

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?



Thank you to all who completed the community survey and participated in the Virtual Open House.

Community Engagement is an important component of this planning exercise. We are excited to see how engaged Belcarra residents are. We received 111 completed surveys and hosted 54 residents, staff, and elected officials at our Virtual Open House.

What is involved in developing the Draft OCP?

For the past six weeks, we have been busy reviewing background research, interviewing key audiences and stakeholders, engaging the public, and collaborating with the OCP Review Committee to draft a **vision** for your community. We have also been drafting **goals, objectives, policies** and **land use maps** to guide Belcarra's growth and development to 2040.



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Draft Vision Statement

*Belcarra is a peaceful village between the forest and the sea.
In 2040, Belcarra will be a safe, sustainable, and welcoming
community surrounded by natural beauty.*

We heard you say that you would like Belcarra to remain a quiet, rural community surrounded by a beautiful natural environment. We also heard you say that your community is divided and not communicating as well as it could. You want a peaceful community where residents feel welcomed and united.

Draft Strategic Goals:

1. To be a steward of the natural environment.
2. To be an advocate for climate change and emergency preparedness.
3. To be a safe place for residents and visitors to explore.
4. To be a village that offers a range of housing options.
5. To be a municipality that evolves progressively and sustainably.
6. To be a community where residents feel engaged, informed, and heard.
7. To be a connected neighbourhood with strong inter-governmental relationships.

We welcome your feedback on the Draft Vision Statement, Strategic Goals, and more!

- **Virtual Community Open House:** May 25th @ 6:00pm - 7:30 pm. A Zoom link will be posted on the OCP Review web page in advance of the meeting.
- **Draft OCP Feedback Form:** Check the Village website May 26th

The Community Open House will be a virtual event hosted by municipal staff and their consultants.

Be sure to join and ...

- Review the Community Survey Results
- Provide your feedback on the Draft Vision Statement and Strategic Goals
- Share your thoughts on Key Policy Areas
- View the Draft OCP Maps
- Learn more about the OCP Adoption Process



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