

JAMIE ROSS – CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR



What I Believe:

- A municipality should be led by someone who lives in the community and who has past council experience.
- Belcarra is not in financial distress, but our regional reputation is.
- The Sasamat Fire Department is a cornerstone of our community's viability and must be supported in every way possible.
- Building the water system was the correct decision. The "debt" is a fraction of the financial asset gain for every resident. I am proud of my involvement in this project.
- Opportunities for North Vancouver to provide increased water flow for fire protection should be exhausted, before we commit to spending millions on new infrastructure.
- Residents deserve access to the waterfront. More needs to be done to offer that.
- We are a small community and it is imperative for us to mend fences with our neighbours. I will always make the effort to get along with people because it is in our collective interest. I believe that I have the contacts regionally, provincially, and federally to help our community.
- People in Farrer Cove deserve *effective* advocacy with Metro Vancouver and Port Moody. Belcarra's goal should be to see them secure a direct road connection with the rest of our community.

What I will not do:

- I will not advocate for the sale of road ends without due process and giving consideration to those affected.
- I will not embarrass my council or interfere with residents doing valued committee work.
- I will not use the media as a tool to air my political grievances.

What I will do:

- I will review the Village's existing services and put any found savings toward better use.
- I will push for better pedestrian access along Bedwell Bay Road through a mixture of grants and pay-as-you go spending one section at a time.
- I will support my council in the effort to repair roads that require it.
- I will advocate to open up group wharves in Bedwell Bay.

- I will work alongside Anmore's fire trustees to plan to seismically upgrade our fire halls to provide safer conditions for our firefighters.
- I will retain our recycling facility and its six-days-a-week access, minimizing wildlife conflicts.
- I pledge to engage all sides in our parking debate and reach a reasonable compromise.

This by-election will cost taxpayers a significant amount of money.

Dr. Cole suggested at our all-candidates meeting that he is being advised by our former Mayor. I find it troublesome, that in the last election for Mayor, Dr. Cole wrote that he would resign if he was not successful after his first full year. I think I speak for all residents when I say – once is enough – Belcarra deserves a Mayor who has the time, the experience and the character to stick it out for the full term. I put my name forward because I live here, I have no hidden agendas, and I want to serve my Village.

To me, the larger issue is this: Belcarra is blessed with three new councillors with fresh ideas and a ton of untapped potential. I believe that these councillors deserve the support, respect and encouragement to improve our community. They haven't received that courtesy yet, and I would like to provide it.

If you're still on the fence with your vote... and believe that experience and demonstrated commitment to the betterment of our Village matters, please consider Council's needs. After all, their success will be our collective success.

I would very much appreciate being given the opportunity to be your Mayor.

Happy to chat anytime.

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Early Voting is this **Wednesday, January 13th** at the Village Hall

General Voting will be **Saturday, January 23rd** at the Village Hall

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