RCMP Black Cat at the entrance of the Village.

David Goodman, Belcarra Resident, queried with regard to Council members declining Conflict of Interest.

Peter Struk, Belcarra Resident, queried with regard to:

- The Belcarra Noise Control Bylaw No. 40 being updated
- The summary of the legal opinions and the related policy

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Begg

Seconded by: Councillor Wilder

That the June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting be adjourned at 9:39 pm.

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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Neil Belenkie  
Mayor

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Lorna Dysart  
Chief Administrative Officer





## COUNCIL REPORT

**Date:** July 6, 2020

**From:** Ken Bjorgaard, Financial Consultant

**Subject:** Update on Investment of Surplus and Reserve Funds

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### **Recommendations:**

That the report dated July 6, 2020 regarding “Update on Investment of Surplus and Reserve Funds” be received for information; and

That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign-off on all of the Village investment transactions and related account set-ups, based on recommendations from the Village Financial Consultant.

### **Purpose:**

The previous report on maximizing interest earnings on the Village surplus and reserve funds through market quotations was presented at the Council meeting held on May 11, 2020, and the following motion was passed:

“That the Financial Consultant report to Council on Quotations received for Investment Vehicles.”

The purpose of this report is to outline the status of this initiative and to outline a process moving forward to achieve the overall goal of greater interest earnings.

### **Background:**

A general market survey was undertaken to gauge the potential interest rate returns based on current economic and market conditions. The maximum short-term interest rate returns for investments products with maturities from 1 month to 6 months presently range from about 1.3% to 1.5% (annualized rates), and the maximum 1-year rates are about 1.9% (annualized). The credit unions can generally offer more competitive interest rates over the short-term (up to one year). As interest rates are at low point based on market conditions many local governments are keeping their investment product maturities to less than 1 year in the anticipation that interest rates have nowhere to go but up.

The Village presently has approximately 1 million dollars in the MFA Bond Fund, which has fared quite well in the present interest rate environment, as the market value of bonds generally increase when interest rates decline and decrease when interest rates are moving upward. For example, as interest have declined over the past 5 months the market value of the Village MFA Bond Fund has increased from \$966,427 on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to \$1,004,465 on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This 1 million dollars can be considered long-term in nature as these investment funds have been in place for many years. The interest rate outlook for the MFA Bond Fund into the future is lower with future returns expected to be at around 1.35% per annum, based on a conversation with the fund manager.

Based on a review of the historical returns of the MFA Bond Fund, it is evident that a greater rate of return would have been achieved on the Village funds through alternative investment products. Alternative investment products would have also provided a greater return than the other MFA Investment Funds. Generally speaking, those that do not want to actively manage investments and related cash flow tend to place their local government funds in one or more of the MFA Funds. The intent is to redeem the Village 1 million dollars from the MFA Bond Fund at the earliest opportune time and to proceed with investment quotations (see below) in which to invest these longer term funds.

In addition to the 1 million dollars noted above the cash flow projections for the Village indicate that another approximate 2.4 million dollars will be available for investment in staggered amounts and maturities over the next year based on tax collections (includes taxes collected on behalf of other taxing authorities) and other revenues. This amount will be confirmed once the final tax collections are determined after the tax deadline of July 2, 2020.

In terms of moving forward with ongoing investment products and market quotations the following list of institutions has been compiled for quotation purposes and contact has been made with key persons within the respective organizations.

<b>Banks</b>	CIBC	TD Commercial Banking
	National Bank	RBC Wealth Management
	Canadian Western Bank	
<b>Credit Unions</b>	Vancity	Coast Capital
	Envision Financial	Prospera
<b>Other Brokerages</b>	Canaccord	Raymond James
	PI Financial	

The Village banking institution, Toronto Dominion or TD, has also recently agreed to increase the rate of interest on funds held in the bank. The Village interest rate on bank funds is now prime - 1.65% as opposed to the previous prime - 2%. With prime currently at 2.45% this equates to 0.8% return versus the previous 0.50%.

The investment process is dynamic in nature in that investment rates or quotes change daily and rates booked or agreed to in any day need to be executed by the same or following day. It is recommended that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign-off on all of the Village investment transactions and related account set-ups going forward, based on recommendations from the Village Financial Consultant. It will be necessary to establish accounts with specific financial institutions if certain investment products are chosen in order to administer and invest in these products. It should be noted that all investments would have to meet the limitations and requirements of the *Community Charter*.

For your information, outlined below are historical and projected interest earnings for the Village. The main reason for the increase in 2020 is related to the positive performance of the MFA Bond Fund to date.

<b>Interest Earnings<sup>1</sup></b>						
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 Budget	2020 Projected Year-End
\$16,030	\$14,043	\$25,655	\$32,684	\$38,838	\$35,000	\$55,000

<sup>1</sup> Before allocation of interest to deferred revenue

To summarize the next steps in the investment process are to redeem the Village 1 million dollars from the MFA Bond Fund, to confirm the dollar amount of other funds available for investment after the tax collection due date, to proceed with investment quotations for all of the Village funds, and to provide recommendations to the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer in regards to investment products and terms moving forward. The process will be continuous as cash flow is monitored and as investments mature. In terms of maximizing the Village net interest earnings going forward, it will also be necessary to take into account the real cost of administration including the time needed to obtain and evaluate quotations, book and monitor investments, etc.

**RECEIVED**

JUN 23 2020

To Mayor and Council,

June 22, 2020

file no. 100-01

***I am writing this letter to request a modification to bylaw No. 40, 3b) regarding the keeping of animals.***

My wife and I along with our two children, have lived in beautiful Belcarra for just over four years now. Prior to moving here, we lived in Anmore for twelve years where we kept a small number of backyard chickens.

This year, we have planted our second garden and were excited about the possibility of raising a small group of chickens for our own purpose once again. We found that 4-6 hens is a perfect number to supply fresh organic eggs for a small family unit. It not only provides fresh healthy eggs, but also a great way to teach our children lessons in compassion for animals, food source options for sustainability and reducing the ever-increasing load to our food supply. In times of Covid-19 and global uncertainty, this option should be readily available to any resident willing to follow some simple guidelines proposed within our bylaws.

Having had chickens in Anmore prior to living here, we did not receive one complaint from close neighbours regarding noise from the birds as hens do not make the loud coo often associated with roosters. We also did not have any issues with bears or other wild animals as the hens were kept inside a small, secure coop at night and food was stored in sealed containers away from their shelter.

On multiple occasions, the Anmore preschool children and staff would plan a field trip to our house which was just up the road to teach the younger generation about food supply and other important lessons often overlooked these days.

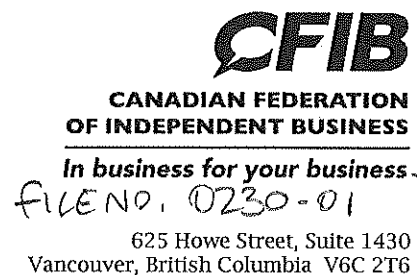
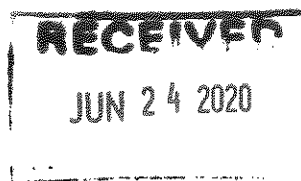
I am asking council to consider an amendment to this bylaw in hopes of getting approval to move forward with this rewarding hobby. This would allow individuals who chose to do so, the satisfaction of being a little more self sustainable.

With respect,

Jared Carriere and family

Belcarra

**NOTE:** *I have attached a copy of Vancouver bylaws pertaining to the keeping of backyard chickens as an example of guidelines.*



June 19, 2020

**Subject: Showing your support for small business recovery by promoting #SmallBusinessEveryDay**

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of small and medium-sized businesses across Canada including those in British Columbia, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is asking all politicians to show their support for small businesses by promoting our new *Small Business Every Day* campaign.

This campaign encourages shopping local as businesses look to recover from COVID-19 closures and adapt to new social distancing requirements. It also amplifies other great campaigns and initiatives to support small businesses from other businesses and movements by profiling them all on one spot making them easy to access for both businesses and consumers. We want to encourage a big parade of initiatives that support Main Street throughout the year and strengthen economic recovery.

A parade of campaigns to promote local shopping is desperately needed and, our survey results show a shop local campaign is highly supported by small businesses as seven out of ten worry their customers won't come back.

How can you help?

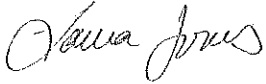
- Starting June 25 please use your social media to encourage and challenge your followers to shop local.
- Post pictures and recommend your favourite local businesses on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using the hashtag #SmallBusinessEveryDay, and encourage everyone you know to do the same. (a bonus would be to also tag @CFIBBuzz on Twitter and @cfib\_fcei on Instagram).
- Print, display and help distribute our thank you posters (see below)

To support your local businesses even more, we encourage you to print, display and distribute copies of our posters to your local businesses, which thank customers for shopping local. You can download the posters at <http://www.smallbusinesseveryday.ca/business/#poster>. It would be great if you could put one up in your constituency office.

The campaign will run until the end of December and we look forward to providing more updates as we promote different aspects of the campaign throughout the summer and fall. Our goal is to have every politician in Canada show their support and help us amplify the importance of small businesses to our local communities.

We hope we can count on your support. If you or anyone on your team would like to discuss this campaign, please don't hesitate to contact us at 604-684-5325 or by email at [ms.bc@cfib.ca](mailto:ms.bc@cfib.ca) .

Sincerely,



Laura Jones  
Executive Vice President



Samantha Howard  
Senior Director of B.C.

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**Subject:** FW: E-Comm Annual Report

FILE NO. 7010-03

**From:** Melissa Yeo  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:59 AM  
**Subject:** E-Comm Annual Report

June 25, 2020

Dear E-Comm partner,

I am pleased to share E-Comm's 2019 Annual Report. We have posted the report on our website: [annual report](#)

From opening the South Island 9-1-1/Police Dispatch Centre in Saanich, to finalizing our new strategic roadmap, to marking 20 years of public safety service, 2019 was a year of important milestones for E-Comm.

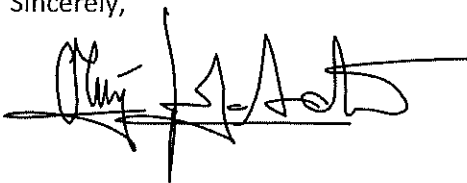
We celebrated our two decades of accomplishments and partnerships last year and charted a path forward with (a)SPIRE 2025 – our new strategic plan. This plan is guiding our organization into our third decade of service and has served us well so far in 2020, as we continue to adapt to the challenges of operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our strategic plan is available here: <https://www.ecomm911.ca/strategic-plan/>.

Much has changed since we took that first 9-1-1 call back in 1999. However, what has not changed is our steadfast commitment to providing exceptional emergency communications services to our partner agencies and the public throughout our province.

E-Comm will hold its Annual General Meeting on September 17. We are exploring ways to deliver this meeting virtually, under current B.C. public health protocols. E-Comm will announce our 2020-21 Board of Directors in September.

Thank you for your continued support of our organization. We wish you well in these challenging times. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Oliver Grüter-Andrew  
President and CEO

**Subject:** FW: Proposed motion for Local Governments - Belcarra  
**Attachments:** Emergency Op Funds motion - Belcarra.pdf

FILE NO. 0230-01

**From:** New Westminster & District Labour Council  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:50 AM  
**Subject:** Proposed motion for Local Governments - Belcarra

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find attached the text of a proposed motion in support of emergency funding for municipalities and transit as requested by the New Westminster & District Labour Council, in conjunction with the Canadian Labour Congress. We would appreciate if you could bring this before an upcoming City Council meeting for consideration. We feel strongly that even if your municipality is not experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 right now, there are others in the region that are and we do not know how long the pandemic will last. Burnaby City Council did pass this motion at their June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, and we are hoping that this motion put forward by many Councils and similar to the one passed at FCN will encourage the federal government to take swift action to ensure safety and financial stability at the local level.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Janet . She is also happy to attend a virtual meeting. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Baron for  
 Janet Andrews, Secretary-Treasurer  
*She/her/hers*



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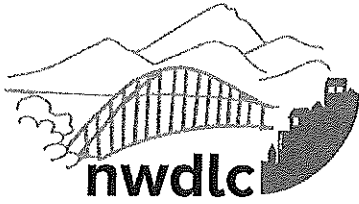
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*The NWDLC acknowledges that our office is located on the traditional and unceded territory of Coast Salish peoples*







NEW WESTMINSTER &  
DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL

Stephen Crozier, President  
Janet Andrews, Secretary-Treasurer  
Chartered By The Canadian Labour Congress

June 22, 2020

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JUN 25 2020

Proposed Motion for Local Governments

BECAUSE our local city and town councils, big or small, rural or urban are on the front lines of some of the most pressing challenges facing Canada;

BECAUSE municipal workers are on the front lines delivering the public services that keep us safe during the COVID-19 crisis;

BECAUSE municipal revenues are collapsing and unanticipated costs are soaring;

BECAUSE without financial help, cities and towns will be forced to cut vital local services our families and communities rely on;

BECAUSE public transportation makes our communities more livable, accessible and fights climate change;

The Village of Belcarra strongly urges the federal and provincial governments to provide emergency operating funds to protect vital local services, including public transportation and emergency services.

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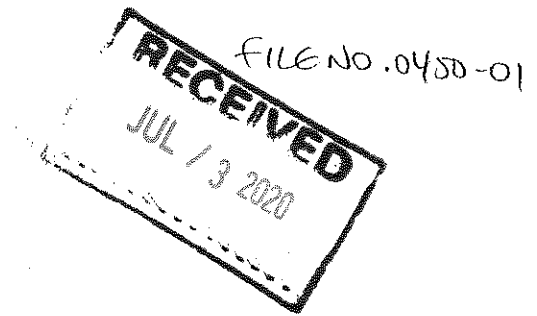
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June 24, 2020

*Office of Mayor Brad West*



His Worship Mayor Neil Belenkie  
Village of Belcarra  
4084 Bedwell Bay Rd.  
Belcarra BC V3H 4P8

Dear Mayor Belenkie:

On behalf of Port Coquitlam City Council, I am pleased to enclose the City of Port Coquitlam's 2019 Annual Report which was adopted by Council at our June 23 meeting.

Entitled *Delivering What Matters*, the report highlights the City's ongoing focus on getting the basics right – core municipal services like roads and sidewalks, waste collection, utilities and recreation.

Highlights of 2019 featured in the report include:

- Opening of phase one amenities in the new 205,000 square foot Port Coquitlam Community Centre, including two arenas, spaces for youth and seniors, a library, multi-purpose rooms and fitness centre.
- Adopting a new two-year capital program with the City's largest one-time investment in neighbourhood infrastructure to date (\$26 million) along with a number of pedestrian safety, traffic calming and other projects.
- Introducing a new one pass to expand access to City-wide drop in recreation activities while adjusting fees to support families and young people.
- Introducing a street cleaning position and See It? Report it Program to encourage the public to report problems with city services.
- Continuing to invest in parks and outdoor spaces, including a new Castle Park spray park, Fox Park playground and upgrades to Centennial Pool.
- Introducing an advisory roundtable of seventeen volunteer citizen advisors, representing diverse backgrounds and interests which met several times this year.
- Continued strong growth valued at \$150 million including significant industrial and commercial investments.
- Adopting a new tree bylaw that ensures property owners replace the trees they cut and helps protect the City's urban forest for future generations.
- Adopting a new Affordable and Family Friendly Housing Policy and also introducing regulations to help protect renters from renovations.

We are proud of this yearly snapshot of City services and the strategic direction guiding our decisions. I encourage you to share the report with others after reading it. You can also view the report online or download it at [www.portcoquitlam.ca/annualreport](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/annualreport).

I look forward to achieving our goals and plans for 2020!

Sincerely,

Brad West, Mayor  
Enclosure

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**Subject:** FW: Upper Watson Road Right-of-Way - 3307 Main Avenue

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From: Angela Yin

Date: 2020-06-21 9:34 p.m. (GMT-08:00)

Subject: Upper Watson Road Right-of-Way

Dear Mayor Belenkie and Belcarra Councillors,

**Re: Upper Watson Road Right-of-Way**

With regard to the road end surveys recently conducted by the municipality, it is important that the municipality recognise that the upper portion of Watson Road is the only road frontage for our property at Main Avenue.

Closure of the upper portion of Watson Road would result in our property being land-locked without access to any municipal road right-of-way.

Please confirm that it is NOT the intention of the municipality to remove our only road access to our property.

Thank you.

Angela Yin

Belcarra, B.C.

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**Subject:** FW: Taylor Road Community Trail Corridor - 3580 Main Avenue

100-01

From: JOE PELLICCIA  
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:23 AM  
Subject: Taylor Road Community Trail Corridor

Good morning All;

I just found out the Village is going to try and sell a parcel of land where the access trail is between Main Ave and Bedwell Bay road just to the west of our house.

We are extremely disconcerted to say the least!!

Our children use this trail DAILY. Unless the Village is prepared to put in a safe means of pedestrian access by installing sidewalks with collision protection all the way along Bedwell Bay to ensure our children's safety; as well as the safety of others to the bus stop, I would say this should not even be a consideration.

Not to mention the parcel is so small; we will jeopardize the continuity Belcarra has been so adamant to preserve by using a shoehorn to squeeze a small house there... I can't even believe this??

The Village CANNOT develop on this trail for the Safety of our children and the Safety of others unless there is a more effective means and higher standard to get to the bus stop and Mail Boxes than the current trail.

I am all for development, but not in such a ridiculous spot, and I am certainly not willing to eliminate such an essential trail, send my 15 year old and 9 year old to play chicken with vehicles on the corner of Bedwell Bay & Main.

I look forward to a formal response. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Joe & Ang Pelliccia

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**Subject:** FW: Taylor Road Community Trail Corridor - Bedwell Bay Road. | 00-01

From: Barbara Hubbs  
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:58 AM  
Subject: Taylor Road Community Trail Corridor

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

We are writing to express our deep concern over the proposed potential development of Taylor Road. Even though our address is Bedwell Bay Road, our only access to our property is via Taylor Road. When we purchased our home, our understanding was that this was a 'road', not a road end; in fact, we were told it served as an emergency access to Main Ave. The trail encompassed by these lots is highly frequented and is an integral part of the trail network allowing safe access to transit, community mailboxes, and the shoreline.

These considerations, along with the low value of these lots make them an extremely questionable choice for generating revenue...

Furthermore, our neighbours were told when building their home, that they could not cross the pedestrian path with their driveway because it was absolutely imperative that the safe pedestrian access be maintained as is. Have we stopped caring about the safety of the pedestrians in our community - many of them children and youth?

We strongly believe that alternate options for generating revenue that do not jeopardize the property values, safety, and quality of life of residents in our community should be considered.

Sincerely,  
The Hubbs Family

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**Subject:** FW: Taylor Road Community Trail Corridor

100-01

**From:** Judy Mackenzie

**Date:** June 22, 2020 at 5:07:23 PM PDT

**Subject: Re: Taylor Road Community Trail Corridor**

Being retired for over 10 years , I can attest to a notable amount of people using the trail all 4 seasons , all hours of the day , as it faces my kitchen ,dining room and also my sundeck. Weekend hikers, stopping to ask directions, kids going to the bus stop , people walking dogs all enjoy the trail , which is a safe shortcut to get to Bedwell Bay Road . Otherwise there is a hairpin turn on Main Avenue down a steep S curve with not ample room on the side of Bedwell Bay road when vehicles come around the corner . It is surely a safety issue and concern.

When I purchased 40 years ago I was assured that Taylor Road was a road allowance and could not be built on , beside being too narrow . I realize circumstances change , but my neighbour Martin Dubois, who built just a few years ago was not granted permission to cross the trail . He incurred great expense having to put in a steep , curvy driveway instead . If the sale of Taylor Road allowance goes forth , perhaps you should consider holding back a substantial amount of the proceeds and reimburse Martin Dubois for his extra costs due to that decision .

The size of building lots would also have to be changed to allow for narrower lots, which I believe would change the ambience of Bedwell Bay .

On a personal note , I would be dismayed to see all the trees come down .

Please take into account all the passionate points put forward by those not wanting to see the Taylor Road allowance and trail be put up for sale but instead be enjoyed for years to come .

Judy Mackenzie

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed Sale of Taylor Rd. Allowance

100-01

From: Bonni and Brian Marshall  
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:49 AM  
Subject: Proposed Sale of Taylor Rd. Allowance

We support all of those residents on Main Avenue, and elsewhere in the Village of Belcarra, who do not want to see the Taylor Rd. allowance sold.

We have lived in the Village since November 1991, and have resided in our home on Main Avenue since May 1992. We have enjoyed the use of this trail on occasions too numerous to count.

The trail is, and always has been, a safe trail/walkway between Main Avenue and Bedwell Bay Road. We are very much in support of keeping the users of this trail (children and adults alike) safe by not forcing them to walk along Bedwell Bay Rd.

Bonni & Brian Marshall

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**Subject:** FW: Letter to Council concerning Jun25 Tri-City News article

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**From:** J Drake

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:20 PM

**Subject:** Letter to Council concerning Jun25 Tri-City News article

Dear Belcarra Council,

As someone who served 18 years on the Sasamat Fire Department, I want to take issue with the claims made in the recent "Belcarra is a Time Bomb" article in the Tri-City News.

I was the officer in charge of the water supply for the Senkler house fire. Contrary to the statements made in the Tri-City News, **we never came close to running out of water at that event.** I can attest to the fact that Doug Brain's analysis previously provided to council is accurate – we did not drop below 36% on the reservoir at any point. At the earlier two-home Turtlehead fire, we were unaware of limitations, fired off our supply, and had to scramble to find alternative water sources – which we did. At Senkler, adjustments to the reservoir system gave us more water. We changed our strategy, tracked the volume in real-time, brought in tanker shuttles from the start, and our tank supply did what it was designed to do. This was not some token effort. **I believe that we used more water at Senkler on a single structure than we did for the two burning homes at Turtlehead. The claim made that we ran out of reservoir water at Senkler is simply wrong and should be retracted.**

I agree 100% with what my SVFD predecessor, Paul Kallio earlier conveyed by letter to council: Additional water supply would always be beneficial, but any new improvements to capacity ought to be both cost-effective and sustainable in the long term. The goal should be set collaboratively. We are a community of 600, not 60,000. Any large forest fire will be fought primarily from the air with the ocean supply we have in abundance. I ask council to closely examine what the engineers on the water committee recommend - once they take all factors into consideration, including the real SCADA data from these events.

In my time with the SVFD, I responded to a lot of emergency calls. This fear-mongering is not representative of what we're about and serves only to discredit and divide our community. Having a positive relationship with our MLA and working alongside them and Metro Vancouver to reduce the fuel load in our forests would be a better approach to win grants and reduce forest fire risk.

Thank you.

Jol Drake



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**Subject:** FW: Parking situation in Belcarra

100-01

**From:** Joel Johnston  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2020 12:19 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Parking situation in Belcarra

Hello Mayor Belenkie and Council,

I want to express my appreciation for your quick action regarding the parking situation in the Village. It was becoming untenable and the actions taken by Council have greatly alleviated most of the problems and improved the quality of life for residents of Belcarra. It would appear that Port Moody is going to have an ongoing challenge with the state of affairs around Sasamat Lake. It is my belief that the actions of Belcarra Council will need to remain in effect permanently.

Thank you for your efforts and actions!

Sincerely,

Joel.

Joel Johnston  
Belcarra Resident

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**Subject:** FW: Thank you

100-01

**From:** Jillian Hull

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 10:18 AM

**Subject:** Thank you

Dear Mayor Belenkie and Council,

We are writing to thank you for your swift action in instituting new parking regulations in Belcarra. While we cannot speak for other areas of the Village, we are confident in saying that new signage on Bedwell Bay Rd. has created a much safer area for everyone. Last weekend, the cars still came and there were way too many U-turns in the middle of the road, but now with the new signage in place these visitors will know to use the park access in future.

On a related note, I spoke with some employees at the park and they were shocked at how many park users Belcarra had apparently been "absorbing" prior to our new parking regulations. On the weekend, the park provided overflow parking on their bike path all the way up to and past the swamp, but it was still not enough. Previously, this data on the actual number of park users had, to a degree, been obscured by visitors parking on Belcarra roads. However, this is important information for the park to have in terms of planning for additional parking/infrastructure or limiting numbers of guests. Even late in the day on cloudy weekdays (June 29/30), their parking lots were full.

Our thanks again for your responsiveness on this issue. It is a great comfort to know that, especially in these trying times, Council prioritized residents' safety and peaceful enjoyment of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Jillian Hull

Eric Broberg