



VILLAGE OF BELCARRA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2023



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Council in Attendance

Mayor Jamie Ross
Councillor Carolina Clark
Councillor Joe Elworthy
Councillor Janet Ruzycki
Councillor Liisa Wilder

Staff in Attendance

Paula Richardson, Chief Administrative Officer
Stewart Novak, Public Works & Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Connie Esposito, Accounting Clerk
Amanda Seibert, Corporate Officer/Recording Secretary

Others in Attendance

Ken Bjorgaard, Financial Consultant

We wish to acknowledge that this meeting took place on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples. Tum-Tumay-Whueton, or Belcarra, is home to an ancestral village of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. We are thankful to conduct our work within their territory.

Note: Councillor Wilder was not in attendance at the start of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Regular Council Meeting, June 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Clark
Seconded by: Councillor Ruzycki

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of June 19, 2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Regular Council Meeting, June 5, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Ruzycki

Seconded by: Councillor Clark

That Section 5.3 in the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting be amended to include a question from Jim Chisholm, Belcarra resident, asking how much water the Village was dumping; and

That the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on June 5, 2023 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Ross introduced and congratulated Capriella Pelliccia, a young Belcarra resident whose lacrosse team won a gold medal. Capriella's team will also be competing in the Provincials.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Ken Bjorgaard, Financial Consultant, report dated June 19, 2023 regarding amendments to Financial Plan Bylaw No. 606, 2023 to provide funding necessary to achieve Council's Strategic Plan and related Work Plan.

The Financial Consultant reviewed the report. He explained that the bylaw will provide additional funding to allow for the completion of items on the strategic plan and the related work plan.

Note: Councillor Wilder joined the meeting at 7:11 pm during the review of the report.

The Financial Consultant highlighted projects which require funding to allow staff to begin work in 2023.

Moved by: Councillor Elworthy

Seconded by: Councillor Clark

That the Village of Belcarra 5-Year (2023 – 2027) Financial Plan Bylaw No. 606, 2023, Amendment Bylaw No. 613, 2023 be read a first, second and third time.

Don Babineau, Belcarra resident, queried what the \$30,000 for the water system pertained to.

Staff clarified that the funding is meant to fund a study for design options based on deficiencies cited in the 2020 model study.

The Mayor called the question on the motion.

CARRIED

5.2 Paula Richardson, Chief Administrative Officer, report dated June 19, 2023 regarding the Village of Belcarra 2022 Annual Report.

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the report. She advised that no public input was received resulting from the required public postings.

Moved by: Councillor Wilder

Seconded by: Councillor Ruzycki

That the Village of Belcarra 2022 Annual Report be received as required by the Community Charter.

CARRIED

5.3 Paula Richardson, Chief Administrative Officer, report dated June 19, 2023 regarding a proposed new Noise Control Bylaw for the Village of Belcarra and an accompanying amendment to the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw.

The Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the report. She advised that the draft bylaw included feedback from Council and was reviewed by legal counsel.

Moved by: Councillor Clark

Seconded by: Councillor Ruzycki

That Village of Belcarra Noise Control Bylaw No. 605, 2023 be read a first and second time; and

That Village of Belcarra Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 520, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 614, 2023 (Bylaw Notice Dispute Adjudication Registry) be read a first and second time.

Council discussion ensued on the draft bylaw. Councillors spoke on amendments they would like to see made to the bylaw as presented.

The Mayor called for comments from the public.

Penny Moen, Belcarra resident, observed that in the draft bylaw only commercial work was limited on the weekends and that residents can continue to do private work. She suggested a change in hours to construction work being done by residents as an option.

Martin Greig, Belcarra resident, queried if the bylaw deals with noise emanating from the water. He stated that in discussions with RCMP, Rural Division, he was advised that having noise from the water addressed by a Village bylaw would be helpful.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that noise from the water is dealt with by the Port of Vancouver. She will have a discussion with the RCMP and legal counsel pertaining to dealing with noise on the water through a Village bylaw.

Jim Chisholm, Belcarra resident, stated that the proposed noise control bylaw is too complicated and suggested it be shelved for two years. He was not in agreement with the use of decibels to measure sound levels.

Don Babineau, Belcarra resident, suggested that the bylaw should focus on construction as he could not recall any residential issues pertaining to noise. He also suggested that blasting be addressed through bylaw.

Martin Grieg, Belcarra resident, advised on a West Vancouver bylaw dealing with blasting.

Penny Moen, Belcarra resident, commented on the section related to time limits on alarms and dogs barking in that this section seemed to be meant for repeat offenders. She felt that the allotted time limit should be raised to half an hour.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that this type of bylaw will be complaint driven and that sections can be rephrased to provide clarification.

Due to the number of proposed amendments and feedback, staff requested that the motion to give the proposed Noise Control Bylaw and the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw first and second readings be withdrawn, that further amendments to the Noise Control Bylaw be made, and that the bylaws be brought back to a future Council meeting.

The motion was withdrawn through unanimous consent.

6. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND PROJECT LEADS

6.1 Mayor's Report

- Metro Vancouver Meetings:
 - Regional Parks Committee – June 7, 2023
 - Metro Vancouver Mayors' Committee – June 7, 2023
 - Metro Vancouver Climate Action Committee Meeting – June 8, 2023
- Council of Councils Meeting – June 10, 2023
- Meeting with Mayor Nathan Pachal, City of Langley – Mayor Pachal is a full time transit user who visited Belcarra via the Skytrain and bus – June 12, 2023
- TransLink Mayors' Council Public Affairs and Governance Committee Meeting – June 14, 2023
- 2023 Regional Gathering: Metro Vancouver Regional District and 10 Local First Nations – June 16, 2023
 - This event is taking place in a traditional longhouse, where disagreements and disputes are left outside, this informal and interactive event will enable mutual learning and reflection for First Nations and Metro Vancouver. It will also include cultural activities and opportunities to strengthen First Nation-local government connections. Through conversation and cultural experience, we seek to build relationships and commitments to a collaborative future.
- National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21, 2023
- Belcarra Day Event – June 11, 2023
 - Mayor Ross reported that he totally enjoyed Belcarra Day and that the community had responded very positively
- Mayor Ross acknowledged all Belcarra grads

6.2 Councillors' Reports

Councillor Clark thanked all volunteers and staff for helping to make Belcarra Day a success.

7. REPORT FROM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Chief Administrative Officer reported on the events held during Belcarra Day and thanked participants, volunteers and guests.

8. BYLAWS

No items.

9. CORRESPONDENCE/PROCLAMATIONS

9.1 June is Pride Month and across the world there are celebrations and commemorations to recognize all who identify as LGBTQ and their community.

Moved by: Councillor Elworthy

Seconded by: Councillor Ruzycki

That June 2023 be declared as Pride Month in the Village of Belcarra.

CARRIED

9.2 Sharon Gregson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC, email dated June 3, 2023 requesting that Council adopt a resolution urging the Ministry of Education and Child Care to provide multi-year funding to local and Indigenous governments and non-profit organizations to enhance their organizational capacity to coordinate the current grant applications process.

The Chief Administrative Officer outlined the request by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC. She advised on the recommended options put forward by staff.

Moved by: Councillor Clark

Seconded by: Councillor Ruzycki

That the email dated June 3, 2023 from Sharon Gregson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC be received into the record for information.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

No items.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Dave Reed, former Belcarra resident, residing in Port Moody, introduced himself and outlined his history with the Village of Belcarra. He advised that he wished to speak on licencing for wharfs on waterfront property.

Mayor Ross declared a Conflict of Interest as follows:

"I am declaring a Conflict of Interest and am recusing myself from this Council meeting noting that I am not entitled to participate in the discussion of the matter, or to vote on the matter, because of a direct pecuniary interest in the matter. I am a director and a member of a Group Wharf Association and one that is the subject of legal action.

I am now recusing myself."

Mayor Ross left the meeting at 8:26 pm

Deputy Mayor Ruzycki assumed the Chair.

Mr. Reed read a statement on the Port's proposed license changes and expressed his concerns with the impacts of the changes on property owners with waterfront properties and wharfs. A copy of the statement was provided to Council.

Mayor Ross returned to the meeting at 8:34 pm and assumed the Chair.

Don Babineau, Belcarra resident, referred to an email sent to Council pertaining to the water supply required for firefighting in the Village. He suggested that a decision was needed from Council as to how much water is required to fight a fire in the Village and for how long. He expressed that when this decision is made, the community can move forward with a solution.

Jim Chisholm, Belcarra resident, suggested that the Fire Underwriters Report be reviewed to ascertain past and future water needs and that the Underwriters be consulted due to changing times.

Don Babineau, Belcarra resident, referred to the Provincial Government's 'naughty list' and put forward that the following could help remove Belcarra from that list: 1) a road to Farrer Cove; 2) an aging-in-place facility on the municipal hall site; and 3) use of road ends. He queried whether any of the items were part of the strategic plan.

Mayor Ross provided clarification on the term 'naughty list' and advised that Council was working on items to bring forward to the Provincial Government and will provide a report in the future.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the items suggested by Mr. Babineau are not currently on the Strategic Plan.

Martin Grieg, Belcarra resident, provided information on an approved subdivision proposal for homes on IOCO lands and on water being supplied to that property that would come from Metro Vancouver rather than the District of North Vancouver.

Jim Chisholm, Belcarra resident, asked Mr. Grieg whether he had a timeline on the schedule of water coming to Crystal Creek. Mr. Grieg responded to Mr. Chisholm's question.

Don Babineau, Belcarra resident, queried whether Council will have a discussion on the question of how much water for how long. He requested more reporting and clarification on what the Village was intending to do.

12. ADJOURNMENT


Moved by: Councillor Wilder

Seconded by: Councillor Clark

That the June 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:46 pm

CARRIED

Certified Correct:



Jamie Ross
Mayor

Paula Richardson
Chief Administrative Officer