



VILLAGE OF BELCARRA
CORPORATE POLICY NO. 142



Title: Vegetation Control Policy – Public Property

Approval Date: August 30, 1996
Rescinds:

Amended: March 5, 2007

Legislative Basis

This Policy is intended to provide a streamlined process to facilitate residents wishing to provide regular minor vegetation control and pruning of established hedges, screening and vegetation control located on:

1. Public property not fronting Marine Avenue
2. Public property fronting Marine Avenue.

Supports

Village of Belcarra, Roads and Traffic Bylaw No. 9, as amended.
Private Use of a Municipal Road Right of Way Policy 137

Purpose

This Policy would only apply to established hedges, screens, small trees, shrubs, and low vegetation located adjacent and abutting Public Property.

Consistent with the Private Use of Public Property Policy 137, properties adjacent and abutting a public road Right of Way, may make application and may receive a permit to undertake regular minor pruning and vegetation control for established controlled vegetation areas.

Council adoption in principal of the “Bedwell Bay Sustainability Plan” (February 19, 2007 Regular Council Meeting) enables staff to facilitate applications to undertake regular maintenance of established hedges, screens, small trees, shrubs and low vegetation located along the Marine Avenue foreshore.

Policy

1. Upon receipt of a Municipal Road Allowance Permit, to undertake minor pruning and vegetation control on Public lands, Staff will evaluate the application to insure consistency with the Village of Belcarra Road Use Policy and to confirm the area to be pruned or trimmed is a previously maintained area.
2. If satisfied the area is a “previously maintained area”, staff will issue authorization to undertake the minor pruning or trimming of vegetation. At the discretion of Public Works and as noted on the Municipal Road Allowance Permit, Public Works will undertake one of the following options:
 - a) provide spot supervision to insure the required qualified tree service or landscaper is complying with the terms and conditions noted on the Road-Use Permit;
 - b) undertake the pruning and trimming as a Public Works work order.

In either situation all costs associated with the vegetation control will be the responsibility of the applicant as determined in the Fees and Charges Bylaw.