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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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MARCH 2022

Mar 1st	St Davids Day
Mar 1st	Mardi Gras
Mar 2nd	New Moon
Mar 2nd	Ash Wednesday
Mar 2nd	OCP Review Committee Meeting
Mar 3rd	World Wildlife Day
Mar 7th	Regular Council Meeting
Mar 8th	International Women's Day
Mar 13th	Daylight Savings Starts
Mar 14 - 25	Spring Break
Mar 17th	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 18th	Full Moon
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COVER ART

Our front cover features a photograph submitted by Lorill Estar.

The back page has a photograph submitted by Nora Boekhout - Bobcat sighting on Robson Rd. hillside!

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

It is a pleasure to share them.

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Mayor's Report

Here are some highlights for the month of February from your Council and Mayor.

The Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Committee, with leadership from Councillor Clark, completed their first meeting.

The Asset Management and Financial Sustainability Studies continue under the leadership of Councillor Drake.

Required budget adjustments for 2022 were passed by Council and completed on February 22nd.

Plans for the paving of a portion of Belcarra Bay Road and Midden Road, and a reopening of Midden Road are now finalized.

We are expecting a further investment of public funds into public transit and related priorities from our provincial and federal governments. This follows an announcement on February 17th from Ottawa.




Council continues to work forward and debate the merits of a TransLink supported multi-use path. This project is for all Villagers of all abilities and will run alongside Bedwell Bay Road. Pedestrian safety along Bedwell Bay Road remains a key concern. A planned meeting with TransLink on February 22nd to clarify many community questions was unavoidably cancelled. Please note that this information session with TransLink and your Council has been rescheduled. Please attend via Zoom on March 28, 2022.

Happy to chat,

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Lorna Dysart
Chief Administrative Officer

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Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake
and Carol Drew

Cougar Alert

On Sunday afternoon February 20th, there was a report of a cougar moving "southbound.... along Belcarra Bay Road from Turtlehead."

Although this may have been a case of mistaken identity - earlier that morning a bobcat had been photographed on the woodland trail connecting Turtlehead Road to the mailbox turnaround at Salish Road - it still reminds us all of the potentially dangerous presence of these big cats in and around our village. We should never forget that we are living in their territory.

As the weather warms and people are outside more often for walks and hikes there is an increased chance of unexpected encounters of the cougar kind. Here are some quick facts and safety tips to review:

- the mountain lion or cougar is no small predator. Full sized males can reach ten feet in length (nose to tail tip) and can weigh in at an average of 150 lbs. Females are slightly smaller at 130 lbs.
- they are nocturnal and crepuscular (twilight) hunters
- they are ambush predators, attracted to our area by deer and small wild mammals, as well as by the dogs and cats found near human habitation.

- like bears, they will search out garbage, pet food remains in outside dishes and unclean barbecues. They are also drawn to the high pitched sounds and erratic movements of small children at play.

If walking or hiking in cougar territory remember:

- go in daylight hours
- go in a group, make noise
- keep small children close
- keep dogs on leash or better still, leave them at home as they are known to attract cougars.
- carry bear spray or an air horn
- carry a walking stick
- be alert - do not wear headphones.


If you do encounter a cougar:

- do not run; do not turn your back
- keep your group close together
- make as much noise as possible
- make yourself BIG: hands/walking stick raised overhead, jacket open and hanging loose. Do not crouch or bend down.
- if attacked fight back, using whatever is available - rocks, sticks etc. Do not 'play dead.'


The good news is that cougars prefer to avoid contact with people, so attacks on humans are very rare.

Those few that have occurred in B.C. involved unsupervised children who were playing outside and adults who were jogging, skiing or hiking alone.


Contact the COS Call Centre [1-877-952-7277](tel:1-877-952-7277) (RAPP) if a cougar poses an immediate threat or danger to public safety.



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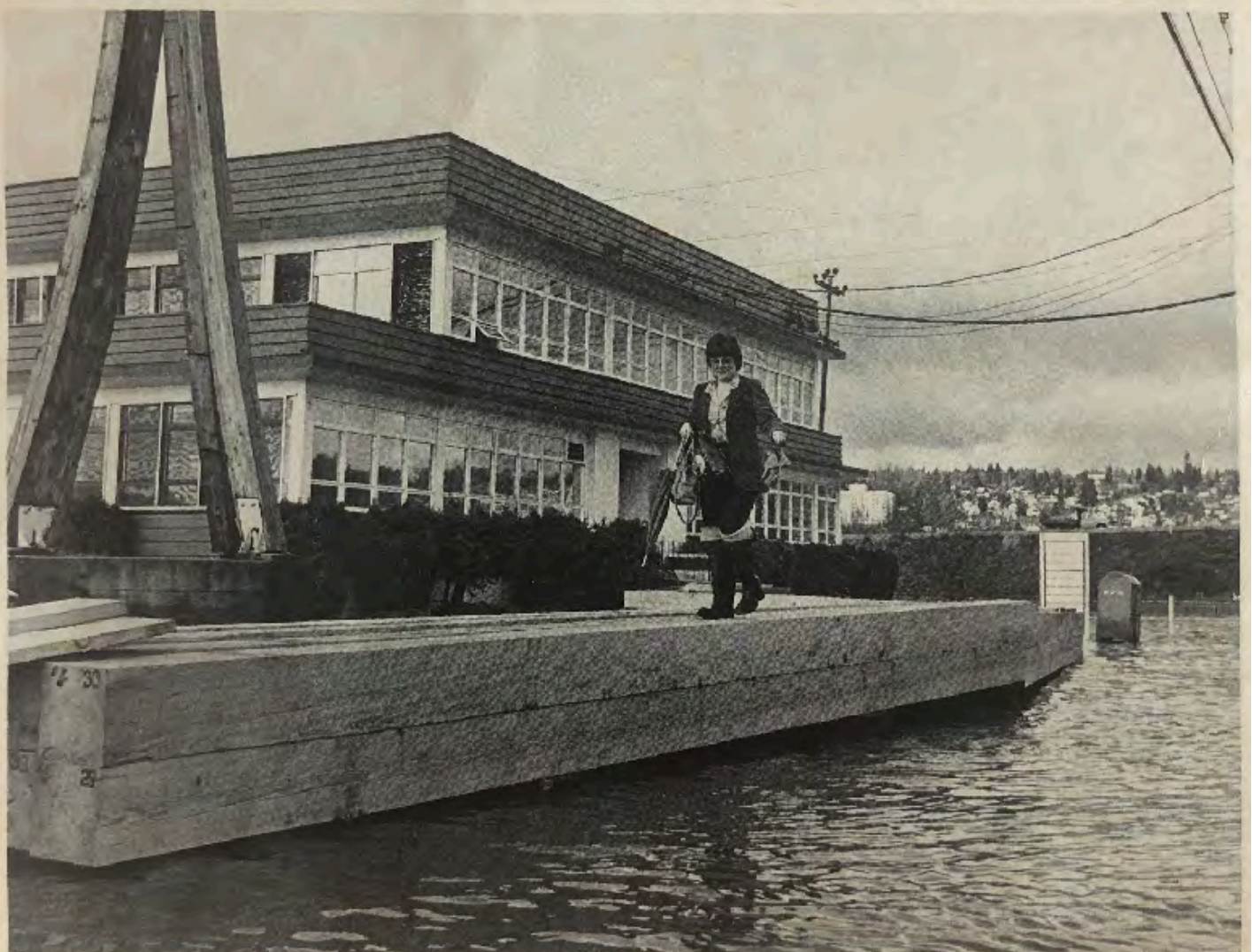


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Submitted by John Willms



Receptionist LaVaun Willms of Fraser Mills carries shoes and wears gumboots as she makes way from main office during flooding brought on by torrential November rains.

A Beautiful Memory of a Canadian Hero

Submitted by John Willms

Editor: CHUCK BAXTER

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Comment

A lesson in giving . . .

In this holiday season the spirit of giving takes hold and takes on deep personal feeling.

What better time to think about people like Terry Fox — the 22-year-old British Columbian whose fine spirit of giving touched the hearts of Canadians from coast to coast this year.

Fox set out last spring on a courageous one-man run across the nation, with hopes of raising as much as one million dollars for the fight against cancer.

He had already lost a leg to the disease, and had seen enough suffering by others, so he set for himself a near-impossible goal, the raising of money through a formidable physical accomplishment.

His original goal of a million dollars vanished beneath a sea of giving as Canadians poured more than \$19 million into his fund — and by this month money was still coming in.

Fox completed more than 4,800 kilometres of his run before the disease spread to his lungs — but it was enough. Money poured in as Canadians recognized just how much this young man had given of himself to relieve the suffering of others.

Like millions of others, CZ employees joined in — and collected more than \$11,000. The company matched their total to add more than \$23,000 to the growing fund for cancer research.

Fox has been showered with praise and has received numerous awards for his work, but he didn't do it for praise.

We can only hope and pray that Fox will receive the one gift he really wants — a cure for cancer.

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Stories From The Archives

Granite Falls Bunkhouse Destroyed in Fire

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

Source: Vancouver Sun, Monday, September 30th, 1946,
page 1.

Twenty men, most of them returned war veterans, were made homeless early Sunday when fire destroyed the bunkhouse and cookhouse at Coast Quarries, Granite Falls, on the North Arm [Indian Arm] of Burrard Inlet.

The men, workers at the plant, and the wives and children of two of them lost all their clothing and personal belongings. They were being housed at Wigwam Inn, across the inlet from Granite Falls.

"The men were so busy fighting the fire that they forgot all about their clothing and effects." Said W. A. Bickell, consulting engineer at the quarries. "The only casualty," he said, "was a kitten which we could hear mewling, but which the boys were unable to reach because of the smoke."

Mr. Bickell estimated loss at between \$12,000 and \$15,000 [about \$180,000 to \$220,000 today].

Wigwam Inn Houses Veterans Homeless
After Quarry Fire

Source: Vancouver Province, Wednesday, October 2nd
1946, page 23.

Wigwam Inn, summer resort at the head of the North Arm [Indian Arm] of Burrard Inlet, will be kept open for another week to provide temporary shelter for twenty veterans and their families.

The veterans — employed at Coast Quarries Ltd.'s quarry operations across the arm — were left homeless Saturday night when fire wiped-out their bunkhouses and cookhouse. None was injured in the blaze.

The veterans were offered emergency shelter at the Inn but faced the prospect of again being homeless Monday, Sept. 30th being the regular closing date for the resort.

Quarry officials who made arrangements to "take over" the Inn for a week, meanwhile have appealed to the War Assets Corp. for use of one of the large covered barges now anchored at nearby Bedwell Bay.

The quarry is producing rock for a federal government contract for expansion and development of Fraser River Jetty.



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Belcarra Official Community Plan Review

In December, the Village of Belcarra launched a seven-month planning process to draft a new **Official Community Plan (OCP)** for the community. The Village's existing OCP was adopted in 2011 and much has changed within the community and the surrounding areas since that time.

An OCP...

- Communicates a community's **vision, goals, and objectives**.
- Outlines **long-term** development plans for a community.
- Guides **planning** and **land use** management.

Where are we in the planning process?



Who will be engaged throughout the planning process?



We invite you to learn more and join the conversation!

- **Community Survey:** Check the Village website February 21
- **Passive Open House:** Look for posters around the Village March 5-6
- **Community Open House:** March 10 @ 6:00 pm via Zoom
(a meeting link will be posted on the Village website early in March)

This first round of engagement will focus on the “**BIG PICTURE**”. We want to hear what your **VISION** for Belcarra is and to learn what **GOALS** the **OCP** should strive to achieve over the next 20 years.



To learn more about the OCP Review process visit:
<https://belcarra.ca/municipal-hall/2022-ocp-review-committee/>





Submitted by Bonni Marshall

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VILLAGE NEWS



CRAB

Submitted by Dave Warren

Easter Sunday this year is 17th April, and it is believed that CRAB can possibly resume the tradition of hosting a Children's Candy Egg Hunt at the park. This tentative event would be dependant upon no new variant of COVID surfacing after the recent diminishing of pandemic. Crab is inviting the community to a possible Easter egg hunt with the caution that the event could be canceled if the pandemic should become problematic.

This article is being placed in the March issue of the Barnacle to give Belcarra families a heads up and parents an opportunity to offer CRAB their feedback concerning an Easter event at park. The tentative outside event would not require face coverings but people are welcome to wear masks if desired. All candy is individually wrapped in either foil or cellophane.

Quips & Quotes

Submitted by Barbara Shelly

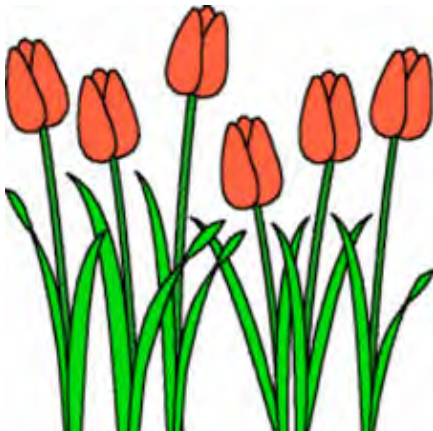
"Sometimes even giving everything isn't necessarily enough."

Fresh Water for Flowers by Valerie Perrin, p. 105

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THE BELCARRA GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Les Bramley

Hi, everybody! We are resuming our garden club meetings at the Belcarra Picnic Area Shelters on Monday April the 4th at 2pm, rain or shine.

It's a great location overlooking the ocean with an interesting group of members who have a wealth of knowledge to pass along, we share some good humour along the way. Social distancing is followed for now, let's hope that ends soon.

Each meeting we cover a different topic. Our last meeting covered automatic irrigation, which is good to have when you leave for trips.

We are hoping to take a gardening related day trip this year, with the destination to be decided at the April meeting.

In September/October we have our plants and seeds swap which went well last Fall.

So if you want to join us, please come to the Park! There are no membership costs. It is all free and it gets you out of the house to enjoy some good company.

HAPPY GARDENING.

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Salty Science: Rowing for the ocean

By Isabelle Côté

Just over a year ago, in the middle of the pandemic, I got an email from Chantale, a former graduate student of mine, asking if I'd join her and two of her former students, Noelle and Lauren, on a madcap adventure: rowing across the Atlantic to raise funds for marine conservation and education! Picture 4-6 weeks, 5000 km, unsupported, from the Canary Islands to Antigua. What can one say to such an invitation other than: YEEEESSSSS!!

One year on, we've achieved a lot. Although all four of us are marine biologists and into a variety of sports on and under the water, none of us knew the difference between sculling (two oars) and sweeping (just one oar). So we learned to row (with two oars!). A friend donated some time to create our spiffy website (www.saltyscience.org – check it out!), and another designed our beautiful logo. We (meaning Chantale, Noelle and Lauren) held a very successful New Year 'Beer Summit' as a fundraiser in Florida,

where Chantale lives, and we raised enough money to put a down payment on the boat that we will row across the Atlantic in December 2023. Look at this beauty! She just made it across the Atlantic, rowed by another crew. But we're still a long way away of our fitness and fundraising targets!

Over the next two years, I'll write periodically to update Belcarra Barnacle readers on our journey to the start line. I'll be happy to answer any questions (such as where and when will you sleep, and other logistical matters).

In the meantime, if you wish to help us by donating any amount or sponsoring a mile, thank you! We will email you on the day we row 'your' mile! If you know of companies or corporations that might be into supporting our crazy project and our good ocean-related causes, please let me know (imcote@sfu.ca). All donations are eligible for tax receipts, in the US (please see our website) or through CanadaHelps (www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/bmsc/campaign/salty-science-rowing-for-bmsc/).



Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

Marching on! Aaah, the sweet warmth of the sun. To me it is like the warm hug of a beloved family member or friend. So thankful for the Winter sunshine.

We have much to look forward to with the clocks 'springing' forward (Mar 13) and the official arrival of Spring soon afterward. My heart sings as I see flowers coming up! I love walking over Ray Creek, listening to the rushing waters.

I think we all look forward to more smiles, hugs and connections. We need each other to thrive as humans. Canada should be the 'true' North, strong and free.

I am ever thankful for every connection and smile, even if it is sparkling eyes behind a mask. It is heartwarming to see people caring for each other, even total strangers as we meet on the streets or elsewhere. I am so thankful and happy to hear that our Easter Egg event for the kids is a go! Thank you to those volunteers that make it a special day with children gleefully looking for hidden treasures of chocolate in the park.

The Christmas/Santa Ships seem like so long ago. It was a glorious evening and the children, and adults, had a wonderful evening.

I long for the days when our children can be carefree kids once again. To see and hear kids laughing, skipping and playing together with nary a care - that is a beautiful world.

The innocence and faith of a child is such a beautiful picture.

Will our children get to experience Canada and the world as we have been so blessed? This is my hope.

We need to love our neighbours (which is the world). We have been more than blessed with our freedoms to travel, speak and move freely throughout the generations. This is my hope for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Everyone is valued and precious.

St. Francis of Assisi

Lord make me an instrument of Your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

May the Lord of light, life and love shine upon you and give you peace and hope.

May none of us wish ill will upon anyone.

Peace be still.

Be blessed and enjoy all the beauty of Spring in our paradise this side of paradise.





MULTI-USE PATH

By Klaus Bever

It happened in December, at a Council meeting. It started with the Mayor leaving his comfortable chair and speaking from the floor to an issue of community togetherness. Council had demurred on the motion. The Mayor stood alone, then.

It was not the first time that the Mayor had stood before Council alone, but resolved to bring a vision of working together. He had resolved to himself, and to his Village that he would listen and that he would work together with Council. He came to the position hoping to make Council's job easier. That had been his election platform a year earlier. He stood then, not defiant nor angry, but eager to make the point that working together meant more than uttering words; but listening. Listening to a proposal that had vision, and funding for that vision. He was calling on his Council to work with him, as he had previously resolved to work with them. For that moment, he stood alone.

The motion the Mayor made was for Council to apply for further funding so that the idea of a future path could take root. He wanted support from his Council to plant the seed of opportunity, not for growing the entire tree. He knew that the idea was not his alone but that of many Villagers, and over many years.

A seconder to his motion appeared. The motion came to the floor. The debate that followed was open, enquiring and multi-sided. The vote, when it came, was positive. Four out of five had voted for an improved funding opportunity.

That meeting in December was the beginning of the chapter in this Village's recent history to bring thinkers together to make a safer path for people of all spirits and all abilities. This path will have bumps and curves along the way. We have, it seems, established that we have the collective wisdom, patience, vision and leadership. That as a Village, we can build this path for everyone, of all abilities.



Letter to the Editor

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Sherry Chisholm

I am writing this letter in response to last evening's council meeting during which the safe walking path was discussed. I absolutely support and am in favour of a safe walking path. I am not in favour of a 9 foot wide, paved, bicycle/walking path that will cost a lot of money and will alter all driveways along Bedwell Bay Road. Because not many Villagers attend council meetings I believe Villagers are not aware that even with the possible grant of 75% which MAY be available there will also be the Villager's dollars for the 25% balance of the cost.

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The total cost will be in the neighbourhood of a million dollars. The bicycle/walking path will be from the start of the Village to Midden Road. In some areas there is just no room at present and would require rock face blasting and removal of trees, etc. and not least of all driveways would need re-routing. This plan would cause too much disruption and cost to Villagers.

A great alternative was talked about at the council meeting last night, The SHOULDER ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (SEP) . This low cost project would suggest that a narrow, (possibly a metre wide) foot path on the shoulder of the road be shovelled, raked out and possibly a bobcat machine rented to provide a low cost, simple gravel pathway for Villagers to walk on safely, rather than, as at present, walking on the road. This could be done fairly quickly once council decided that this is really all the Villagers want and need and are probably willing to pay for.

The other item that was discussed was Midden Road. There is a plan to spend approximately \$150,000.00 to pave the road. I personally feel that this road is not a top priority to spend that amount of money on. Marine Avenue needs road work NOW. Additionally, some rip-rap along Marine Avenue shore line should be higher on the priority spending list.

The building of a new fire hall should also be high on the priority list. Midden Road could be left as it is, opened to traffic at no cost to Villagers or as was suggested, make it a gravel road only and save the cost of pavement as it is not a high traffic road.

In my opinion too much money is being spent on achieving grants which are leading our councillors to chase grants and spend money on unnecessary projects while they are ignoring items that need work and money spent NOW.

I am appealing to the many Villagers' that do not attend meetings or get involved in the Village. These things I mention will cost you tax dollars. If you do not speak up and join in you will be burdened with the costs and not understand why. PLEASE GET INVOLVED BEFORE THE DECISIONS ARE MADE AND YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT. I am concerned that Villagers' rising taxes will push many folks out of the Village and so we MUST stop this chasing grants and spending on items not on our real priority list.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED .. SEND LETTERS .. SPEAK OUT AT MEETINGS .. AND UNDERSTAND THAT I ONLY WISH FOR VILLAGERS TO KNOW WHAT PROJECTS THEIR TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT ON.





Letter to the Editor

Belcarra Multi-Use Pathway Project

The Village of Belcarra is considering a partnership with TransLink to create a safe active transportation path along Bedwell Bay Road. This Multi-Use Pathway (MUP) would provide a separate walkway for children, parents with strollers, cyclists, seniors and people with mobility aids, to safely travel beside our busiest roadway.

This MUP program is not unique to Belcarra, it is part of a provincial mandate to create more opportunities for active transportation. On January 27, 2022 the mandate: [Transport 2050](#) was signed by the Mayor's Council and Translink.

As part of the regional program, TransLink agrees to provide 75% of pathway project costs if built to their regional standard width. Anmore, Bowen Island, and Lions Bay; similar small communities, are building safe paths funded with TransLink grants. We believe Belcarra can afford to build this project section-by-section and should participate alongside our sister municipalities.

Belcarra Council has agreed to provide 25% of the costs, should this project proceed. Additional grant opportunities will continue for at least another two years. If Belcarra ultimately declines to begin building the pathway, the 75% grant money will be returned to TransLink and distributed to other communities.

The pledged grant allocations so far are:

- 2021: \$129,460 TransLink grant; \$43,280 Village of Belcarra
- 2022: \$191,000 TransLink grant; \$63,340 Village of Belcarra

Our vision for a Belcarra Multi-Use-Pathway:

- To create a protected paved path for children and adults in the community to walk, cycle and roll along Bedwell Bay Road from one end of the community to the other.
- To provide a safer, more visible pathway for residents who may not prefer walking alone in the forest or through the community after dark.
- To incrementally develop a valuable amenity built to a high-quality regional standard that is maintained through existing Major Road Network grants – something that will attract future residents to our area.

The space is mostly there! The majority of Bedwell Bay Road has sufficient shoulder space to accommodate what TransLink requires. There are a few sections, near Kelly Road and Main Avenue, where space is limited, and a narrower path would be needed. Our sister communities have successfully managed similar challenges.

We think that a subsidized Belcarra Multi-Use Pathway will be a “win” for our small community.

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If you have any questions, ideas, or wish to join us in advocating to Council to begin this safe multi-use pathway effort, we would like to hear from you. This project will only happen if residents voice their support.

Sincerely,

Colleen & Ian MacDonald, Jodi & Jol Drake,
Dayna & Klaus Fitzbever, Kristina Bell &
Marshall Pringle, Sommer & Kevin Ferris,
Akiko Maesawa & Craig Stewart, Karen &
Bert Perey, Ruth & John Foster, Sheri & Eric
Strachan, Laurretta & Josh Davis, Melanie &
Kurt Tsuyuki



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

We have resided on Turtlehead Road for over 36 years. For the first thirty years or so our neighbourhood was a peaceful and quiet residential one, but for the past five or six years new home construction has created the noise and traffic of a heavy construction or industrial site. Hundreds of, and probably in excess of a thousand, truck loads of blasted rock have passed by our home from the sites of four new homes.

The drilling, blasting, excavation and hauling from the most recent site started nearly a year ago and was still ongoing as of Feb. 10, 2022. In our view, this scope of site reconfiguration is beyond reasonable for a residential neighbourhood.

It seems kind of ridiculous to have a noise bylaw which states in part "No person shall keep any animal or bird which by its cries, barks, chirps or other noises, disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons in the vicinity.", yet does not regulate the noise of drilling, blasting and handling of rock by excavators other than on Sundays and overnight hours.

We believe that the Village should have some sort of Bylaw that would limit the volume of excavation, especially of rock, for new home construction sites. Such a bylaw would hopefully lead to a more reasonable loss of "peace and quiet" for the neighbouring residents while new homes are being constructed.

Yours truly,

Don Reid and Donna Smallpiece



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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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