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## Words from the Editor:

Welcome to your Community Newspaper!

Thank you all for your continuing support of your local newspaper by sending us photographs and articles.

Please remember that the deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month!

Thanks to the residents who contribute, to the residents who proofread & to all residents who read the Barnacle!

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MAY 2021

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| May 1st   | May Day         |
| May 9th   | Mothers Day     |
| May 10th  | Council Meeting |
| May 11th  | New Moon        |
| May 24th  | Victoria Day    |
| May 25th  | Council Meeting |
| May 26th  | Full Moon       |
| June 7th  | Council Meeting |
| June 10th | New Moon        |



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## DATES FOR 2021

All public meetings will be cancelled until further notice...

Please check Village website for more information.

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## COVER ART

Our front cover features a photograph submitted by Lorill Estar.

"SIX MONTH OLD Yogi was outside running in the garden alongside the Evans driveway and came to a skidding stop in the cool red leaves where he stayed and played with his stuffy."

Do send your favourite local photos and artwork to the Barnacle.

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## An Update From Jamie

It's been a busy few months as your new Council has settled into its work. To ensure we are focused, productive, and working on what matters most to you, we conducted two public sessions devoted to strategic planning. Our goal being, to agree upon a set of priorities for the remainder of the term, that would form the work plan for Council and staff in pursuit of our community goals. We appreciated the community's collaboration and input. The result of these sessions is a Strategic Planning Priority List adopted by Council.

### Strategic Planning Priority List:

1. Asset Management - Financial Plan / Sustainability
  - a. Roads Asset Management
  - b. Midden Road Discussion
  - c. Drainage Plan
  - d. Depreciation Management
2. Consolidated Enhanced Fire Protection
  - a. Emergency Preparedness and FireSmart
  - b. Monitored Fire Alarms
  - c. Water Hook up for Sprinkler (waive water connection fee \$750)
  - d. Water Capacity for firefighting (Reservoir)
  - e. Tree Bylaw and Report
  - f. Application to the Province to request a local variance (Sprinklers)
  - g. Water Metering
3. Parking Bylaw Enforcement - Public information meeting
4. Official Community Plan - Review and update
5. Group Wharfage and Lifting of the Moratorium on Marine Ave and Senkler Road
  - a. Highway Encroachment Areas (expand and Belcarra Bay Road)
6. Belcarra Community Pathways and Trails
 

Secondary items:

  7. Road to Farrer Cove
  8. Traffic Control
    - a) Speed bumps
    - b) Speed Issues and Calming
    - c) Bedwell Bay Road – encroachments and shrubbery
  9. Multi Use Court

In addition to developing the Strategic Planning priorities, Council, with our staff, financial consultant and auditors (Ken Bjorgaard and KPMG LLP), has completed an audit of the Village of Belcarra 2020 Financial Statements.

Key highlights of the Village 2020 financial position and results are as follows:

- The Village annual surplus, on an accrual basis, was \$405,392 for 2020 (includes amortization expense for tangible capital assets and other accruals).



- At the end of 2020, the unrestricted accumulated cash surplus in all operating funds (general, water, and waste and recycle) totalled \$348,870 (an increase in \$9,108 over 2019);
- Reserve fund balances increased by \$337,627 in 2020 to \$1,502,344; and
- Long-term debt decreased by \$141,713 from \$3,590,915 to \$3,449,202.

We also worked with our financial consultant to develop a 5-Year Financial Plan for 2021 to 2025. Council has approved the following increases:

- 7% per increase in property taxes in 2021 and each year thereafter in the plan to 2025
- 12% per increase in water user rates in 2021 and each year thereafter in the plan to 2025
- 12% per increase WARD user rates in 2021 and each year thereafter in the plan to 2025.

At the April 26, 2021 Council meeting, Council received the recommendations of the Farrer Cove Committee, the recommendations of the Revenue Generation Committee and the recommendations of the Tree Committee. The work of these committees is now considered concluded. Council is grateful to the members of these committees for their considerable contribution to our Village and the many hours of volunteer time they devoted to this work. The recommendations they have provided to Council will be reviewed and considered in the months ahead.

Council passed the following recommendations pertaining to the Water Committee:

That the appointment of members to the Water Committee be extended to July 31, 2021; and

That the committee be consulted prior to the date to discuss their recommendations to Council for the future role of the committee.

### Happy birthday, Queen Victoria!

The British queen was born on May 24, 1819. She was a reigning monarch (Queen) for 63 years, seven months and two days.

Victoria Day was declared a Canadian holiday by the government in 1845.

At that time, it was celebrated with picnics, parades, sporting tournaments, fireworks and cannon salutes.

When Queen Victoria died in 1901, Canada's parliament officially named the holiday Victoria Day.

It was decided that the day would be celebrated on the second last Monday in May. In 2021, that's May 24th.

# Sasamat Volunteer Firefighters Association



## 2021 SVFA Bursary



To all Anmore & Belcarra Grade 12 students.

Amount of Bursary : \$ 750

### Criterion:

- Resident of Anmore / Belcarra
- Available to students Graduating in 2021 and entering a Post Secondary Education program in the Area of : Fire / Police / Public Safety / Medical / Health-Care / Dental / Military / Social Service
- Students must provide proof of enrollment in a post secondary program within one year.
- 750 – 1000 word essay on the topic : “***Why volunteering is important in my community***”.
- Reference(s) detailing any volunteer work hours completed.
- 2 Letters of Reference from non-family members.

### Dates to remember :

Your completed application must be received **before** the end of business, June 9, 2021 for consideration.

**Additional information is available through  
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email : [svfa.directors@yahoo.ca](mailto:svfa.directors@yahoo.ca)**

**Sasamat Volunteer Firefighters Association****2021 SVFA Bursary Application**

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Post Secondary Plan : \_\_\_\_\_

( a brief description of what field you plan to study )

Name of post-secondary institution you have applied to : \_\_\_\_\_

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**SVFA BURSARY CHECKLIST :**

- ☐ Resident of Anmore / Belcarra
- ☐ Essay included ( 750 – 1000 words )
- ☐ Documented Volunteer Hours
- ☐ Willing to provide proof of enrollment
- ☐ 2 Reference letters ( non – family )
- ☐ Attach this Application and your support materials for return before June 9, 2021. Return completed package to Career Centre for Heritage Woods Students OR to your local Village Hall ( Anmore or Belcarra ) for all other Grade 12 students.

\* Due to Covid restrictions ALL completed applications can be sent electronically to : [svfa.directors@yahoo.ca](mailto:svfa.directors@yahoo.ca)





## Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake and  
Carol Drew

The warm spring weather is signalling the beginning of boating season. Many residents of Belcarra will soon be towing their boats along busy roads to boat launch sites. Here are some safety tips from the RCMP for pulling a boat or trailer:

- Ensure that the tires on the trailer and tow vehicle are properly inflated.
- Connect safety chains properly.
- Make sure that your boat is properly secured to the trailer.
- Check that the trailer's signal lights and brake lights are operating properly.
- Ensure that the trailer is properly secured to the trailer hitch.
- Secure and contain all equipment and cargo. This will keep it from shifting within the boat which can affect stability or falling out into traffic.
- Allow for more space between yourself and the vehicle ahead of you. The added weight will increase the stopping distance required.
- If you are traveling for an extended period stop in a safe location to make sure brake lights and signal lights are still working properly.
- Exercise caution when passing another vehicle. The added weight of the boat can dramatically reduce acceleration.

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## Stories From The Archives

## Bedwell Bay Land To Be Sold

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra,  
BC, April 2021.

Source: Vancouver Daily World, Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1909,

Dominion Government Reserve opposite to Barnet on North Arm is now being surveyed in small sections ready for auction which will be held this fall — Nice Location.

It is reported in circles in close touch with the Dominion Government that a large section of the reserve, part of the Railway Belt, in the vicinity of Bedwell Bay, will be placed on the market in small holdings early this fall. [In actual fact, the auction did not take place until April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1911.] The district includes some of the finest land in the vicinity of the city [Vancouver] according to local men who have vainly trying to register homesteads there for the last four or five years. There is a gradual slope back from the North Arm [Indian Arm] to Deer Lake [Sasamat Lake] and behind the latter body of water also there is considerable desirable land which will appeal to the man that is after a small ranch or summer home.

Bedwell Bay has long been one of Vancouver's favourite camping spots. There are many bungalows along the shore [mostly squatters' shacks] at the present time, but the majority of these are not on government land.

At first it was the intention of the Dominion Government to sell a large block of the land by tender. A surveyor was sent out from Ottawa to report on the district and it was because of his recommendation that the land would be a boon to the investor of moderate means, who wished to establish a summer house for himself and family, that Dominion surveyor J. B. Johnson and staff were sent out to split up the district. These men are now at work on the completion of the survey and an announcement of the date of the sale may be expected.

Some time ago the Dominion Government decided that the city [Vancouver] could not build a Pest House [infectious disease isolation hospital] on that section of reserve [Admiralty Point Military Reserve] granted to the corporation for the site of a public institution [the city jail]. It is evident at the present time that Ottawa had visions of the auction sale when it flatly refused the city permission to build on one of the beauty spots of the North Arm.



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Submitted by Nora Boekhout

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## VILLAGE NEWS

### Quips and Quotes

Submitted by Barbara Shelly

"...her long brown hair was pulled up in a knot with no evident advice from a mirror."

"Think Big"

Peter Schjeldahl, Art Critic

The New Yorker



### CRAB CORNER

Submitted by Dave Warren

Despite the limitations of social distancing that prevented CRAB from offering the Belcarra traditional Easter pancake breakfast and the children's candy egg hunt the holiday was not totally abandoned. Several hopping long eared elves borrowed from Santa assisted the Easter bunny deliver to children's homes 37 caches containing chocolate rabbits and assortment of goodies. CRAB always has a soft spot for little ones who might not be aware of the logistics improvised to conduct these important events. Unfortunately we do not have the same resolve to design an appropriate program for families or adults only situations.

CRAB is requesting the villagers' input for ideas of how to enjoy each other's company while social distancing. Consuming beverages while watching ZOOM gatherings might be second place to a televised hockey game. Late June before school summer holidays commence has traditionally been the big community gathering. Ideas about a scavenger hunt while maintaining social distance has room for elaboration instead of Belcarra Days. What do you suggest?

### BARNACLE TRAVELS!

The Belcarra Barnacle invites you to take your local newspaper with you when you travel, send us a photograph of yourself holding a copy of The Belcarra Barnacle and we'll publish your photograph!



### BELCARRA GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Les Bramley

If you have any gardening questions or wish to become a member please contact us at. 604-937-7103. e mail [lesbramley@shaw.ca](mailto:lesbramley@shaw.ca)



## CRAB

2021 Resident Directories are ready ... if you haven't received your copy yet, please email [crab4084@gmail.com](mailto:crab4084@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

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looking back at Belcarra Park from the pier  
in

Belcarra Bay on a sunny winter's day

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Village of Belcarra

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### Belcarra Blessings

Hello May! Marvelous and, hopefully, Miraculous, May.

A wonderful Mother's Day to everyone who has mothered, whether it be children, pets or plants. (Or otherwise) What a gift it is to be able to nurture life.

This is my second Mother's Day as a Nana. The best reward is to see my daughter flourish as a mom. Now she gets to experience the great joys of motherhood. Aaaah, those precious moments, she used to laugh at me and ask, "Why is watching a sleeping baby so special?" Now, she gets it. Life truly is a miracle and to think those little bundles come from such tiny seeds within a mother and a father. Wow!

My granddaughter, Harper, is such a joy! I just love being a Nana and spoiling comes naturally. During these times we do not get to cuddle as often and freely as the soul desires. Facetime is such a gift!

My young adult son brings me great joy and his hugs are a gift. Hearing him say thank you, smiling, helping if I ask. I am thankful for every minute we share together.

Being a mom is awesome! Truth be told there are hard times, but more rewards than trials.

I love to hear about and see other Belcarrians with their children and grandchildren. Here is hoping to many more days for all of you with your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Belcarra is an awesome place to help grow those precious children, teens and young adults. It warms my heart to see and hear of new young families in our village. Welcome to paradise, this side of paradise.

As a gardener learning to propagate, sometimes it seems harder to get those seeds to sprout than raising children. Yet, in many ways the feeding, watering, watching for pests can parallel life as a mom. There is such pleasure in seeing the fruit of one's labour. I am ever thankful for the Belcarra Garden Club and the help provided from its members. Thank you Les for starting it up. I am also a part of TriCities Garden Club on FB. What a great resource for sharing ideas and a love of plants!

Then there are the pets we add to our families; puppies, kittens, snakes, rabbits, chickens etc, so much responsibility. Yet they are so rewarding. Aha! I will admit I am a dog person first, when it comes to pets. Yes I have had frogs, cats, bunnies and a number of scaled, finned or furry 'children' but (sorry cat lovers and I DO love my cat) the best are puppy hugs and smiles. It also helps to have the best puppy whisperer in our midst. Carolina has helped to turn our introverted puppy, Hunter, into a happy, social and playful puppy. He has great fun with his buddies Tommy, Elroy and Finn.



To those who have lost their loved ones. It is never easy losing a precious life you brought into the world, or had hope for. May you be comforted with memories of the joys you did share or the hopes you had. My hope and prayer is you are surprised by profound joy in new things. Might it come in unexpected ways and breathe new life into you. You deserve that.

Much love to you all this May. Enjoy your babies of whatever kind.

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Blessings to you and yours this May!



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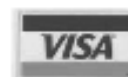
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HMCS Regina FFH-334 is one of the twelve Halifax-class fighting frigates currently serving the Royal Canadian Navy.

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The modern Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) currently fields a collection of twelve fighting frigates belonging to the Halifax-class. Among their number is HMCS Regina (FFH-334), built to the standard by MIL Davie Shipbuilding of Lauzon beginning October 1989 and commissioned for service on December 29th, 1993. She maintains an active presence in the fleet and is assigned to operations in the Pacific Theater.

The class is built on the concept of a guided-missile frigate with its primary armament suite being comprised largely of missile weapons. The group has origins in the latter Cold War-period and were ordered by the Canadian government in December 1977 as a six-strong



class to begin with - with the initial intention being a complete collection of twenty such warships. Mounting costs and program delays ultimately forced the program to be scaled back and the first contracts were not handed down until June 1983. This resulting in the class being built in two batches of six vessels (thus twelve total warships realized before the end).

HMCS Regina (FFH-334) became the fifth ship of the class and is named after Regina, Saskatchewan. She saw refitting (the "FELEX" - "Frigate Equipment Life EXtension" - refit program) during May 2015 until April 2016 to extend her operational service life. Upgrades were made to her helicopter facilities as well as communications, Command and Control (C2), and Electronic Warfare (EW) departments/components.

Due to her Cold War era origins, Regina lacks the smooth lines of modern, stealth-centric guided-missile frigates. Instead, the design showcases various protrusions and outcroppings, complete with an exposed main mast at the bridge superstructure and relatively tall smoke funnel at midships. Over the forecastle is the typical turreted deck gun surrounded by railing that runs along most of the forward hull line. The bridge section is seated low in the design and integrated to the structure is the main mast and radar array. The smoke funnel at midships is followed by the aft-superstructure which includes several more radars and support systems as well as defensive solutions. Over the stern is a single-helicopter helipad supporting the Sikorsky CH-148 "Cyclone" helicopter.

Submitted by Deborah Struk



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## Letter To The Editor

Submitted by Ralph Drew

Editor,

I write in response to Sherry Chisholm's letter that appeared in the April issue of the Belcarra Barnacle.

Specifically, I want to address Sherry's "conflict of interest" allegation against an unnamed Belcarra Councillor. The allegation regarding a "conflict of interest" is ill informed and wrong.

Anybody who takes the time to consult the 'Community Charter' would understand that Councillors who vote on matters (such as bylaws) that apply to the municipality as a whole, are NOT in conflict of interest. An often cited example is a vote to decrease taxes since all property owners would benefit, including all Council members. The 'Community Charter' specifically excludes such broad categories from conflict of interest consideration.

## Queen Victoria



- Became Queen as a young girl
- Married Albert, Prince Consort and adored him
- After he died, she wore black for the rest of her life
- Had 9 children
- Created a culture that valued family and stability



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– Queen Victoria

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CHEWY FUDGY HOMEMADEBROWNIES - YIELD: 16-20BROWNIES

Submitted by Carol Drew

Prep Time: 25 minutes - Total Time: 1 hour,  
10 minutes plus cooling

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (115g) salted butter
- 8 ounces (228g) coarsely chopped quality semi-sweet chocolate
- 3/4 cup (150g) granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup (50g) packed light brown sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup + 2 Tablespoons (80g) all-purpose flour (measure this accurately)
- 2 Tablespoons (11g) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 cup (180g) semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions:

1. Melt the butter and chopped chocolate in a medium saucepan on medium heat, stirring constantly, about 5 minutes. Or melt in a medium microwave safe bowl in 20 second increments, stirring after each, in the microwave. Remove from the heat, pour into a large mixing bowl, and allow to slightly cool for 10 minutes.

2. Adjust the oven rack to the lower third position and preheat oven to 350F degrees. Line the bottom and sides of a 9x9 inch square baking pan with aluminum foil or parchment, leaving an overhang on all sides. Set aside.

3. Whisk the granulated and brown sugars into the cooled chocolate/butter mixture. Add the eggs, one at a time, whisking until smooth after each addition. Whisk in the vanilla. Gently fold in the flour, cocoa powder, and salt. Once combined, fold in the chocolate chips.

4. Pour batter into the prepared baking pan and bake for 35-36 minutes or until the brownies begin to pull away from the edges of the pan. A toothpick inserted in the center should come out with only a few moist crumbs when the brownies are done. All ovens are different, so keep an eye on them after 30 minutes and use the toothpick test to see when yours are finished.

5. Allow the brownies to cool completely in the pan set on a wire rack. Once cooled, lift the foil out of the pan using the overhang on the sides and cut into squares. For neat squares, I use a very sharp knife and wipe it clean with a paper towel after each cut.

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