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Words from the Editor:

Welcome to your Community Newspaper!

Thank you for your continuing support of your local newspaper. Please keep sending us your photographs and articles.

The winter issue (December and January) will be arriving at the bus stops mid-December. We hope that this will give us time to include photos from the Carol Ships and Santa in the Park.

Thank you to everyone who contributes and to everyone who reads the Barnacle!

Dayna Fitz, Editor
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COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023

Council meetings are at the Village Hall.
Livestream is available:

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Please email questions during the meeting to
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the appropriate time.

Please check the Village website for more
information www.belcarra.ca .

IMPORTANT DATES**NOVEMBER 2023**

- 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6 Regular Council Meeting
- 11 Remembrance Day
Ceremony in the Park
- 12 Winter Market and Art Fair
- 13 New Moon
- 20 Regular Council Meeting
- 27 Full Moon

DECEMBER 2023

- 4 Regular Council Meeting
- 7 CRAB AGM and Holiday Social



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Our cover photo is submitted by
Deborah Struk.

A Young Barnacle Reader

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

October, autumn in Belcarra, when gardeners are busy preparing for the coming spring, our boats come out of the water, birds head south, our resident winemakers are pressing grapes, and our resident bears prepare for hibernation.

On the advice of counsel, the public hearing for the Official Community Plan, (OCP) which had been scheduled for October 11, was cancelled. Adjustments will be made and a new public hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Council introduced a plan to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Council meetings. Public contributions to Council will be welcome once at the beginning and again near the end of the meeting. As well, Council has adopted a policy on how to effectively manage correspondence to Council. These procedural changes reflect current practice in other BC municipalities.

Here are the Council meeting highlights since my last update.

Council Meeting, October 10, 2023

Ken Bjorgaard reported on budget variance to September 30, 2023.

Paul Richardson reported on quarterly department activities.

Stewart Novak introduced the WSP engineering report on the Tatlow and Dutchman Creek reservoirs (tanks). Recommendations from the report were approved by Council.

Amanda Siebert advanced Council Procedure Bylaw No. 617, 2023 to a second reading. Council adopted the Village of Belcarra Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 616, 2023.

Correspondence was provided to the Village of Anmore regarding the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department.

Council Meeting, October 23, 2023

A presentation by EComm was made regarding emergency notification services.

Council approved a recommendation to subscribe to the Alertable Notification System.

Following an amendment, Council accepted Procedure Bylaw No. 617, 2023 for a third reading.

More details, and a recording of these meetings, are available on the Village website [www.belcarra.ca].

During November, we take time to remember those who have served our community and our country in support of democracy and freedom everywhere — and those who have fallen in service for all of us. This year, we are especially mindful of the active conflicts in both the Middle East and eastern Europe.

Lest we forget.

Jamie



Remembrance Day Service 2022
Photo submitted by Liisa Wilder



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

təmtəmíxwtən/
Belcarra Regional Park

Please join us in təmtəmíxwtən/Belcarra Regional Park on Saturday, November 11 for the Port Moody Power and Sail Squadron's Remembrance Day service.

The service is held on both land and water, with the main viewing area for the ceremonies on the fixed pier. The lower west dock is reserved for veterans, their families and other invited guests.

If planning to attend by boat, please reserve dock or rafting space through the Dock Master, Mike Girard (604-786-5828).

SCHEDULE of SERVICE

0930 Pre-ceremony

Ceremony set-up begins with music. Wreaths are brought to the dock.

1035 Formal ceremony begins

Air raid siren sounds off at 10:35

- Ceremony and address
- Flanders Fields
- Prayer
- Last Post
- Two minutes of silence at 11 am; wreaths are laid on the water
- Ceremony closing

Lunch with light refreshments will follow at the park picnic shelter and is by donation of \$5 per person.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

"IN FLANDERS FIELDS" WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN ENGLAND'S *PUNCH* MAGAZINE IN DECEMBER 1915. WITHIN MONTHS, THIS POEM CAME TO SYMBOLIZE THE SACRIFICES OF ALL WHO WERE FIGHTING IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR. TODAY, THE POEM CONTINUES TO BE A PART OF REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE POEM WAS WRITTEN BY A CANADIAN JOHN MCCRAE, A DOCTOR AND TEACHER, WHO SERVED IN BOTH THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR.



IN FLANDERS FIELDS THE POPPIES BLOW
BETWEEN THE CROSSES, ROW ON ROW,
THAT MARK OUR PLACE; AND IN THE SKY
THE LARKS, STILL BRAVELY SINGING, FLY
SCARCE HEARD AMID THE GUNS BELOW.
WE ARE THE DEAD. SHORT DAYS AGO
WE LIVED, FELT DAWN, SAW SUNSET GLOW,
LOVED AND WERE LOVED, AND NOW WE LIE,
IN FLANDERS FIELDS.
TAKE UP OUR QUARREL WITH THE FOE:
TO YOU FROM FAILING HANDS WE THROW
THE TORCH; BE YOURS TO HOLD IT HIGH.
IF YE BREAK FAITH WITH US WHO DIE
WE SHALL NOT SLEEP, THOUGH POPPIES GROW
IN FLANDERS FIELDS.

Lest We Forget
-JOHN MCCRAE

**Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department
(SVFD) Board of Trustees**
Special Meeting

A special meeting of the SVFD Board of Trustees was held at the Anmore Fire Hall on October 26. Attending were the Chair Darrell Penner (Metro Vancouver Board); Mayor John McEwen, Councillor Kim Trowbridge, and Councillor Paul Weverink from Anmore; and Mayor Jamie Ross, Councillor Carolina Clark, and Councillor Liisa Wilder from Belcarra.

The following motion was carried unanimously by the Board.

That the SVFD Board of Trustees:

1. approve a construction manager at risk procurement approach as presented in the report dated October 25, 2023 titled *"Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Facilities Replacement"*;
2. release \$500,000 from the SVFD's Capital Facility Reserve Fund to help fund preliminary design for the replacement of the two fire halls; and
3. direct staff to make efforts to obtain appropriate financing for the construction of two fire halls to allow for the procurement process to commence.

As Bill Duvall, the Director of Corporate Safety, Security, and Emergency Management for Metro Vancouver said, we "are at the potential start of a multi-year process".

The SVFD is an essential service for the safety and well-being of Anmore and Belcarra residents. Established in 1977, entirely with volunteer members, it has grown to over 40 volunteers including a fire chief and two deputy fire chiefs. The Department responded to an average of 77 call outs per year from 2011-2020. In 2021 there were 119 call outs and 121 in 2022.

In April 2018, the Board received a Condition and Needs Assessment completed by Johnston Davidson. The report found that the fire halls do not meet BC Building Code, have limited physical space, lack personal protective equipment storage, and do not have enough washrooms.

The *"Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Facilities Replacement"* report identifies the minimum requirements of the future new fire halls as determined by the SVFD Fire Chief, the deputy fire chiefs, and staff from Metro Vancouver.

For the Belcarra fire hall, minimum requirements include three vehicle bays with exhaust management, a decontamination area, gear storage and drying area, laundry and decontamination, an emergency generator, and fuel storage. Chief Jay Sharpe indicated that most of these items are to meet WorkSafe BC requirements. New considerations include accommodations for three crew members, which may help future recruitment.

The *"Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Facilities Replacement"* report provides a projected cost estimate of \$7.4 million for each hall. The projected costs are based on the construction costs of the new Bowen Island fire hall.

The next SVFD Board of Trustees Meeting is planned for early 2024.



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Obituary

Joachim Werner
Ludwig Otto
GLOEDE

April 2, 1935 –
October 10, 2023

Joachim “Joe” Gloede was a 46-year resident of Belcarra. He passed away peacefully at home on October 10. He leaves Juliana (Julie), his loving wife of 61 years.

Born in his grandparents’ home in Putlitz, East Germany to Werner and Elizabeth Gloede, Joe had a wonderful childhood with his two brothers.

He apprenticed as an electrician and began his lifelong career in electronics at the Standard Elektrik Lorenz factory in Stuttgart where 6,000 people worked.

He met 19-year-old Juliana Juri at work, and it was love at first sight. The couple married on October 19, 1962, and moved to Vancouver six years later. They stayed one year with Julie’s sister in Burquitlam and then bought their first house in Port Coquitlam in 1969.

They discovered Belcarra while visiting friends and bought their lot on Bedwell Bay Road at the entrance to the village in 1976. Joe and Julie were employed in the local electronics industry and did a lot of the work on their new home while it was under construction.

Joe and Julie loved their home, spending time in the greenhouse and tending their beautiful gardens.

Joe was very skilled and inventive. He enjoyed woodworking and problem solving and was often lending a helping hand to friends, neighbours and family.

Joe retired at the age of 65. He always had a project going on in his workshop which included building his own furniture and designing an electric hoist to simplify the winemaking he and Julie enjoyed. As an avid reader, Joe would devour the latest issue of Der Spiegel magazine while keeping up with televised local and international news.

Joe will be greatly missed by his loving wife Julie, brother Owe, extended family and friends in Canada and Europe, and his neighbours in Belcarra who meant so much to him.



Joe and Julie, 1962

Stories From The Archives

Our Terminus

Researched by: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, October 2023.

Source: Mainland Guardian, Wednesday, April 13th, 1881.

"We have endeavoured for a long time to stir-up amongst our [New Westminster] citizens a more general interest in the location of Port Moody as a salt-water terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, but, by some strange perversity in human nature, quite a number of them view the selection of Port Moody with absolute suspicion, if not with strong dislike."

"We shall be told that human beings are children no matter how long they have been in the world; that infants unconsciously reject the food that their nurses are industriously thrusting into their mouths, without which they would certainly die. Now, however incredulous some people may be, it is nevertheless the actual truth, that if Port Moody was not adopted as the salt-water terminus of the railway, this city would fade and sink into a very insignificant place.

People here, if they would pay more attention to their own interests, should know that this city [New Westminster] will be the main terminus — the city terminus — and that Port Moody will be the commercial terminus.

It can be readily understood that construction to this city will not be entered upon for some years yet, because the chief object in obtaining a deep-water connection with the railway in order to obtain supplies at all periods of the year, will become of the greatest importance as the work extends and the number of men employed, increases."

"Nothing more clearly points to this view of this case than Mr. Onderdonk's statement to the reporter in Portland [Oregon]. Mr. Onderdonk was under the impression that the winters in this country [British Columbia]; and particularly in the canyons, were so severe, that outdoor or even tunnel work, would be impossible — at least occasionally.

But he was agreeably disappointed to find that during one of our severe winters he might have kept a large number of men at work profitably, a course which he will certainly adopt next winter, so that it is highly probable that a very large quantity of materials and supplies will be sent up the [Fraser] river [from New Westminster] during the coming summer."

"In a former article we pointed-out the fact that one-third less than the sum calculated upon, will be amply sufficient to construct the 90 miles from here to Yale, and that consequently, the character of the work must be of the very simplest kind.

It would not, under these circumstances, be at all surprising that efforts should be made to induce the Dominion Government to give out the contracts, and it is even asserted that the chief reason for Mr. Onderdonk's visit to the east was to interview the Government at Ottawa on this very subject."

"Our readers will now see how very important that our citizens should manage, in some way, to secure the construction of a good road [North Road] to what will be the very center of action and business — perhaps a few months hence. It seems almost incredible that and 'enemy in the camp' should recommend the adoption of Coal Harbour and English Bay for the terminus, which, if it was possible of attainment, would inevitably destroy this city by diverting the entire trade to Victoria. Is it any wonder that Victorians are largely interested in the adoption of Coal Harbour, English Bay and False Creek, for the terminus? Can our people not comprehend that if Coal Harbour was adopted, that every particle of supplies would come from Victoria, to the entire exclusion of mainland produce and mainland producers?"

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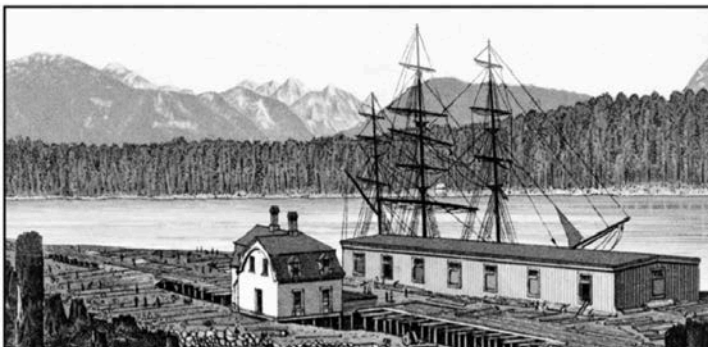
...*'Our Terminus'* continued from page 8

"It is, however, fortunately beyond the power of anyone to divert the trade from us; Port Moody will be the terminus until our own is constructed in this city, meanwhile, Coal Harbour will be utilized for what it is intended by Nature — a village where the herring fishery will by-and-by assume considerably dimensions, and where population interested in this industry will rapidly accumulate.

It is now placed beyond doubt that the extraction of oil from herring is a most remunerative business, and we have been assured that it will be largely developed ere long. Capital, we are told, is ready, and it is quite within the scope of possibility that this summer will see extensive buildings erected for herring oil works. Our terminus will be constructed in due course of time."

Terminus Town:

Port Moody's Transition Through Time



Ralph Drew's newest book, *Terminus Town*, covers the history of the Port Moody area and brings life to this history with period photographs.

For more information, email
ralphdrew0@gmail.com

A poster for the 'Winter Coats for Kids Drive' campaign. The top half features a collage of colorful winter clothing like scarves and mittens. A dark blue banner with the word 'WINTER' in large white letters and 'Coats for Kids Drive' in a script font is overlaid. The bottom half has a dark blue background with white text and snowflake graphics in the corners.

WINTER
Coats for Kids Drive

Liisa Wilder is once again collecting children's winter items as part of the Coats for Kids campaign, November 1-December 7th.

This is a worthy cause that will warm your hearts!

The Coats for Kids campaign is sponsored by HAVAN (Home Builders Association of Vancouver) in support of the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau.

If you have any new or gently-used coats, boots, scarves or hats in good condition, please contact Liisa for donation pick up.

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Down by the Bay

by Clive Evans

Where the birds all sing and the flowers bloom. What have you seen in your garden lately?

The end is near for flowers in the garden with a clump of Michaelmas daisies making an appearance and the last of the standard rose buds suffering the current rainy weather, but then the weigela made a fourth blooming, now leaving only the conical hydrangea and sedum 'Autumn Joy' showing colour. Sure, the leaves of trees and climbers are also providing colour, particularly the Kiwi vine and Virginia creeper and not to mention the cedar scales. Geraniums have now been transported back to the sunroom for winter to join the resident house plants. Apples were in abundance this year with the total supply going to the food bank topping 55 gallons.

One last cutting of the grass now allows the start of fall clean up and compost making and possibly a start to apple tree pruning not done last year.

Doing a bird count each day, one notes the regular appearance of Steller's jays, juncos, spotted towhees, black-cap chickadees, song sparrows, house finches, crows, glaucous-winged gulls, and the brief glimpse of an Anna's hummer. Although I say at a brief glance, I was entertained recently by the hummer doing several of its spectacular 'J' dances which I had only seen before in the spring. Mentioning the remarkable flight of birds, I am always amazed at the jays flying at tremendous speed from 70 or so metres away, only to put on full flaps and land quite easily on the deck railing.

Mind you, watching the birds feeding provides many opportunities to observe the dexterous moves of all species.

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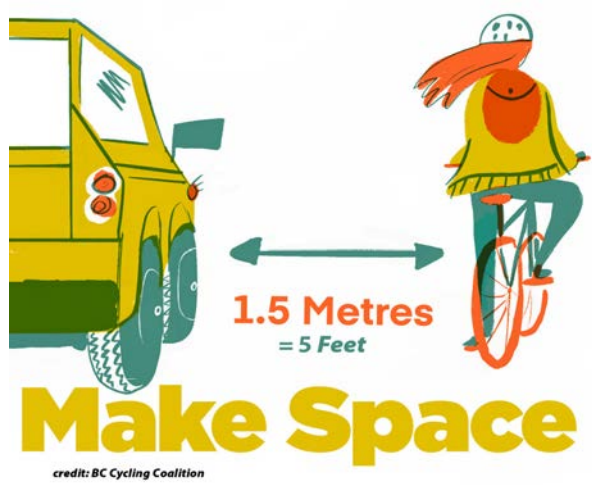
BIKE AND WALK SAFETY

By Colleen MacDonald
HUB Cycling Tri-Cities

BE SAFE ~ BE SEEN

Dark nights, rainy days are here.

Drivers, pedestrians and cyclists all need to see and be seen.



DRIVERS

- Reduce speed near pedestrians and cyclists
- Pass wide - 1.5 metre (5 feet)
- Leave the phone alone and focus on the road

PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

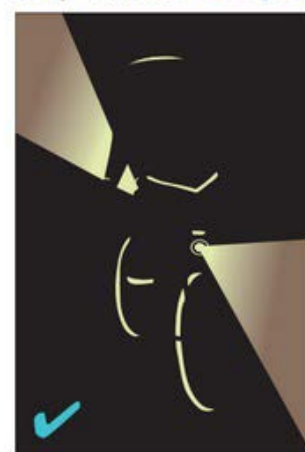
BE SEEN

- Wear bright clothes and reflective clothing
- Pick up a free reflective tag at police stations and ICBC
- Walk facing traffic
- Carry a flashlight
- Put a reflective leash on your dog

At night, bikes
can be invisible



Lights & reflectors
help drivers see you



CYCLISTS

- Use bike lights night and day, white on front, red at back, add a light on your helmet
- Use hand signals
- Remove headphones, stay off the phone

FLASHING CROSSWALK BEACONS at the KELLY ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Thank you Council and Village Staff!

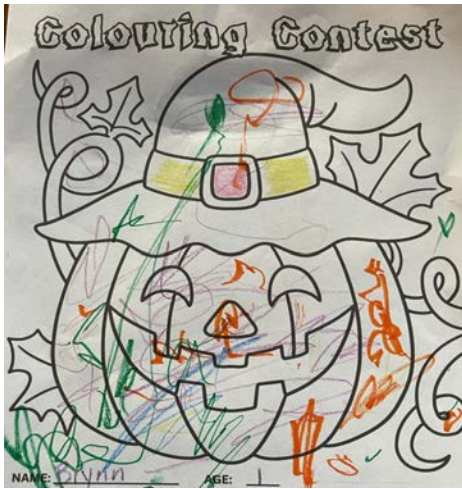
In case you missed them, there are pedestrian-activated warning beacons at the Kelly Road crossing — one on either side of the crossing and one further up the hill. For drivers heading downhill, now they will know the crosswalk is occupied before it comes into view (more time to stop!)

All three beacons are activated with the push of a crosswalk button.

Sure hope that the other pedestrian crosswalks in our village will receive the same improvements to visibility and safety:-)



The winners of CRAB's Hallowe'en Colouring Contest are...



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Thank you to Andrea, our volunteers and everyone who participated!



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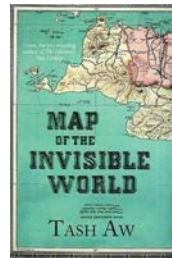
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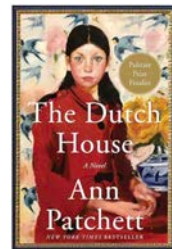
Map of the Invisible World by Tash Aw

Unusual and interesting characters, Jakarta/Indonesia in the 1960's (post Dutch colonialism, a country struggling to find its way) - I was quickly immersed in plot, character, and place. Well written, engrossing, highly recommended. (cscope)



The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

The Dutch House is a delightful read, even better as an audible book. When Anne Patchett met Tom Hanks, she asked him to narrate the book, and he said yes! Not only was Tom Hanks riveting as the reader, the story is full of intriguing twists and turns. CM



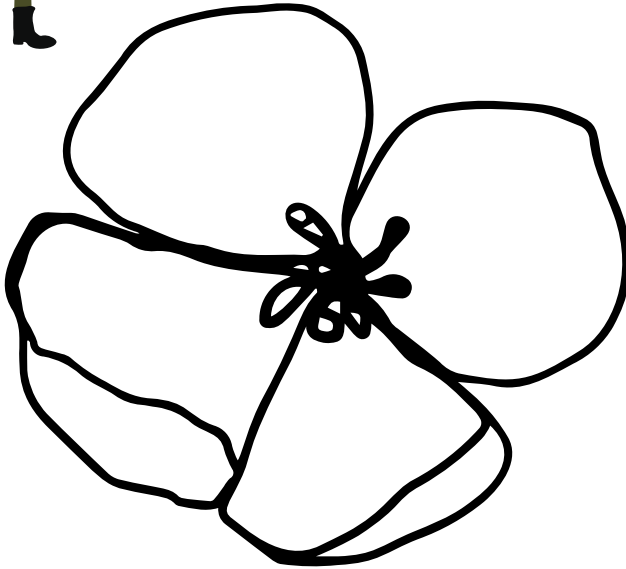
Hang the Moon By Jeannette Walls

Welcome to Prohibition-era Virginia. Women have won the right to vote, but their lives haven't changed. Slavery is over, but lynching is not. Right and wrong don't always square up with legal and illegal. Sallie Kincaid navigates the factions in town and within her own family to forge her own path. Her journey is a wild ride! CG





Kidz Zone REMEMBRANCE DAY



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NOVEMBER PEACE SOLDIER LOVE
SILENCE POPPY TREATY WAR



WHAT FLOWER DO WE WEAR ON
REMEMBRANCE DAY?



WHAT DATE IS REMEMBRANCE DAY
HONOURED EACH YEAR?



WHAT TIME DO WE SIT IN SILENCE ON
REMEMBRANCE DAY?



WHO ARE WE HONOURING ON
REMEMBRANCE DAY?

- A. Poppy
B. November 11th (11th day of the 11th month)
C. 11:00am
D. Men and women who served Canada in times
of war, military conflict and peace

DID YOU HEAR?
THERE'S A NEW VET IN TOWN.



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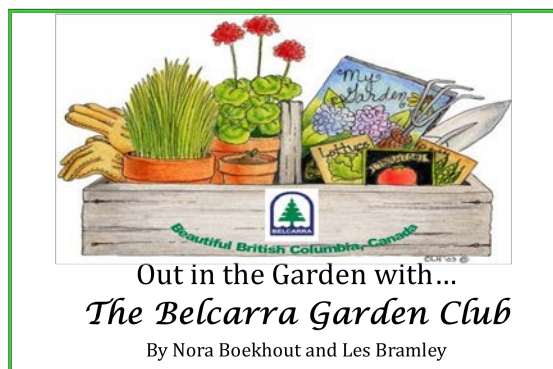


WINTER

Market & Art Fair

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Light Pollution and Migrating Birds

The arrival of fall brings many transformations! Looking up to the skies, we see those tell-tale “V shape” flocks of birds heading south. The “Pacific Flyway” is a major migratory route, 15,000 km (9,000 miles) extending from Alaska to Patagonia. This month Les was inspired to collect information on migrating birds and see how they are affected by lights at night.

Migratory restlessness to start a move south, is cued in birds by the shortening of daylight hours. Birds, influenced by Photoperiod (change in daylight), are known as “Obligate Migrants”. The other type of migrating birds are known as “Facultative Migrants”. These birds’ migration is caused by conditions — especially food supplies — and they migrate for survival’s sake.

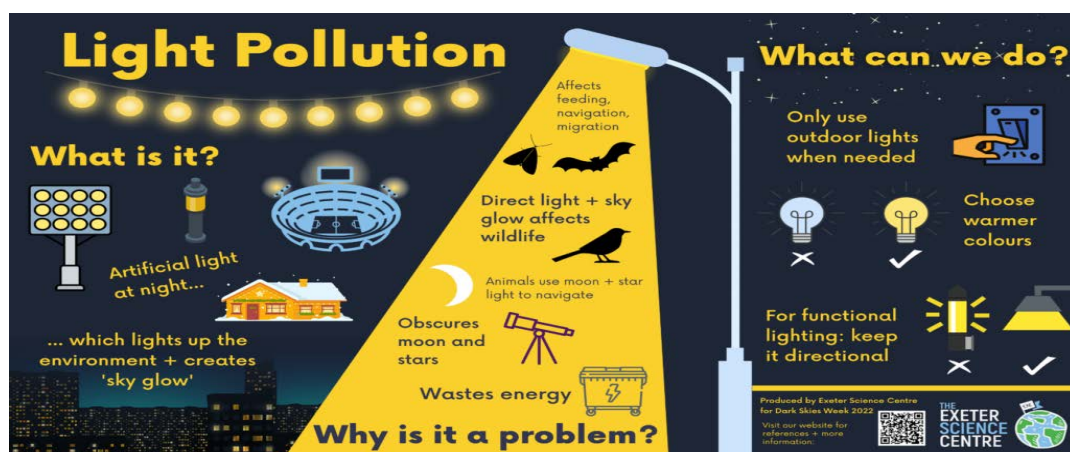
At the peak date, September 17, more than nine million birds flew south overnight, (mostly from BC). “Amazing,” Les thought.

Then he asked himself, “How do they know this?”, and looked it up. It seems that for the last 23 years, bird movements in the atmosphere have been detected by the US NEXRAD weather surveillance network. Les had to say, “Outstanding!”

Many birds migrate at night using the stars and constellations to find their way. Unfortunately, light pollution is making it increasingly difficult for birds to navigate. Additionally, they can be attracted to and disoriented by ALAN (artificial light at night), and may even start their migration too early. Experts recommend we reduce our lighting from mid-September to mid-October. Portland and Toronto are ahead of the game in that they issue a “Lights Out” warning for this time period. We think Vancouver and the Fraser Valley need to do the same.

You might wonder if this is an over-reaction. Consider this: on October 12, 2023, one thousand birds died, during an apparent collision with the McCormick Place Lakeside Center in Chicago! The lights at McCormick Place were left on after hours to accommodate an event. The Washington Post reported there were warblers, woodcocks and sapsuckers among the species of dead songbirds. Chicago actually has a “Lights Out” program to combat bird strikes; too bad this building did not follow it.

So folks, please help the migrating birds next year in September and October. Try to reduce your lighting to help our feathered friends.



See full articles and links on the Belcarra Garden Club webpage:

tinyurl.com/rwcf9b85



Belcarra Blessings

Deborah Struk

Hello November! Could you please decelerate a while so we can soak in the gorgeous fall, and finish our Christmas shopping early? Is 2023 over 80% done? Whoa!

November brings a time of reflection and days of honouring those who fought and those who died to set us free. From veterans we knew or heard of: grandfathers, uncles, neighbours, fathers and friends, the resistance leaders (e.g. Harriet Tubman, Filip Müller), others around the world, and most importantly, Jesus Christ/Yeshua (risen from the dead to set everyone free). They have all given hope for those knowingly, or unknowingly, held enslaved, silenced or oppressed. We are thankful for those willing to speak or act to bring truth and liberty.

A few months ago I was reminded of a famous speech JFK gave before a gathering of newspaper publishers on April 27, 1961. Some say his death was a result of the words he spoke. Here are some snippets from that very famous speech.

"The very word "secrecy" is repugnant in a free and open society; and we are as a people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies, to secret oaths and to secret proceedings"

"Today no war has been declared — and however fierce the struggle may be, it may never be declared in the traditional fashion. Our way of life is under attack"

"We are opposed around the world by a monolithic and ruthless conspiracy that relies primarily on covert means for expanding its sphere of influence — on infiltration instead of invasion, on subversion instead of elections, on intimidation instead of free choice, on guerrillas by night instead of armies by day"

"It is a system which has conscripted vast human and material resources into the building of a tightly knit, highly efficient machine that combines military, diplomatic, intelligence, economic, scientific and political operations"

Sadly, somehow John F. Kennedy's words are still necessary to this day. He continued to admonish journalists to maintain integrity and truthfulness. Integrity and truthfulness are needed in every village, city, province and country. All leaders should strive for integrity and truthfulness. All will be held to account one day.

I look forward to the Remembrance Day ceremony at Belcarra Park. It truly is the best. It is very sad to hear that the Department of Defence has disallowed any mention of God, Heavenly Father, or any deity during services led by the military chaplains. Many that fought drew their strength from God. It is one more thing being taken away as society erodes. I have friends who are elementary teachers who are no longer permitted to say, "Good Morning, boys and girls".

Jesus was more than a wise prophet. It is good to listen to the words of the One with wisdom, the Lamb of God, the Living Word and risen saviour, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." – Rev 1:8

Be blessed. Seek truth, cling to it and you will be abundantly blessed.

Belcarra South Cottages Repeal of Heritage Designation

On October 10, 2023, Port Moody Council agreed to begin the process of repealing the heritage designation of six cottages situated within təmtəmíxwtən/Belcarra Regional Park (Belcarra South). The Bole House, the seventh cottage, is not included in the repeal.

Background

In April 2015, Port Moody Council adopted a bylaw to designate six of the Belcarra South Cottages as protected heritage property.

In February 2020, Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Metro Vancouver signed the *Belcarra Regional Park Cultural Planning and Co-operation Agreement* and renamed the park təmtəmíxwtən/Belcarra Regional Park.

In March 2023, Tsleil-Waututh Nation requested Port Moody rescind the protection of the cottages under the heritage designation bylaw in recognition of the environmental and cultural importance of the area.

Tsleil-Waututh Nation Statements

The Park was the first home of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation's largest ancestral village, təmtəmíxwtən

They have strong, ongoing cultural ties to this area.

They were not consulted when the cottages were first built nor when the heritage designation bylaw was adopted.

The state of disrepair of the cottages poses ongoing risks to the cultural, environmental and archaeological heritage along the foreshore.

Restoration of the area will improve the environmental and cultural health of təmtəmíxwtən and provide additional access to these areas for the Tsleil-Waututh community and all park visitors.

Next Steps

Before the heritage designation bylaw can be repealed, a public hearing will be held.

For more information:

Watch for updates in the Port Moody Council meetings .

Read the Tri-City News article by Mario Bartel "What lies ahead for the Belcarra cottages if Port Moody repeals heritage protection?".

<https://www.tricitynews.com/local-news/what-lies-ahead-for-the-belcarra-cottages-if-port-moody-repeals-heritage-protection-7680389>

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Letter to the Editor
OCP Comments
 by Jim Chisholm

I have recently read the current Draft OCP to be presented at the September 11 meeting.

I am surprised that the eleven Villagers that formed the recent OCP committee would recommend that the road allowances be used for exclusive use as trails and never to be sold or leased.

The future stability of our Village may well require that we have the option of selling or leasing these properties for the future revenue of the Village.

People should be concerned about any future long-term debts being added to our existing debt, such as the millions required to modernize our Sasamat Fire Department.

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Letter to the Editor
OCP Comments
 by Sherry Chisholm

I certainly agree that Belcarra should maintain a mutually respectful relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples. I also recognize that Belcarra is on land that was, in the past, an area which was a territory of the Tsleil-Waututh peoples ... that was then ... this is now. It is no longer their territory and has not been for many, many years. I own my property and pay taxes to my present government and have no responsibility to any First Nations group.

I have read a portion of the OCP and I am very distressed and concerned about numerous items.

Is this the draft that the Village OCP committee put forward or is this an extremely altered draft that was changed greatly after the committee were dismissed?

The Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) presented by Metro Vancouver and adopted by Belcarra Council by Resolution on June 20, 2022, in my opinion does not fit with Belcarra community.

This RGS will make us vulnerable to the First Nations approval of any decisions within our community.

On page 12 there is a statement about dealing with First Nations on a government to government level. It is my understanding that First Nations have declared that they are not Canadians and are not answerable to my government so why are Metro Vancouver and my own Village Council agreeing to act and consult with First Nations on everything?

There is also a vague reference to "First Nations proposed projects within the Village of Belcarra boundaries". What does this mean? I am concerned that this may leave our small community vulnerable to a project that we Villagers will have no authority over. Why would we approve such a vague proposal of a First Nations project? This is only one of many subjects in this proposed draft of the Village OCP that I am concerned about and questioning.

I do not approve with or agree that the First Nations should act in any way as my government and my Village government should not agree to this as written agreement in our OCP.

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