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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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Michelle Montico, Editor
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IMPORTANT DATES

September 2022

Sept 5th	Labour Day
Sept 6th	Back to School
Sept 6th	Regular Council Meeting
Sept 10th	Full Moon (Harvest Moon)
Sept 11th	Grandparents Day
Sept 12th	Belcarra Garden Club Mtg
Sept 18th	Terry Fox Run
Sept 22nd	Autumn Equinox
Sept 25th	Rosh Hashanah
Sept 25th	New Moon
Sept 30th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Sept 30th	Orange Shirt Day
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Oct 3rd	Belcarra Garden Club Mtg



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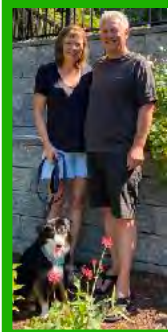
COVER ART

Our front cover features a photograph, submitted by Deborah Struk.

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

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Mayor's Report

It's been a wonderful, warm summer in our Village with multiple opportunities for family connections, short trips, and renewal of spirits. Sylvia and I have been enjoying our nightly swim in Bedwell Bay, our long walks on local hiking trails, and the opportunity to connect with people in the Village.

Council met twice during the month of July:

- Paula Richardson is now our acting Chief Administrative Officer and Connie Esposito has been appointed the acting Corporate Officer for the first half of September.
- Council supported the introduction of a Belcarra Geography Information System (GIS). This is an online tool which can provide information on Belcarra's assets such as roadways, properties, and fire hydrants.
- Council approved a policy for managing correspondence to the Village.
- Council asked staff to investigate an ICBC opportunity for a Village road safety audit of the main road network, principally for the bus route roads.
- Ken Bjorgaard, our Village Financial Consultant, provided the mid-year 2022 Budget Variance Report (available on the Village website). The Village remains on a strong and sound financial path.

- Stewart Novak, Public Works & Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, reported on pending street light replacements to LED, safety for domestic water supply connections (fire sprinkler systems), and funding reallocations to the major road network.

I attended meetings throughout the summer including at the Coquitlam Water treatment plant, a Metro Park's Committee tour of Bowen Island, and with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

Representatives of Anmore and Belcarra Councils met in support of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department.

The September 6 Council meeting will include:

- Two delegations (Imperial Oil / Stantec Engineering, the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver) presenting information affecting Belcarra. .
- Three staff reports: West Road Name Change, Online GIS Map – inclusion of lot areas, and an update on the Emergency Mass Notification App.

I am pleased to share that Sartaj Grewal, our Village Building Inspector, was married in July; and Paula Richardson, our Acting Chief Administrative Officer, will be married this September. Congratulations and best wishes to both of you, from all of us.

It is my privilege and honour to be your Mayor and I am pleased to provide this update.

Happy to chat,
Jamie

VILLAGE OF BELCARRA ELECTION

Nomination Period: Tuesday August 30, 2022 – Friday September 9, 2022 at 4:00 pm

Campaign Period: Saturday September 17, 2022 – Saturday October 15, 2022

Advance Poll: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 – 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

General Voting Day: Saturday, October 15, 2022 – 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Chief Elections Officer: Lisa Zwarn – email address: Belcarra Elections elections@belcarra.ca

For more information:

The Village website has an “Election Information” page where notices and information will be posted <https://belcarra.ca/elections/>

Per the Public Notice Bylaw (see link) <https://belcarra.ca/assets/media/2022/07/602-2022-Village-of-Belcarra-Public-Notice-Bylaw.pdf> the Village may use any 2 of the following; the Village Website, a newspaper; the Resident/Owner email notification list. If you are not already on the email notification list, please provide an email address and [request](#) to join the list.

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Letter to the Editor

UNDEVELOPED ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY (“ROAD ENDS”)

Ralph Drew

The issue of selling undeveloped road rights-of-way, also known as “road ends”, is once again being raised as a means to generate revenue for the municipality. In 2014, Belcarra Council commissioned a discussion paper titled Revenue Generation Options for Belcarra Roads that provided an inventory of undeveloped municipal road rights-of-way within the Village of Belcarra. The municipal interest in roads is not a ‘titled’ interest. Roads are usually the untitled product of the Land Title Act (mostly dedications when subdividing private land) or the Land Act (surveys of Crown land). In other words, road rights-of-way are not registered fee-simple properties that can be sold. A road right-of-way must first be surveyed, have “title raised” with the B.C. Land Title & Survey Authority, comply with Provincial subdivision requirements as outlined in the Land Title Act and Regulation, and obtain sewage disposal approval from Fraser Health Authority.

There are many obvious public purposes for roads, both now and in the future, and the list includes: traffic, lanes, walkways, waterfront (shoreland) access, watercourses (note: beds of bodies of water belong to the Crown; specifically, lakes, rivers, streams and creeks), retaining walls and grade control structures, public utilities, accommodating transit facilities/pull-outs, municipal parks, storm run-off, access to ‘lands beyond’ subdivisions, trail networks, needs by other governments, and sometimes snow-dumps. Road rights-of-way that may not be used at present could well be needed by the municipality in the future.

Belcarra roads were never intended as mechanisms for land development revenue. However, even with the most creative revenue ideas, the municipal management priorities must be established before any road asset can be considered for alternate use. Where a road is nominated as suitable for alternate use, a wide range of criteria and possible resolutions must be considered.

The sale of road rights-of-way (“road-ends”) is fraught with legal hurdles — see [Section 5 – Legislative, Regulatory and Legal Considerations](#). One such hurdle is “Rights of Resumption” where there is an opportunity for the Crown to seek a return of a closed road. In the case of ‘surplus’ roads, the Crown has rights of road resumption stated in the [Community Charter](#) (Section 35.)

Such rights must be released by applying to the [Land Title Office](#). The municipality may need confirmation that the resumption right has been cancelled. In addition, cancelling the right of resumption by the Crown may invoke consultation with First Nations, recognizing the Crown has a duty to consult with First Nations. The municipality will need to receive senior level direction from the Province on what consultation is required at the time of undertaking.

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Waterfront Road Ends

In Belcarra, the most profound factor for road closure options lies in the difference between shoreland and upland locations. Shoreland has frontage on natural boundaries of bodies of water. Upland has no frontage on bodies of water (note there are various factors which surveyors must consider in defining these terms). It is a requirement that road closure candidates, which have waterfront, can only be alienated if proceeds are directed to a reserve fund to obtain equal or better waterfront land providing access to the same body of water. Since a number of the catalogued Belcarra roads have some degree of water frontage, the proceeds have limited use.

The Community Charter (Section 41.1) states that community-owned waterfront can only be exchanged for land of at least equal benefit to the public:

“41 (1) As a restriction, if:

- (a) a bylaw under section 40 (1)(a) [authority to permanently close] affects a highway, or part of a highway, that provides access to the ocean or a lake, river or other stream or watercourse, and
- (b) the municipality is proposing to dispose of the highway or part,
- (c) the municipality may only dispose of that highway or part if:
- (d) the municipality is exchanging the property for other property that the council considers will provide public access to the same body of water that is of at least equal benefit to the public, or
- (e) the proceeds of the disposition are to be paid into a reserve fund, with the money from the reserve fund used to acquire property that the council considers will provide public access to the same body of water that is of at least equal benefit to the public.”

Taylor Road Community Trail

Two of the “road-ends” that were previously surveyed and proposed for sale were the upper and lower portions of Taylor Road that are occupied by the Taylor Road Community Trail. This trail is an important component of Belcarra’s growing community trail system and is strongly supported within the community. In 2020, Council received a very large number of written objections to the alienation of the Taylor Road Community Trail.

Upper Watson Road

The Upper Watson Road right-of-way is the only legal access to Lot 16, Block 6, Plan 3014 (3307 Main Avenue) and cannot be alienated. The property in question would be land-locked if Upper Watson Road was closed by the municipality and the municipality cannot legally diminish that access to a standard that is less than the legislated standard. The legal access must meet the road construction guidelines which is detailed by the Engineering Branch of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. In other words, the legal access must be a “minimum

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width of 20 metres or the road cross-section plus 3 metres on each side, whichever is greater”.

The Community Charter (Section 41.2) also states that:


“41 (2) If the effect of:

- (a) a proposed highway closure under section 40 (1) (a), or
- (b) a proposed highway alteration
- (c) will be to completely deprive an owner of the means of access to their property, the municipality must either
- (d) obtain the consent of the owner before the owner is deprived of access, or
- (e) in addition to paying any compensation required under section 33 (2) [compensation for injurious affection], ensure that the owner has another means of access that is sufficient for this purpose.”

Lower Watson Road

The previous road end surveys show a creek drainage located on Lower Watson Road right-of-way that is both municipal infrastructure and an on-going municipal requirement. The creek drainage also precludes potential development of that portion of road right-of-way due to the set-back requirements for building construction adjacent to waterways.

In 2005, the Provincial government enacted the Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) which was subsequently amended in 2019. The RAR outlines requirements for establishing development setbacks from streams, lakes and wetlands. The Belcarra Building and Plumbing Code Regulation requires setbacks to the natural boundary of any lake, swamp, pond or watercourse as required by the Riparian Areas Regulation and determined by a Qualified Environmental Professional.



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To: Distribution
From: Jay Sharpe, Fire Chief
CC: Anmore & Belcarra Fire Stations
Date: August 12th, 2022
Re: Open Fire Burning Ban

Open Burning Ban, Effective Noon, August 12, 2022

Based on the Fire Hazard Synopsys and the long term forecast from Metro Vancouver Fire Weather Information an Open Fire Ban will be put into effect at 12:01 pm Friday August 12th, 2022.

All Open Fires including Camp Fires and outdoor wood burning appliance fires will be prohibited within the Village of Anmore and the Village of Belcarra.

No open fires permitted.

Jay Sharpe

Fire Chief, LAFC

Sasamat Fire Department



Belcarra Blockwatch

Submitted by Diana Drake
and Carol Drew

School's Back!

Schools will be back in session Tuesday, September 6 and school zone speed limits will once again be in effect: 30km/hr from 8 am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Prepare for more traffic on the roads in the early morning and afternoon and plan travel times accordingly.

(Fines for speeding in a school zone start in the \$190 range in BC)

Stay focused behind the wheel and slow down. Keep to posted village speed limits and be extra aware, particularly at drop off and pick up times. Watch for children on crosswalks and our narrow roadsides.

Remember, too, that some children may now be taking regular transit. Therefore approach all stationary buses with increased caution. Shuttles have been known to stop just beyond a crosswalk leaving those who exit to cross from behind the vehicle, virtually invisible to oncoming traffic. Children should be reminded to wait until the bus is gone and/or they have a clear view of the road in both directions before trying to cross.



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Stories From The Archives

To Bring More Ships To Canadian Route

Source: Vancouver Sun, Thursday, December 7th, 1916,
page 8.

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, B.C., July 2022.

Ground has been broken for the construction of the new lumber mill at Roslyn [today 'Dollarton'] by the 'Robert Dollar Steamship Line'. The mill itself is to be in operation next Spring and will be used to feed freighters which the line will bring here.

Discussing the general outlook, Mr. Melville Dollar, manager of the Vancouver offices of the company, told 'The Sun' that it was not intended to get any new ships until after the war [World War I]. "Buying ships now," he said, "is like buying real estate during the boom. We would have to pay many times the value." After the war, however, it is the intention of the line to bring more ships to the port of Vancouver.

The 'Robert Dollar Steamship Line' moved its headquarters from Seattle to Vancouver not many months ago, and since then has been well satisfied with the developments here. They have opened an office in Vladivostok, with a view to develop trade after the war.

With completion of the mill at Roslyn next Spring, however, Mr. Dollar admitted that more ships might be brought here. The only difficulty was in getting them. It was quite possible, however, that with the mill in operation, additional sailings might be made from Vancouver every month.

"Do you find port facilities sufficient?" Mr. Dollar was asked. "They are ample," he said. "We have never had the slightest difficulty in berthing our boats. We expect to bring additional ships here and there should be no trouble in findings berths for them."

Asked as to the future, Mr. Dollar expressed his confidence in the growth of the port. The facilities, her considered, were so good that his line felt no anxiety about the possibility of obtaining berths. With the new government dock, he thought there should be plenty of room.

The 'Robert Dollar Line' is depending on considerable development in traffic through Vancouver after the war. Just now, however, it does not anticipate any marked change. The closing of the port of Vladivostok may interfere with the usefulness of their Vladivostok offices for a time; the port authorities, however, are accepting cargoes which were on the way at the time the order went into effect.

TIDE TABLES ONLINE

<https://www.tide-forecast.com/locations/Port-Moody-British-Columbia/tides/latest>

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Submitted by Tony Briggs

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VILLAGE NEWS

THE BELCARRA GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Les Bramley

Hi everybody.

The September meeting will be on Monday the 12th at 4pm at the Belcarra Park Picnic Shelters.

Our last meeting for 2022 will be held on Monday October 3rd at 2pm at the Belcarra Picnic Shelters.

We will do our annual plant and seed exchange at the October 3rd meeting.

Many thanks to all of you who gave plants at our meetings. Our first "field trip" to Shangrila Farms in August was a great success and we hope to more outings next year!

We will take the winter off and resume our BGC meetings in April.

If you have any gardening questions or wish to become a member, please contact us at 604-937-7103 or email: lesbramley@shaw.ca.

HAPPY GARDENING



Barnacle Travels

Submitted by Nora Boekhout

Belcarra Barnacle with "Monty Moose" in Victoria for Deuce Days (1932 Fords) in August.





Celebration of Life

Submitted by Brian Hunter

David Hunter, long-time resident of Belcarra Village passed away on August 9, 2022 at the age of 83. Dave and Ruth Hunter lived in Belcarra for over 35 years from approximately 1974 until 2012. They had many friends and good neighbours and always considered this to be their dream home. Many family gatherings were held at their home and extended family always recall the fun times and good memories made there.

Dave could always be found wandering the neighbourhood and enjoyed talking with anyone he ran into. Ruth loved gardening and had a beautiful yard to show for it. They spent much time walking through the trails in the park, usually up the bike trail to the "swamp". David was a Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department fireman for many years and served as the Fire Chief for a time. He enjoyed driving the fire trucks and the camaraderie of the team.

Dave is predeceased by his wife Ruth (2018) and survived by their children Alison DeGroot (Robert), Marion Lewis (Doug) and Brian Hunter (Krista), grandchildren Christopher Lewis, Natalie Nichol (Tyler), James Hunter (Livi) and Joseph Hunter, and great-grandchildren Mackenzie and Lanelle Nichol. A casual Celebration of Life will be held at Belcarra Regional Park picnic area on Saturday, September 17th from 12:00-4:00, "Open House" style, please drop by at any time.

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Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

Can you believe Summer break is coming to a close? What a summer it has been. We have so much to be thankful for. How about the fire ban that came later in August, a huge bonus to campers. Also, it has been wonderful to not have to avoid the smoke from wildfires. So, despite the extended high heats we certainly can not deny we experienced summer. Now many of us now await cooler days, but not too much cooler.

We truly live in a bit of paradise and it is wonderful everyone can access the water in some way. The Village hosted a couple of summer engagements and weddings at the waterside. Congratulations to all the couples. What a beautiful location to celebrate those new beginnings. This summer more Villagers are utilizing their parking passes to park along Midden and play, picnic, swim or launch their kayaks into the ocean. If you haven't yet, please do. The park has some beautiful beaches, depending on the tides. It is also nice to see the 5knot speed limit hence making it less treacherous being on the water. That being said there are still a few boats and sea doos that ignore the speed limit, creating a horrendous wake for those on human powered watercraft.

This summer also brought sadness to some. So sorry to hear of those who have lost precious family members. Our old neighbour, Dave Hunter, passed away this summer joining his beloved Ruth in heaven. He along with Dan Brain and others were some of those that birthed our beloved Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department into being. We are ever thankful for all of our volunteers and supporters that started, and keep, our fire department being a top notch essential service. Thank you. The summer also brought great sadness with the loss of beloved pets. So sorry for your losses neighbours and friends. May God bring you peace in the midst.

Are you ready for fall elections? We hope everyone is paying attention to the worldwide and Provincial scene as to how certain parties are maneuvering. (Not by what they say, but by what they do and allow) Sadly, there is a huge move to take away more and more powers and autonomy of civic governments. Please pay attention to where each candidate stands with regards to government overreach etc.

September blessings be upon you and your circle of influence.



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Out in the Garden with... The Belcarra Garden Club

By Nora Boekhout and Les Bramley



Organic Plant Protection



If you look for a description of “organic plant protection” online, you’ll find: “Plant protection in organic farming works with biodiversity rather than against it.”

As a continuation of our May Meeting, this month we delved more into the benefits of composting. Every year Canadians throw away nearly 2.2 million tons of food. Not only is this incredibly wasteful, but it wreaks havoc on the environment! Food waste, when buried in a landfill, generates methane, a potent greenhouse gas. In fact, landfills are responsible for nearly one quarter of Canada's methane emissions. Methane contributes to global warming and its concentration is increasing in the atmosphere, explains Mario Tenutu, a professor of applied soil ecology at the university of Manitoba. (<https://soilecology.ca/>) One of the many ways to decrease the environmental impact of landfill is to divert materials from going to them.

That's where composting comes in. Compost is probably the better organic fertilizer. There are SO many reasons to compost, and you can find 10 good ones at www.helpmecompost.com

Blood meal or dried blood, Seaweed, and wood chips can all be used sparingly in the compost.

The Ecological approach to pest control is best known as IPM Integrated Pest Management - IPM focuses on prevention, observation, & intervention only when necessary, instead of reaching out for chemicals. Soil moisture is an important factor, and humus can help.

Another aspect of organic gardening is using “Native Plants”. At the meeting we distributed a handout taken from an excellent PDF (free!) from the Fraser Valley Conservancy, listing 40 native plants for our area, with specifics on their heights, sun requirements, blooming time etc. (What an excellent resource! See the link below!) Did you know that many of our native insects and wildlife prefer native plants to the Garden Shop's popular blooms? Another excellent PDF (free!) targeted to our area can be obtained from the Pollinator Partnership. PlanBee Native Plants is a nursery that we discovered where you can buy BC Coastal Native Plants that support the Native Bees, butterflies, birds and other wildlife.

That was a LOT to think about at our meeting. And afterwards, there were so many interesting factors and possibilities to consider when we headed back home to our own gardens!

Be sure to check out the full version of this article and ALL the links at our Belcarra Garden Club webpage!

Belcarra Garden Club webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/rwcf9b85>

Kid's Space

How to Make Zentangle Leaves

From ArtfulParent.com

Materials:

- Autumn Leaves
- Metallic Sharpie Pens
- Mod Podge (optional)

Note: You can doodle on pressed and dried leaves or on fresh Autumn leaves. If you use fresh leaves, press them for a few days after drawing on them so that they will dry flat.

INSTRUCTIONS:

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The Hedgehog who came to stay...

By Dayna Fitz

This summer Annika, Chloe and Morgan came for their annual Belcarra visit. We always have a great time together boating, swimming, crab fishing, and eating all of the best junk food. This year we even tried paddle boarding (thank you Sue Brain!). The girls enjoy the two weeks as they have complete freedom and an Aunt and Uncle who enjoy spoiling them. At the end of the visit, their Mom and Dad and their dog Scout join us. Together they make the long drive back to Spruce Grove, Alberta.

This is what we have always done... until this year... when someone stayed behind...

This year, along with Scout the dog, a wee hedgehog named Jalapeño came to visit. Jalapeño travelled in a pet carrier box and then was later moved into an open plastic bin for her visit in Belcarra. My brother told us that hedgehogs do not climb and that Jalapeño is very happy and secure in her bin. As it turned out, neither of these statements were true.

On the second night of her visit, Jalapeño climbed the walls of her bin, fell from a very high counter and disappeared. Our nieces were devastated. Lost hedgehogs are particularly challenging to find. Unlike dogs, they do not answer to their name, they love to hide and will sleep all day. Hedgehogs are nocturnal. There was nothing to be done but wait until nightfall and then sit quietly in the basement and hope that one of us would hear Jalapeño going about her night time hedgehog business.

On their last night in Belcarra, one niece slept on the floor in the area where we thought Jalapeño might be. Sadly, that night there was no sign of Jalapeño and the family left for home in the morning.

We promised our nieces that we would carry on the search! Uncle Klaus and I set up food, water and nesting spots in different areas of the basement. We hoped one of the spots would attract Jalapeño. We sprinkled flour around so that we could see her footprints. We spent much time looking in things, behind things, under things, and on top of things... for Jalapeño. We were very lucky that when we moved an old rug, a ball popped out... it was a curled up hedgehog... Jalapeño!

Given the long distance between Belcarra and Spruce Grove, Jalapeño will be our houseguest until Thanksgiving. She now lives in a large cage with an exercise wheel, clean water, cat food and lots of fleece blankets for nesting.

Hedgehogs love fresh bugs and worms. Thanks to Les Bramley of the Belcarra Gardening Club, we have a lot of worms for Jalapeño. I am learning not to cringe every time I pick out a worm for her. Les has told me to keep the lid on the worm pail or I will be searching for many escaped houseguests.

For anyone thinking of adopting a pygmy hedgehog, have a look at the the Spruce Pets website for more information. They seem to be MUCH better informed than my brother.

<https://www.thesprucepets.com/african-pygmy-hedgehogs-as-pets-1236866>

INVITATION TO ALL CANDIDATES:

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THIS COULD BE THE LAST

Being of old school I still like my newspaper and
Barnacle etc. in paper although I am forced to read
some communication online.

The Barnacle has been going for many years and the
original editor lived in the house that I have enjoyed
for the last 37 years and in a way, it was this
coincidence that got me involved in the committee to
ensure that our magazine continues.

Being the treasurer and distributor, I must report
that we are in the sad situation whereby we have
insufficient funds to continue our print version after
this month. In fact, we do not have enough to pay for
this edition, and I am therefore willing to pay the
shortfall personally for one more paper version to be
available. We will still have the online version.

Our shortfall is due to reduced advertising and
support from Village Council. We have had many
advertisers but like many things during the pandemic
things have changed. Printing costs have risen
considerably, and Westwood Printing has been very
good to us over the years to alleviate the costs.

Regretfully Council chose to reduce their
contribution to one third of the support given in 1994
despite our explanation that our request was of the
level 26 years ago and that our costs have risen.

The numbers of printed copies have been reduced by
a large amount based on the monitored collection
rate.

Keep this copy, it could be your last one. Hopefully
renewed advertising will allow a future print edition.

Clive Evans



Letter to the Editor

To: Mayor, Council and OCP members

From: Sherry Chisholm

In my opinion the Official Community Plan (OCP) for Belcarra is not representative of the people of the Village or the urgent financial needs that we are facing.

I believe the OCP is about the future plans for the Village and not all about ancient history. If history of the Village is mandated by the Province then let's tell the history of how the Village was formed in 1979 as we were not a Village before that. The Village was incorporated in 1979. In the early nineteen hundreds Judge Bole (of Irish descent) had a property in the area and called the area Belcarra. Much earlier in time Indigenous People were in this area at one of their seasonal camps as they were hunter gatherers and moved around with the seasons. That is enough history for me.

I believe that the OCP members should have been chosen from the folks that attend council meetings and are more involved in our community. Many of the present members of the OCP have had no prior involvement in the Village and are, therefore, possibly unable to see clearly the needs of the past and then to see the urgent needs now that will take the Village into the future.

There is no question that in order for our Village to survive financially we must sell road ends to pay for a new fire hall. We are talking millions of dollars.

We do not have any choice.. a new fire hall MUST be built. This is not a Village choice. I believe this may be a mandate from Workmans Safety regarding earthquake building safety

There are other expenses looming .. a new Village Hall and a direct water supply from a neighbouring Community is also a priority for our Village. Our present water supply is perfectly adequate as a potable water supply to Village homes, however, the supply is not adequate as a household firefighting source. The Village will never fight forest fires. WHY HAS THERE BEEN NO DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ABSOLUTE NEED FOR ROAD END SALES. I do believe some road ends (not all) would be needed for sale to take us out of debt and pay for our immediate, urgent needs.

There is talk about tennis/pickleball court, trails/paths, ageing in place, etc. These are all good things to discuss, however, the OCP members should give greater priority to our urgent, costly needs (firehall, water, safety) Regarding the tennis/pickleball court: that is really not a Village OCP subject and should be left to a sport group/club to make a presentation to council to propose how the group could pay for and maintain/manage the private club. No trails should join up to the park trails as it could encourage the park users into the residential area and will cause constant friction to the peaceful enjoyment for home owners along the pathways.

THE OCP IS ABOUT THE VILLAGE
PLANNING INTO THE FUTURE....NOT THE
PAST.



Dear Editor

I had a red dress hanging in my hedge
and it has disappeared.

Do you know what happened to my
dress?

Thanks for any information.

Sharmaine vanStaalduinen

(The Red Dress Project recognizes murdered
and missing Indigenous Women, Girls and 2
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- Address issues you may be having with federal ministries or agencies
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- Assist in understanding government policies and services
- Receive information to attend community events
- Advocate on behalf of the community to government
- Provide congratulatory and greeting messages
- Provide government documents and other web-based forms if you don't have internet access

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