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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!

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## February 2022

Feb 1st	Imbolc
Feb 1st	Chinese New Year
Feb 2nd	Groundhog Day
Feb 4th	World Cancer Day
Feb 4 -21	Winterlude
Feb 7th	Regular Council Meeting
Feb 11th	International Day of Women & Girls in Science
Feb 14th	Valentine's Day
Feb 15th	National Flag Day
Feb 16th	Full Moon
Feb 20th	World Day of Social Justice
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## COVER ART

Our front cover features a photograph submitted by Bonni Marshall.

The back page has a photograph submitted by Barbara Shelly.

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

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## Mayor's Report

The last year ended with promise. C.R.A.B. and the Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron hosted the beloved Santa Christmas ship. The evening included fireworks, old St. Nick, a big book signing, and hot chocolate. On Christmas, our Village awoke to snow. This was a special day, especially for the young ones. A long awaited return to regular life seemed promised.

The New Year brought different challenges. The Omicron Covid-19 variant had Dr. Bonnie Henry make many changes, almost daily. Everyone in government recommitted to their efforts and worked together for the benefit of all British Columbians. We were all asked to refocus our efforts to reduce transmission, protect our most vulnerable and support exhausted healthcare workers. On behalf of all Village residents and Council, I want to recognize and offer our thanks and gratitude to those who go above and beyond to serve and take care of us all.

Some Council highlights for the New Year:

### Official Community Plan

Eleven Villagers were appointed to serve on the Official Community Plan Committee. Their first meeting is scheduled for January 26th.

### Financial Audit

The Village financial audit has started with KPMG auditors.

### Multi User Pathway

MUP (Multiple User Pathway) planning with a focus on financial viability, safety, inclusivity and accessibility continues. Additional funding options are being explored. There are no Village funding commitments until 2024. All residents are encouraged to become fully informed and offer input to our Council.

### Asset Management

Asset management and financial sustainability studies continue. A consultant report is expected at a future Council meeting.

Once again, I move into 2022 with much enthusiasm for continuing the work of Council and our Village. All the best for a Happy New Year.

Happy to Chat.  
Jamie Ross







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ADDRESS DISPLAY



The Village of Belcarra has been asked to communicate with residents the importance of having a clearly displayed property address at street level.

A visible property address is very important for emergency responders to locate addresses in a timely manner when responding to emergency calls.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Lorna Dysart  
Chief Administrative Officer

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## Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake

and Carol Drew

Belcarra's roads are narrow, twisting and often punctuated by slopes and hills. In many places they are heavily shaded by overhanging trees that create pockets of cooler than predicted conditions. In wintertime, with ice, snow and long, dark nights, they can sometimes be a white knuckle ride.

RCMP data show that fully one third of annual car accidents in BC occur in the wet or snowy months of December through February.

To meet the challenges of winter driving, here are a few facts and tips to note:

- All-season tires are not reliable below 7 degrees centigrade. Their rubber loses its elasticity and traction is significantly reduced.
- According to Transport Canada, road surfaces are slipperier at 0C than at -20 C.
- Black ice can be present on roads between temperatures of 4C to - 4C.
- Four wheel drive vehicles do well in snow, but are no better than other vehicles on ice.

### Tips:

- Carry a winter safety kit with food, water, a flashlight, a shovel and sand for traction.
- Clear all snow and ice from vehicle - windows, roof and wheel wells - before starting out.
- Check highway conditions online or by calling 511 before leaving. Give yourself plenty of time.
- Accelerate and brake gradually. Allow for extra stopping time, keeping a greater distance from the car ahead.
- Be cautious and patient around snow plows.
- If trapped in a snowbank, ensure the vehicle's exhaust pipe is clear of snow and debris to prevent harmful fumes from entering the vehicle.
- Slow down, keep both hands on the wheel, stay calm and focused.

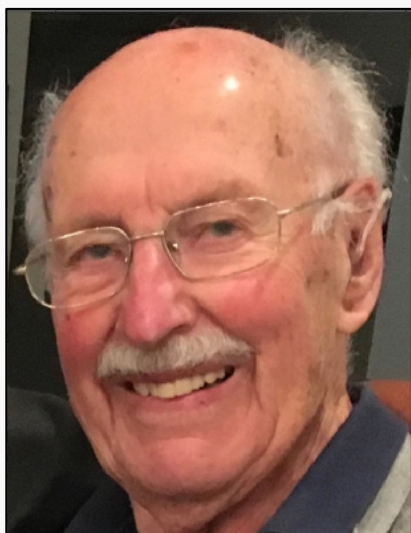
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## Lawrence Roper Jillings

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Surrounded by family, our beloved husband, father, papa, and papa2 passed away peacefully November 9<sup>th</sup> at the age of 99.

He is survived by the love of his life, Lillian, his wife and soul mate of 74 years; his son Ken (Ruth), daughters Gail (Chris), Laurel (George), six grandchildren, Leisa, Mark (Alaina), Allison (Thomas), Brent (Caroline), Greg (Rachel), and Kathryn (Neil), and five great grandchildren, Liberty, Madden, Max, Henrik and Jacob.

Laurie lived a long and healthy life filled with family, friends and fun. A wonderful role model, he inspired us all with his wisdom, generosity, and kindness.

Whether helping with home renovation projects, fishing together in Indian Arm, or enjoying family gatherings at Bedwell Bay, no occasion was complete without his sharp wit and the laughter that followed.

He was dearly loved by all who knew him and our many memories will bring joy in the time to come.

To celebrate Laurie's life please consider a donation in his memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, or take a quiet moment to enjoy a glass of scotch.

A private family Celebration of Life has been planned.

Published on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Vancouver Sun & Province



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'An inspiration' to many: Port Moody community mourns the loss of Mary Anne Cooper




Mary Anne Cooper was a well-regarded heritage activist who was also an award-winning swimmer, environmentalist and volunteer.

"She was always an inspiration to me," said her daughter, Corrina Goodman, who said her mom passed away quietly on Sunday morning (Nov. 28).

Goodman said her mother had hoped to see loco townsite preserved as a heritage, cultural and education destination and she hopes others will carry on the work.

Published on November 29, 2021, Tricity News



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## THE MULTIPLE USER PATH

Submitted by Klaus Bever

My Uncle Morris had a sense of humour that my dad was unfamiliar with. For most of their lives it didn't require any explanation. For most of their lives they lived in the contentment that while one was born in the northeast and the other in the southwest, they were both born in Saskatchewan. Both relished the joke that while the spelling of their province was an intellectual adventure for most of their classmates, it was easy to draw. They shared enthusiasm for that joke. That enthusiasm was not matched by my dad's response to Uncle Morris' labelling the road to our summer camp, a "cow path".

Uncle Morris was raised a city boy in Shaunavon, although on later questioning, he was prepared to admit that a rural town of less than 2000 would hardly qualify as a city. He felt obligated to remind my dad that the main street in Shaunavon was paved years before he could legally drive. But drive he did. And when it came to choose a line of work, he chose to sell cars. He had a lifelong love of cars and roadways.

Gus, as my dad was called, was born on a farm without the aid of medical help. The nearest railhead was in Ridgedale. The quickest way to find food was to look in the root cellar, because that's where you kept the potatoes, carrots, beets and turnips from the last growing season. Going to town for food and returning home took an entire day, if the weather allowed.

Roadways were impassable in wet seasons and were often used only by horses and horse-drawn devices. Driving was not an option.

A "cow path" was an advancement in transportation for my dad but little more than ridicule for Uncle Morris. When Uncle Morris was invited for a roast pig barbecue at my dad's summer camp on Lake Shebandowan, it was given with an inordinate amount of pride in an accomplishment. The roadway was now distinct and freshly gravelled. Sometimes in very early winter, or very late winter, it was occasionally ploughed. Otherwise, one had to walk, snowshoe or ski to get there. The invitation for Uncle Morris and family came in July and the road was at its best.

A car could be driven, without any interruptions, from Fort William where we lived, to Lake Shebandowan and return if need be, in less than four hours. To my dad, this was advancement and accomplishment. Such a road no longer deserved to be labeled a "cow path". And he told Uncle Morris, just that, pointedly.

Uncle Morris never did get another invitation from my dad to use that "cow path". But the love they shared for so many people and so many ideals endured. They both voted for their favourite Saskatchewan politician and future Prime Minister, John Diefenbaker. The invitations to use the "cow path" would; thereafter, come from my mom. And she would give them often. We would all benefit.

## Stories From The Archives

Steel Tower Topples – Snow Storm  
Extends from Vancouver to Agassiz

Vancouver Sun, Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1932, page 1.  
 Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, November 2021.

“Heavy snow and high winds blew down one of the steel towers carrying three 34,000-volt lines from the Lake Buntzen power station, in the hills north of loco between 8 and 9 a.m. today. The tower was located near Deer Lake [a.k.a. ‘Sasamat Lake’] high up in the mountains [between Sasamat and Buntzen lakes] where the full force of a southeast gale struck.”

“Full service is being maintained by B.C. Electric [B.C. Hydro] with power supplied by six remaining circuits, five of them from Stave Lake and River power stations and one from the Lake Buntzen station, which, running over a separate route from the triple line going past Deer Lake, was not damaged.”

“A company patrolman from Port Moody located the fallen tower shortly after the mishap and a repair gang was immediately dispatched. They hope to have at least one of the broken circuits repaired by tonight. B.C. Electric officials state that the remaining six circuits are sufficient to meet all power requirements but they are watching the lines in case the storm should cause additional breaks. To meet such an event, the company’s steam plant in Vancouver, capable of developing 23,000 horse-power, has been made ready to cope with any emergency.”

“The 10 linemen under P.O. Gill, B.C. Electric Company’s distribution engineer, are fighting in the midst of the blizzard to restore the wood pole line immediately and, if possible, reconnect the other two circuits, letting them hang in one long span past the wrecked tower.”

“Two of the three interrupted circuits come direct to Main Street substation are from the Lake Buntzen power plant, while the third feeds into the Burnaby substation.”

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## Mom2Mom

Submitted by Mayling Stubbs

This Vancouver-based organization seeks to improve outcomes for children living in poverty by supporting their mothers through mentorship.

It stemmed from a developmental pediatrician's work in Vancouver's inner city schools over several years, helping children with learning and behavioral challenges. It was observed that poverty, combined with isolation and often histories of past trauma put barriers in the way of mothers moving forward, and in turn, contributed to children not succeeding in school. Mom2Mom was founded as an attempt to help women to step away from the cycle of poverty they are in.

Operating since 2011, it supports mothers to believe that anything is possible – for them and for their kids. The organization currently supports over 40 families, including approximately 100 kids, running a cooking program, funding over 350 local grocery trips annually, securing scholarships for women & youth, supporting workforce participation for moms, offsetting the cost of arts, culture and sports programming for kids in the community, connecting families to basic needs services – and perhaps most important – offering unconditional friendship, strong social ties, and connection for women who haven't had enough of that in their lives. Volunteers carry out 100% of M2M's on the ground programming.

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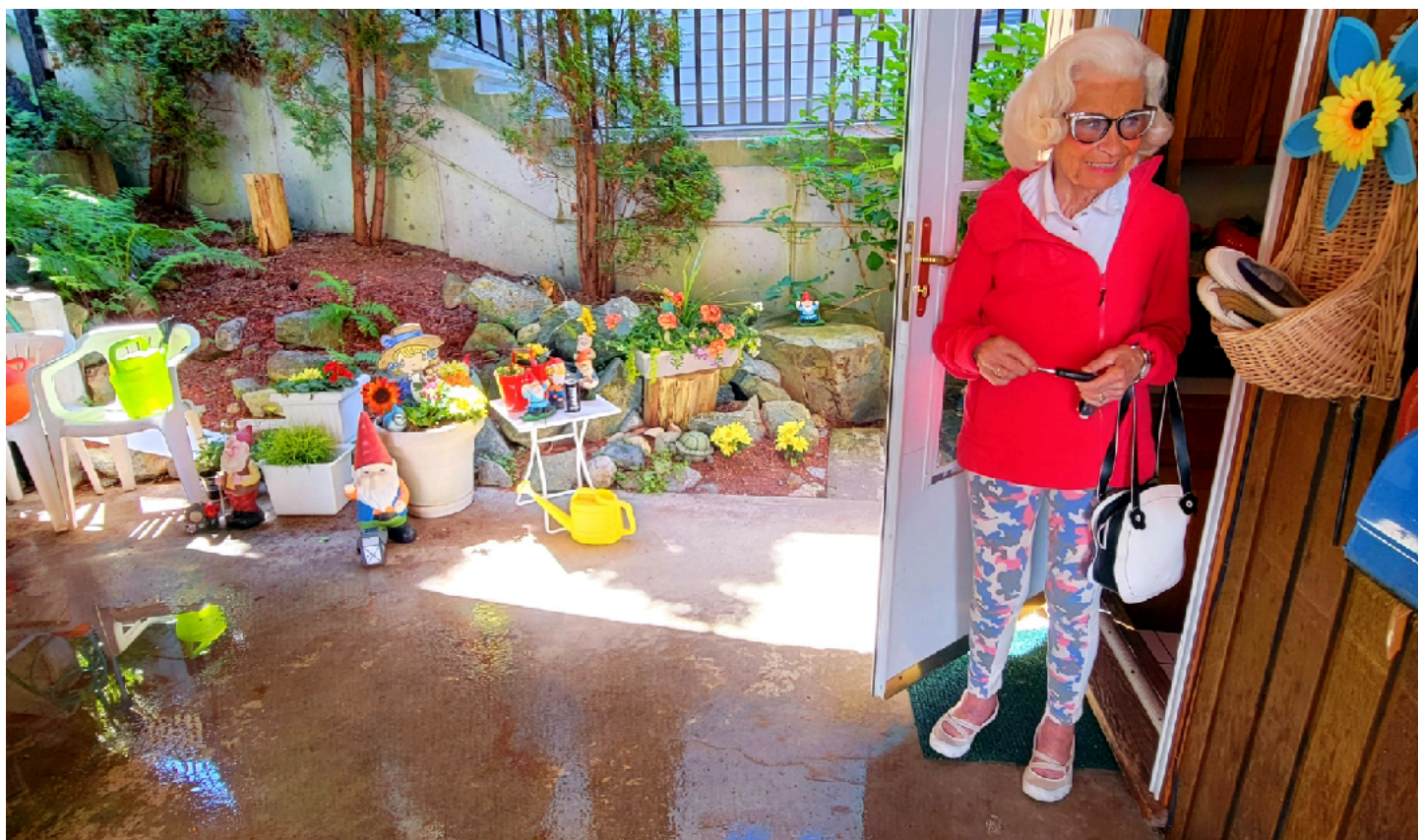


Lunch Buddies  
Submitted by Brenda Hogg





Jackie Brain & her beloved flowers  
Submitted by TH Holmes





## VILLAGE NEWS



### CRAB

Submitted by Dave Warren

The evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Santa parade at the park was the Belcarra event of the year. Over 100 people participated in the activities and watched the superb fireworks display. CRAB with the Port Moody Power Squadron and marine affiliates hosted the colossal turnout of both Belcarrians and non-villager guests. Santa with his nautical elfin crew listened to 50 plus children who signed his big book. At the same time Boulder Island exploded with thousands of dollars of fireworks courtesy of resident Dan Greenwood. Although the tykes and tots were enthralled by Santa's visit the older youthful folk appeared to be more impressed by the extensive fireworks display.

The 2021 Santa Parade was made possible with the co-operation and assistance of the Metro Parks' management and staff that permitted the lower parking lot and washrooms to be available for the numerous spectators. Two park staff members had arranged their shifts to be on-site at no cost to organizers. To assist with lighting the pathway to Santa, from the Midden Road entrance to the park, Peter and Deborah Struk arranged for extra Christmas lights on the shrubs along the path. There were more cups of hot chocolate served at this event than at any prior CRAB event.

A slight request from our financier to please keep depositing those empty beverage containers at the CRAB bins at the WARD to help provide for future opportunities for community programs and events. Easter is next and your input for ideas is desired. Better still, join the 'in' crowd as a CRAB director or volunteer planning and implementing family and adult socials.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> February clean milk containers may be deposited at WARD in CRAB refundable bins. Used milk containers must be clean to avoid contaminating other items.

### Quips & Quotes

Submitted by Barbara Shelly

"It was a story that sprawled all over the place, and yet it remained essentially portable."

"The Laughing Man" p.58 Nine Stories  
by J.D. Salinger, 1948



### BELCARRA GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Les Bramley

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## Toques for Kids

Submitted by Mayling Stubbs

For interested knitters (either seasoned or just beginning) in Belcarra, this project provides winter clothing for toddlers to teens through 29 schools in northern BC and 11 in the Yukon, where temperatures can be in the low -40s and many of the children are without proper winter clothing.

To meet the growing demand they need knitters, donations of wool, and donations of cash for shipping, buying wool, gloves, and socks. Donations are used for sending packages to Northern BC schools by Canada Post, buying wool, and buying gloves and socks.

Here's the response from one school: "We took the toques around to the classes last week to let the students choose one if they wished to take one."

The toques that looked like the Cowichan knitting were the first pick, and then the coloured ones, with blue being the favourite colour. The kids were thrilled with the new hats and were proud to wear them home."

The project also supplies toques for toddlers to a seniors centre in Vancouver. It's a community hub helping seniors who are experiencing loneliness and isolation and providing seniors with activities that support their health and well-being and providing a place of friendship. Each December they hold a bazaar to raise money to support the centre throughout the year. The toques are always a big seller for them.

If you're not a knitter but wish to donate to the project, you can do so at [toquesforkids.ca](http://toquesforkids.ca).

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## The Hummingbird in Winter

Submitted by Diana Drake

Tiny but tough is perhaps the best description for the Anna's hummingbirds that have continued to hover and hum around village feeders throughout the winter months.

One of 330 species of hummingbird in the Western Hemisphere, Anna's have only recently extended their range into Washington state and southern BC, where they stay year round. Increased availability of backyard feeders and/or climate change are considered to be the possible causes for this new behaviour.

But whatever the reason, watching their determination to 'keep going' during the freezing days and nights of early January 2022 was nothing short of inspirational. It was one of nature's quiet but incredible lessons in perseverance. And perhaps an example to all of us faced as we are with the stresses and difficulties of these unrelenting Covid months.

Weighing in at about 4-4.5 grams - slightly more than a nickle - the Anna's hummingbird is approximately 4 inches in length. Taking 250 breaths a minute, with a heart rate of more than 1200 beats in that same interval and with a wing beat of 50 to 200 flaps per second, it's no wonder they require regular infusions of energy. During the day, the average hummingbird must consume half its weight in nectar/sugar in order to survive - something it manages to achieve only by feeding between five to eight times an hour.

This is why it is so essential for bird lovers in Belcarra to keep that food coming, and to keep feeders constantly thawed when temperatures dip below zero.

If you have been feeding hummingbirds and they have become accustomed to finding food in your yard, we encourage you to continue this responsibility...as much as possible during a cold snap.

Seattle Audubon Society

When temperatures drop as precipitously as they did in the first week of January (-12/-15 with wind chill) this responsibility will often become a daily challenge. Some helpful suggestions from Internet Mom:

- wrap lighted incandescent Christmas lights around the feeder or attach them to its base.
- wrap with the heating tape used to keep pipes from freezing.
- use towels, scarves, hand warmers or even bubble wrap to insulate.
- purchase a second feeder and rotate between the two. Alternating the feeders in and out during the day will keep their liquid in a fluid state.

Remember: although it does slow freezing, DO NOT increase the amount of sugar beyond the recommended one to four ratio of white sugar to water. Higher concentrations may damage a hummingbird's liver and kidneys.

Of course, for the hummingbird (or hummingbird admirer) who has everything, there is always next year's Christmas gift: the heated feeder - about \$50 online.



### Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

As I sit and write, it feels like Spring is starting to pop up and that is a wonderful feeling. The hope and new life that comes with Spring is glorious for the soul. Today, January 22, the parking lot at Belcarra Park was packed and Midden was a busy turn around. The world eagerly awaits better days!

After two years of lockdowns and hiding smiles, each ray of sunshine is like a magnet, now we grab those opportunities to be outside and bask in the sunshine. It blesses my soul to get out and walk meeting neighbours and their fur babies on our streets and pathways. Watching what is happening in Austria and other parts of the world, it is encouraging knowing we have our freedoms here and, most of us, have sound minds and do not treat those of different status as lepers. That old song, "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" is a beautiful reminder about making the world a better place. Here is a link that will take us oldies back:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=NTxxEdBIL6Y>

I am thankful for those mystery people who have encouraged us with their uplifting messages. Months ago the first sign was posted: NEVER EVER GIVE UP

That was the first of, now several, positive messages. The next was BE CURIOUS

That did make me curious, 'who' is encouraging people to look a little deeper, have eyes wide open? I called a few people that are known to be encouragers, to see if they had posted the signs? No, it wasn't them. Funnily enough, one thought it may be my hubby. Nada. Since then LAUGH IT OFF and LIVE GLASS FULL and more have appeared. Thank you, whoever you are. Thank you for encouraging Belcarrians.

Yes, we do need to be curious. I think fear has gripped too many and many of us continue to trust what media is saying and have stopped paying attention to what we actually see and are living. Love conquers fear is a great truth. My hope is for those of us that lean towards fear; that fear is shattered and love rises up as we are curious about what is happening around us and we continue to put a little love in our hearts.

I am thankful for all my friends and neighbours; single, double, triple, or more and even not yet jabbed. You are ALL valuable. Everyone is worthy. I am thankful so many have beat nasty Covid cases and omicron. Dang, I have known a handful of fully vaccinated friends that have now had Covid TWICE and now omicron!! Yes, I know of two Covid deaths, but more of cancer, heart attacks and lives well lived and old age.

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Covid has been nasty. Thankfully, the UK and other countries are starting to realize this is something we need to learn to live with and removing mandates and vaccines. I know SO many people of all statuses, the 'points of contacts' have been mostly not who you would think. Perhaps, that is why the Province is stopping contact tracing.

So as the signs say LIVE GLASS FULL. We live in Canada, my prayer is, God keep our land glorious and free.

Now what about the Carol Ships event at Belcarra Park!? That was spectacular! How glorious and freeing to see so many people enjoying the lights, each other, hot chocolate and fantabulous fireworks. Even though it was dark, peoples smiles shone bright. Santa, as always, was a big hit.

Thank you to Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron, Dan Greenwood and CRAB.

It was a much needed event. Also a huge thank you to the Drake family for our always wonderful display as we enter the Village.

Coming home is made sweeter by the wonderful displays.

Here is looking forward to an even brighter Spring! Happy Valentines Day! Chocolates are great, but love in our hearts and smiles on our faces for our neighbours is so much better.

My hope is blessings of health, truth, light and love, from the giver of life, be upon you all.

Peace and grace,  
Deborah



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## Letter to the Editor

An open letter to my fellow Belcarrians:

I am so very thankful for our Village Belcarra Barnacle publication. Our own, Little Paper that Could! (and hopefully will, continue).

In today's age of censorship, 'cancel culture' and closed meetings, we desperately need more transparency and the ability to truly practice free speech. Of course, sans hate. It amazes me how 'critical thinking' having been encouraged in previous decades, seems to have been swept under the bus in an effort to maintain political correctness and obedience to governing bodies.

Over the last year or so I have known individuals who have tried to express or share knowledge and thoughts with MSM (mainstream media) TriCity News or with our own Belcarra, taxpayer paid, staff, only to be cancelled by way of not publishing letters. This should not be so.

I would hope our own precious paper, Belcarra Barnacle, can never be 'bought' or influenced or ruled by any particular group within our community; as has been done by the government funded mass media.

Freedom of speech is a basic right. Our veterans have fought for that. Without that freedom, where would we be today?

There has been a trend in local politics, throughout B.C., to move items to 'In Camera'. This means that NOTHING from any 'In Camera' meeting is permitted to be discussed outside the meeting.

Understandably, there are those times when items MUST be dealt with 'In Camera', but I know politicians from throughout the country who are concerned with the increase in, and abuse of, calling 'In Camera' meetings which can be utilized far too easily to keep secrets and muzzle those in the meeting.

Recently, the Belcarra OCP committee was voted for, but criteria for choosing members was not able to be disclosed. Why would that have to be kept secret? I believe the Village received 24 applicants. Only 11 were chosen. Thankfully, both councillor Clark and Drake spoke at a council meeting as to the inability to share criteria used in choosing applicants.

The selection of our previous committees was extremely transparent and residents were able to vote for those representatives. Things have changed drastically in our fine Village. Transparency does not seem to be a priority for our current mayor.

I wonder IF any council members discussed, prior to the vote, 'who' they would vote for or anything whatsoever about potential candidates. I suspect two council members had no idea how many of those candidates share a dock with Mayor Ross. That, in my opinion, presents a huge problem. Given what I know about being on a committee and Community Charter, it is improper to discuss those matters with members of more than 2 people unless all are in a meeting together. A number of committee members are in social groups together as well.

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Given the secrecy around criteria for selection, we can only guess. Perhaps, one criteria, knowing a few who were rejected 'may' have been;

'No one from the highest paying tax base' or 'No one from Belcarra Bay Road' can be chosen. After all, at least 4 knowledgeable residents from Belcarra Bay applied and were denied. (I have not seen a list of applicants, or a list of those denied). But, NO ONE on the committee is from Belcarra Bay Road. Therefore, a very important part of our Village has absolutely no representation. That is terribly unfair.

I do not have much of a problem with those who ARE on the committee, but rather I'm troubled about those who ARE NOT. I am concerned about residents who are NOT represented.

There have been concerns from those not of the 'Old Guard' or not in the 'accepted' or 'embraced' residents. Sadly, that 'Old Guard' and those connected may not even know just how divisive they have been with their choices and actions over the decades. The 'Old Guard' is real, calculated and sadly divisive. There has often been a rumour circulating that they do NOT like Belcarra Bay residents, or those that are friends with them. Hence, the crumbly old road with weeds in the middle, maybe? I am not a rumour monger, but rather a truth seeker. 'IF' in fact those who are sympathetic to the Old Guard, do care about ALL residents equally, then how is it that 'somehow' all Belcarra Bay residents were rejected from the OCP Committee!?

If it is NOT true that this sentiment exists, then this needs to be demonstrated by attitudes AND actions. Please, stop the division and truly care about ALL residents of our fine Village. Residents will know when that bridge has truly been built.

I have been mocked by a prominent friend of our current mayor, for being friends with Colm Cole. Why? I have only met Colm Cole once, during his first campaign. It is truly a sad state of affairs when certain people feel they need to turn neighbour against neighbour. Why would it be a problem if I was friends with anyone in the Village? Why are some looked down upon for owning a home in Belcarra and not living full time in the Village? When such antics stop we will know the bridge has been built.

C'mon if we're going to be a 'Village', everyone needs to lay down their 'weapons' (attitudes). Let's embrace ALL, no matter what size of their homes, the types of vehicles they drive, their vaccination status or their wine choice.

I beseech you, my neighbours, let's all search our hearts and put aside jealousy, judgement, indifference and prejudice, and try to view others in a better light. To be able to live by the Golden Rule, 'Do to others as you would have them do to you' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.

May truth and love always shine through.

Love, peace, truth and grace,

Deborah Struk





TO: Mayor and Council and all Villagers

FROM: Sherry Chisholm

I am writing this letter to Council and Villagers as I am concerned about the management and decisions being made by the present Mayor and Council.

It seems very straight forward and clear to me that our Village cannot comply with the 3 metre wide, paved, bicycle/walking trail this grant requires in order to receive the money. The grant is for 75% of the first phase of the project which is estimated to be \$700,000.00 and the Village will pay 25% in the approximate amount of \$129,000.00. I would like to see our approximate amount \$129,000.00 go toward a safe, narrow walking path (not paved) of our own Village design to see how far it could go. Phase one will be from Midden Road to West Road. I neither know the estimate for the second phase, nor where the walking path will be located. I truly support a safe small walking path and feel there is a real need for a safe walking path along Bedwell Bay Road. There is no way Bedwell Bay road can accommodate a 3 metre wide, paved, bicycle/walking path through some of the most narrow and dangerous areas. I do not know how the Village can obtain or secure the grant, as compliance with the rules and requirements for the grant will be extremely challenging.

The other point I would like to make is about the OCP members. There has been a group of 6 villagers who applied and were on the list for the OCP months and months ago. These applicants are good people from throughout the Village.

I find it very insulting that some of the worthy applicants were turned down. They were informed via e mail that they were not needed, and were given no reason or explanation as to why they were not considered to be suitable applicants. They have been replaced by eleven Villagers. Of the recently announced new 11 members on the OCPs committee, 4 are all on the Mayors group wharf and 1 is a councillors son. These new members may all be great folks, however as I understood it, the Village, in an effort to avoid the appearance of bias or undue influence, was looking for the members to be from all areas of the Village, and not just from specific 'groups' or 'cliques' or 'Council members' families'. Although the new members are quite likely good Villagers, what is the problem with the original group who have been involved with zoom meetings and are familiar with the history of the Village? That original group have been very interested and involved in the Village for quite some time.

I hope other Villagers will read this letter and understand that my concerns are for the ongoing actions and optics as they relate to our Mayor and Council. Please attend the zoom meetings or write to the Mayor and Council in order that they may better represent the wishes of the Villagers. As for my fellow Villagers please make sure you clearly understand the issues by watching recordings of the meetings. This will allow you to make decisions based on your own interpretations.

GET INVOLVED AND DECIDE FOR  
YOURSELF.

After a three-and-a-half year struggle, Metro Vancouver Regional District Parks has successfully terminated the lease on all the Belcarra South cottages. For me, it has been a 57-year relationship with Belcarra and my cottage beginning in 1964 when my family began leasing from the private owner prior to Metro's expropriation in 1971. I have lived on my own in Mayo Point Lodge – named by the builder Judge Bole early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century – year 'round since 1978. It's heartbreaking to consider leaving the cottage and the Village.

I am looking for a house – or an above-ground suite with lots of light – so I can remain in the Village.

Please let me know if you have a place or know of one coming up.

My deadline for moving out is March 1, 2022.

Jo Ledingham  
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