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Mayor Ross and Councillors Drake, Wilder, Clark, Snell
Village of Belcarra

There are two issues I'd like to address for improving safe active transportation in Belcarra:

1. **Belcarra Community Path** – improve side path on Bedwell Bay Road to provide a safe place to walk
2. **Sasamat Greenway** - encourage a safe active transportation corridor from Belcarra to Port Moody

Let's make Bedwell Bay Road safer for people who want to walk. People want and need safe places to walk for both physical and mental health. Many people would like to get out of their cars but are discouraged when they don't feel safe. In 2014 I wrote to the council asking for this issue to be considered and since then traffic has increased and speeding continues to be a problem. I feel the time is right to make Bedwell Bay Road safe to walk. Let's create the **Belcarra Community Path**. A simple 2-3 foot strip of crushed gravel would be adequate to provide a walking path – a refuge from traffic. There is enough space on the south side of Bedwell Bay Road and much of the pathway exists but needs a good cleanup and fresh application of crushed gravel in many spots. Some sections are overgrown with grass and moss – this is difficult to walk on - and a machine may be needed to remove some of the thicker surfaces. Much of the path could be done as a community project -- let's get out our rakes and shovels! I am hoping that the village can apply for a grant to assist with labour and materials. [Photos link.](#)

Let's make our corridor from Belcarra to Port Moody safe for cyclists and pedestrians. The "**Sasamat Greenway**" is identified as a planned priority in Metro Vancouver's Regional Greenways 2050 plan, the shared vision for a network of recreational multi-use paths for cycling and walking that connects residents to large parks, protected natural areas and communities. HUB Cycling lists this route as one of their top *Gaps in the Map* and HUB TriCities states this route as one of their top five priorities for the region and is currently working on a presentation to Port Moody. I urge Belcarra Council to work with Port Moody and Metro Vancouver Parks to remove the unsafe bollards along Sasamat Lake and build a safe protected greenway. [Photo/Information link.](#)

I look forward to working with council and community members to '**make this happen**' as soon as possible. I am in Belcarra this week and next and could meet for a short walk along Bedwell Bay Road to discuss possibilities!

Sincerely, Colleen



Thanks to the bus driver for giving space ~ some cars didn't

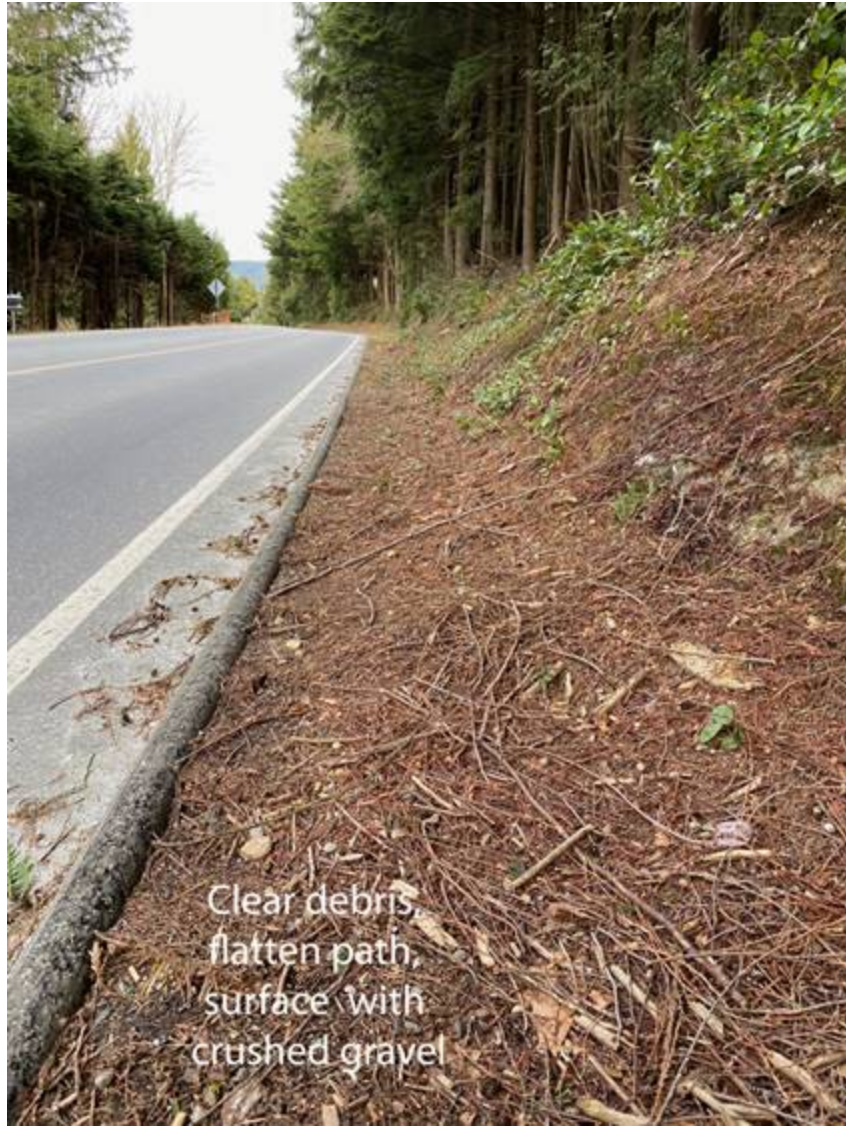
Along this section:
vegetation makes for uneven walking,
vegetation could be cleared,
surface leveled
and crushed gravel laid down

It is a nice wide shoulder !



Remove grass
reinststate
3-foot wide
gravel path



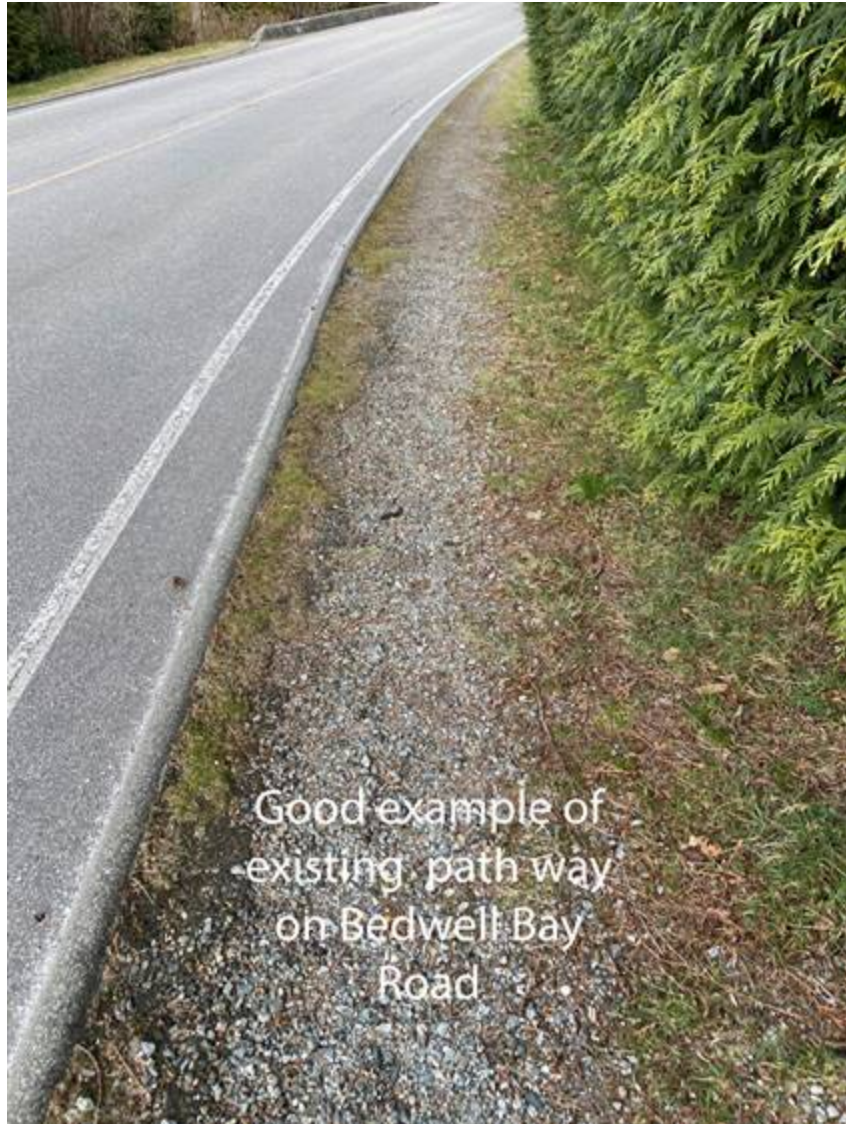


Clear debris,
flatten path,
surface with
crushed gravel





3-foot wide
only
cleanup
needed.



Good example of
existing path way
on Bedwell Bay
Road



SASAMAT GREENWAY:



Metro Vancouver Regional Greenways 2050 Plan November 18, 2020





Bedwell Bay Road 2020
- bollards placed in shoulder centre
restricting safe active transportation corridor





Separated Path with Concrete Barriers
Lakeshore Pathway - Summerland



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