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The Barnacle welcomes all contributions about our local community.

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We reserve the right to edit for brevity, accuracy, clarity or taste.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Happy November!

The Barnacle is looking for someone to help with proofreading and layout review. Let us know if you are interested in joining our team of volunteers.

We are always looking for articles and ideas for articles. Don't be shy! Share with us.

Please don't forget to tell us about your milestones. Send us your child's achievements and let the community help you celebrate. Is there a charity that you are proud to be a part of, tell us about it!

Dayna Fitz

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**IMPORTANT DATES IN
NOVEMBER**

- 1 New Moon
- 2 J Evans Celebration of Life (Village Hall)
- 2-3 Port Moody Association Art Sale
- 3 Daylight Savings End
- 4 Regular Council Meeting
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 15 Full (Beaver) Moon
- 17 Anmore Youth Bingo
- 18 Regular Council Meeting
- 29 Active Transportation Survey Closes
- 30 New Moon

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ON THE COVER

On our cover is a photo of a painting by Joyce Evans. Joyce died on October 4, 2024, after a long illness. Our volunteer and regular contributor, Clive Evans, shared with the Barnacle a couple of his favourite paintings by his wife. As Clive tells us, Joyce's work was often inspired by her travels.

From everyone at the Barnacle, our sincere condolences to Clive and his family.



California poppy

In celebration of poppies, Nora Boekhout has found some lovely photos to share. They are scattered throughout the pages of this issue. Enjoy! They are especially lovely online :-)

Notes from the October Council Meetings

Editor

For copies of the reports and detailed minutes, visit the Village website at www.belcarra.ca. Recordings of Council meetings are available on the Village YouTube site.

October 7 Council Meeting

The Lower Mainland Local Government Association made a presentation to Council.

October was proclaimed Foster Family Month in the Village of Belcarra.

Stewart Novak, Public Works and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, recommended that the Bedwell Bay Road and Kelly Avenue Upgrade (BBUP) project be expanded to include redirecting drainage from the 3600 Block of Bedwell Bay Road eastward to the Kelly Avenue storm main. Council approved a budget of \$100,000 to develop preliminary and detailed designs of the BBUP (including drainage design). The BBUP construction is to be phased over four years with 65% grant funding from TransLink and 35% from the Village's Growing Communities Reserve Fund. The objectives of the BBUP are:

1. Rebuild a failing wall that supports Bedwell Bay Road near the top of Kelly Avenue
2. Adjust road alignment to provide room for a safe walking path from Kelly intersection crosswalk, along Bedwell Bay Road, up to Main Avenue
3. Redirect storm runoff from the 3600 block of Bedwell Bay Road to the Kelly Avenue storm main.

The Village of Belcarra Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 621, 2024 was adopted. Councillor Ruzycki voted in opposition.

October 6 - 12 is National Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™" strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

On September 27, 2024, Mayor Ross attended the first meeting of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Service review.

Another meeting will be scheduled after November 1.

October 21 Council Meeting

Bunt & Associates Engineering Ltd. presented on the Belcarra Active Transportation Network Plan. The first step is public engagement (round 1) which will include sending information out to residents (what, why, how) and collecting information about current use, opportunities and concerns, and specific locations for improvement. First round of engagement is by survey. *See page 8 of this issue, for more information.*

Council directed staff to prepare a report for the next Council meeting (November 4), to respond to questions in a letter from Ian Devlin received at the September 23, 2024 Council meeting, *Ian Devlin's letter is on pages 18 and 19 of this issue.*

Paula Richardson, Chief Administrative Officer (CA) and Pooni Group, presented and Council approved Corporate Policy No. 232 Land Disposition Policy. The policy establishes the process for the disposition of Village-owned land at full appraised market value. The policy applies to all Village-owned land including road ends. Pooni Group provided a description of the general process for the disposition of road ends:

1. Notification to neighbouring land owners
2. Lot survey
3. Land value appraisal
4. Road closure bylaw
5. Post notice to close road
6. Conduct public hearing.
7. Register property at Land Title office
8. Right of first refusal offered to neighbours
9. Register a statutory right of way over the road end to maintain access (if required)
10. Post notice to dispose road
11. Market the property.

Council approved Temporary Use Permit No. 2019-01 Extension (2024 Amendments) for one term not exceeding three years as was requested by 8 Corners Canada Inc., 123 Dough Canada, Inc., and ELC Canada, Inc. Consultant Sohi and staff are to confirm the fire water tank inspection status and that a fire safety plan is in place for the expected increase in visitors.

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Council directed staff to update the existing Village of Belcarra Housing Needs Assessment Report prior to January 1, 2025 to incorporate the most recent Housing Needs data provided by Metro Vancouver.

From the October 7, 2024 closed Council meeting, Item 4.4 *Update to the 2023 Strategic Plan* was released and will be presented at the November 4, 2024 regular Council meeting

The CAO reported that some Tri-Cities communities are adopting resident first registration for recreational programs.

The SASAMAT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING FIRE FIGHTERS!



Would you like to contribute to the safety of our community in a meaningful way?

The Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department is looking for residents who would be interested in becoming volunteer firefighters.

This challenging opportunity isn't for everyone but, for those who follow through, there is no greater reward than helping a neighbour in their time of need.

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JOYCE EVELINE EVANS (England)**November 30, 1942 – October 4, 2024**

Joyce passed away peacefully after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born in Cleethorpes UK and travelled to Singapore with her parents at the age of 10.

She leaves behind her husband Clive of 59 years (after six years of courting); sons George (Della) and Richard (Tammy); and grandchildren Damien, Monique, Elissa, Colin, and Alex; and great-grandchildren Sierra, Quinn, and Ira.

Joyce was a prolific artist in sketching, acrylic painting, and 3D paper mache models of all shapes and sizes. She earned her National Diploma in Design at Southampton Collage of Art and her Art Teachers Diploma at the London University. She exhibited her work several times and completed numerous commercial commissions. She was the Art Teacher at Ghana International School in Accra. Living and working in England, Ghana, Jamaica, and Canada, as well as visiting many other countries, had a strong influence on Joyce's work.

Joyce loved her job as assistant to the Children's Librarian at Coquitlam Public Library where she spent over 25 years telling stories, creating puppet shows, making all kinds of banners, as well as co-authoring and illustrating several children's books. She was always an enthusiastic volunteer in our Village of Belcarra, collecting for the Heart and Stroke foundation, Coquitlam Gogos, and the Stephen Lewis foundation,

Her participation in sport was limited to a little tennis, badminton, and lots of cross-country skiing. She spent many hours in her beloved garden, was a great cook, and a very active seamstress.

We are very grateful for the kindness and care during the four years spent at Hawthorne Senior Community Care in Port Coquitlam.



A Celebration of Life will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday, November 2nd from 2 to 4 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Donations in the name of Joyce would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Society of BC and Hawthorne Seniors Community Care (hawthornecare.com)



BELCARRA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK PLAN

Your Village, Your Move: Shaping Belcarra's Pathways

**YOUR INPUT
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Survey Closes
November 29, 2024

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By Dayna Fitz**

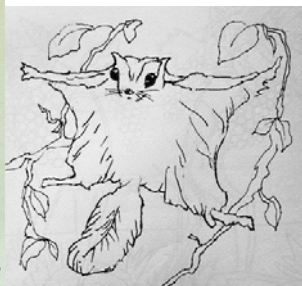
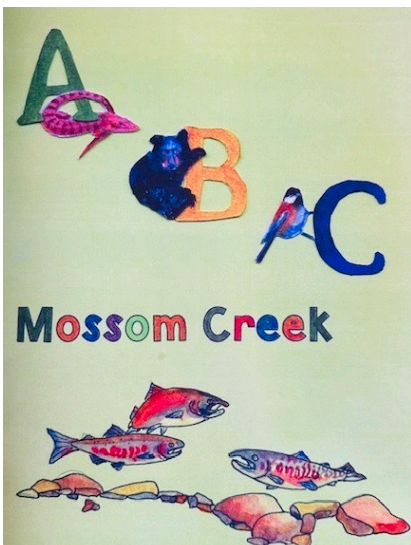
Artists from Port Moody Art Associate (PMAA) have designed a colouring book in support of Mossom Creek Hatchery. Good news, it is available just in time for gift-giving season. For the last few years, the PMAA have held 'en plein air' sessions at Mossom Creek Hatchery. The art sessions were made possible with the help of Mossom Creek's vice-president and co-founder, Ruth Foster. In recognition and thanks, the group of artists decided to create a colouring book featuring the alphabet with plants and animals found at Mossom Creek.

Adrienne Peacock's and Ruth's efforts were key in putting the book together. Residents of Belcarra, they are both excellent sources of information about nature. As well, Adrienne is a talented artist and Ruth is a skilled editor.

The PMAA will be selling the colouring book at their 'Art to Go' show on November 2 and 3 at the Port Moody Recreation Complex. The books sell for \$10 each of which \$2.50 will be donated to the Mossom Creek Hatchery. The colouring books are also available for sale at the hatchery during their Sunday open houses from 11 am to 1 pm.

Adrienne shares, "It was a fun project and many of the artists were excited by how much they learned about local biology while researching their assigned letter."

Ruth adds, "We are grateful to the PMAA for this creative environmental educational resource."



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Belcarra Artist, Adrienne Peacock at the Port Moody Exhibition and Art Show

Adrienne Peacock's painting of a Downy woodpecker is featured on the marketing poster for the 55th annual exhibition sale by the Port Moody Art Association. Congratulations Adrienne!

Adrienne Peacock and past Belcarra resident Daphne Douglas will both have pieces for sale at the show.

'TriCity News' interviewed Adrienne for the art show. You can find Janis Cleugh's 'TriCity News' article *Birds, animals are common themes for this Belcarra artist* [here](#)



Photo by JANIS CLEUGH/THE TRI-CITY NEWS

**‘Stories from the Archives —
“Contracts Have Been Let”**

**in connection with the engineering works to
utilize the forces of Lake Beautiful**

**Researched: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, October 2024
Source: Vancouver Daily World, Monday, June 16,
1902, page 1.**

“General Manager J. Buntzen, of the B.C. Electric Railway Company, is always a pleasant man to meet, as will be agreed to by all who have ever had dealings with him either as employee or as negotiator. He was, if anything, a little more pleasant than usual this morning, due to the fact, perhaps, he has just returned from a business trip which was in every way satisfactory. Mr. Buntzen went east as far as Toronto for the purpose of meeting the chairman of the company, R. M. Horne-Payne, and completing the details for the carrying-out of the extensive engineering works which will enable the company to utilize the reserve water forces behind Lake Beautiful [today, ‘Buntzen Lake’].”

“The feasibility of the proposed scheme had been fully looked into. Plans were formulated by Hunt & Meredith, of San Francisco, under advice from Hermon & Burwell, civil engineers, etc., of this city [Vancouver], and R. H. Sperling, the company’s superintendent.”

“The attention of the Central Trust & Loan Company of Canada, headquarters Toronto, was attracted to the matter and seeing ahead a possible good investment, they sent out R. C. Cooper, one of the greatest hydraulic engineers on the American continent, to investigate and report. This he did thoroughly and, acting thereon, the Central Trust & Loan Company had no hesitation in advancing the \$850,000 [equivalent to \$25,000,000 today] required and while Mr. Buntzen was in Toronto all the papers were signed and he wired accordingly on June 3rd [1902]. Steps were at once taken to start the work. Several constructs are already being carried out.”

“Mr. Buntzen says that Toronto has developed into a wonderful city in a financial way and that any good bona fide, clear-cut, Canadian enterprise can find capital there without going to the old country.”

“When the works are put through, the first installation will be for 6,000 horsepower.”

“While in the east, Mr. Buntzen engaged a man to take care of the [street] car construction shops at New Westminster. This gentleman has been in charge of similar work for the Minneapolis Car Company for fourteen years. He is expected to leave there on the 25th or 26th inst. [this month].”

“Mr. Meredith, of Hunt & Meredith, is now here over-looking construction work.”



WINTER
Coats for Kids Drive

SEEKING DONATIONS

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 Wilder for donation pick up between now and December 1st, 2024.

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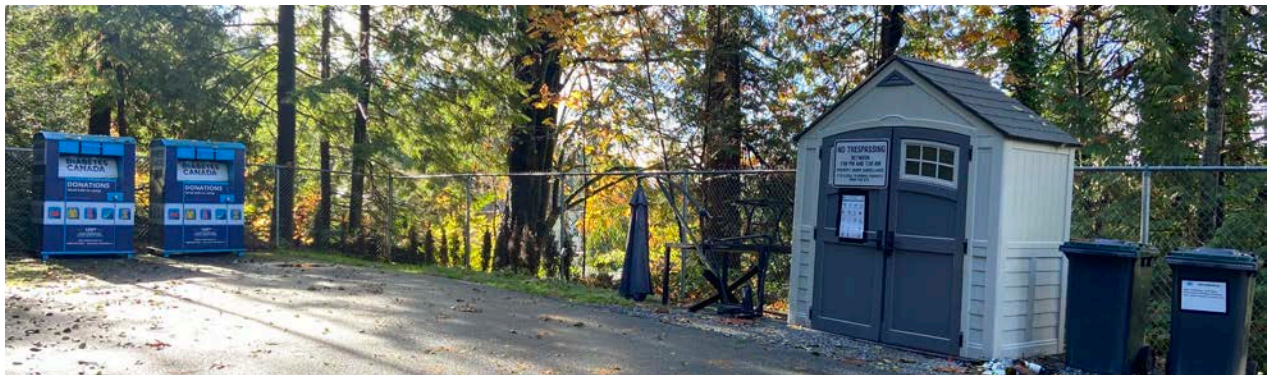
Photo from FaceBook: Santa's Christmas Ships

We've Moved! CRAB Refundable Collection in a new Location at the WARD

Thank you for donating your refundable bottles, milk jugs, pop cans ... to CRAB.

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CRAB CORNER

By Penny Moen



CRAB hosted the kids Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26. We were happy to welcome our youngsters with games, crafts, prizes, and treats. I must express my greatest gratitude to the volunteers whose efforts made the party a success. Lyn Jagger made some new games for us and put together the nicest crafts. Andrea Jauck and Ryan Moon, thanks for the pumpkins and adding to the fun. Liisa Wilder and Sue Brain, best treat bags! Deborah Struk, and family, thanks for all the help, and the cookies to decorate, definitely a kid favourite activity. Betty Lewendon, Lyle Mills, Dave Warren, and Earl Masse you are always eager to help, wherever needed. Thank you!

I am hoping for a big turnout on December 5 to the CRAB AGM. Come and hear Isabelle Côté talk about her daring trip across the Atlantic. We want to hear from you. What do you want to see your Community Recreation Association provide to you and your neighbours? What can we do better? If you can't make it to the meeting, please feel free to send your comments to c.r.a.b.4084@gmail.com or to one of our directors.



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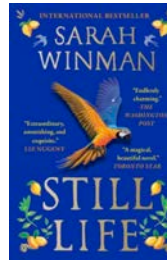


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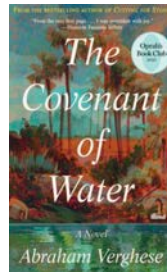
Still Life by Sarah Winman

This book is about love: love of Italy, love of Art, love of Music, every kind of love: unrequited, fulfilled, lasting, fleeting. The story covers four decades from WWII in Italy to a unique pub in London, and back to Tuscany. What makes the book great: the characters! The author has put together a complex set of people whose lives intertwine across the decades. Definitely a 'good read'. CB



The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

Spanning the years 1900-77, this novel is set in Kerala on India's Malabar Coast and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation at least one person dies of drowning. It begins with a 12 year old girl given in marriage to a 40-year old man. From this unforgettable beginning she experiences unbelievable changes as well as hardship and loss. Imbued with humour, deep emotion and the essence of life, it's one of the best books I've ever read. CG



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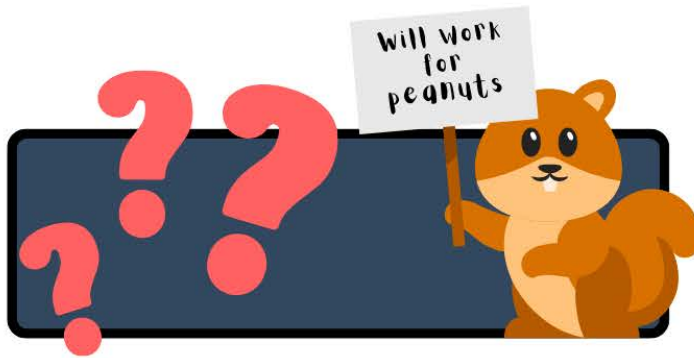
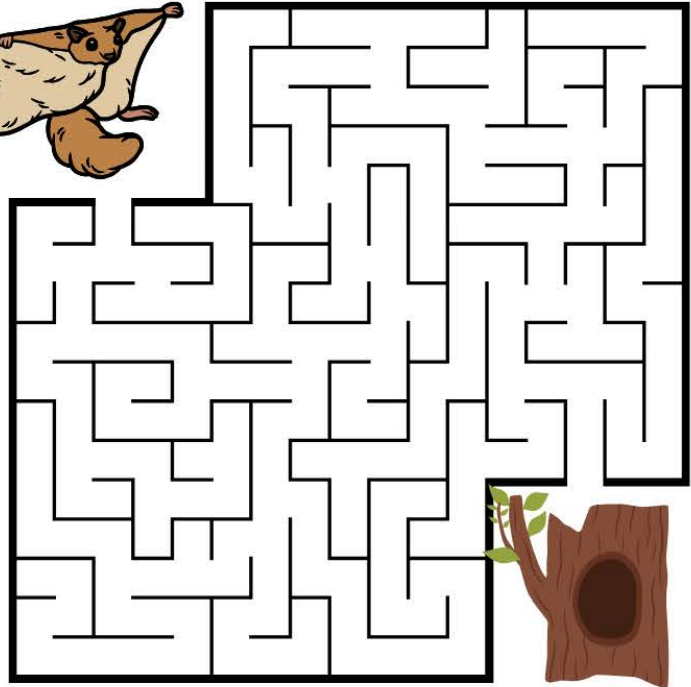


2023




Kidz Zone

November




1. WHAT'S A SQUIRREL'S FAVORITE SEASONING?
2. WHY DO COMPANIES LOVE HIRING SQUIRRELS?
3. WHAT IS THE SQUIRREL INTERNET CALLED?
4. WHAT IS A SQUIRREL'S FAVOURITE STREAMING SITE?

1. Nutmeg.
 2. You can literally pay them peanuts.
 3. A NUT-work!
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Around our Garden A Blue-eyed Darner Dragonfly

By Banks and Les Bramley

In the centre pages of the October Barnacle, Les and Banks provided a photo of a blue-eyed darter dragonfly. Now they are following up with a few facts about these beautiful insects.

In our photo, the dragonfly appeared to be eating a dead bee. We saw what looked like little white egg sacks attached to the dead bee.

Blue-eyed darter dragonflies are found from southern BC to as far south as Panama. They eat almost any soft-bodied insect, including mosquitos, flies, butterflies, moths and bees.

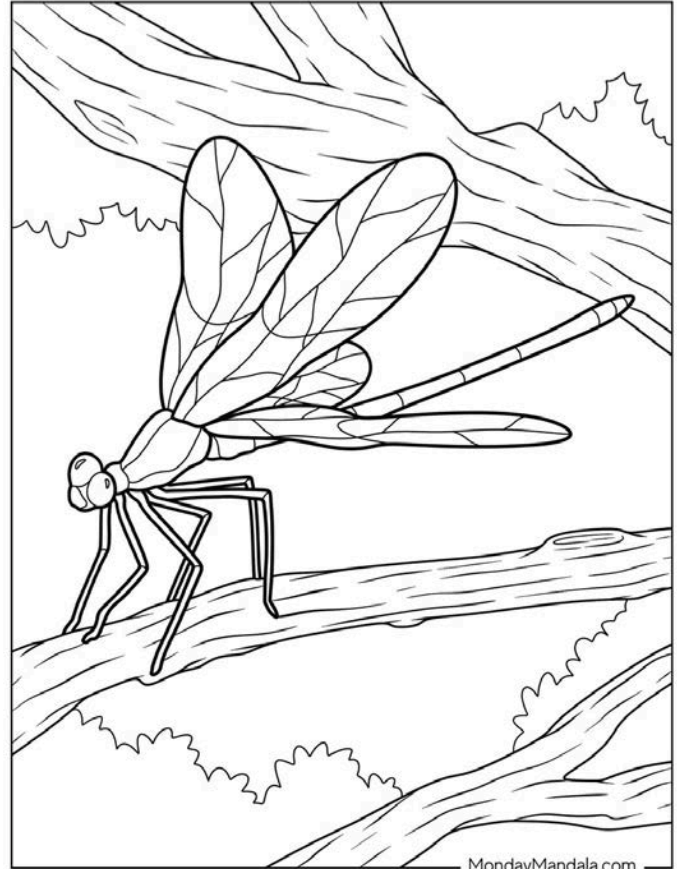
The males can be over 2.8 inches long with a wing span of 4 inches. They have 360-degree vision. They can fly up and down, as well as backwards, and at speeds of up to 50 mph (much faster than the average fly). They can also fly upside down like some of the CRAF pilots.

The females deposit their eggs in warm slow-moving waters near vegetation. When the eggs hatch, the nymphs emerge. Nymphs are wingless and live in the water. They continue to grow and develop in the water over a period of several years. When the weather conditions are suitable, the mature nymph crawls out of the water and climbs onto a plant stem. The nymph sheds its skin, leaving behind its exoskeleton on the plant stem. It emerges as a dragonfly with fully developed wings.

The newly emerged blue-eyed darter flies away to begin its short adult life which lasts approximately two months. Predators of dragonflies include frogs, fish, birds, and large spiders.

Information sources: Wikipedia and entomologist.net/dragonflies

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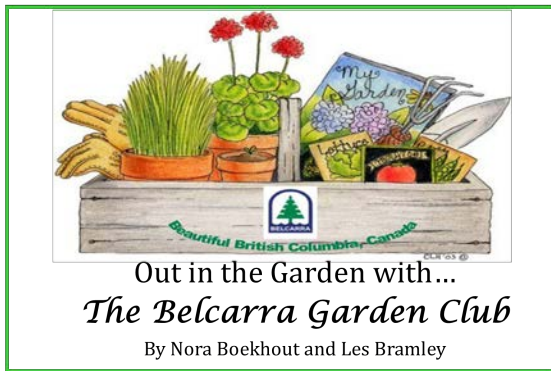
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Poppies for Remembrance Day by Nora B.

With Remembrance Day coming, it seemed appropriate to do a little garden investigation into the poppy flower. There are more than 700 species and over 40 genera in the Papaveraceae family! Most like bright conditions and moist but well-drained soil. Warning: many poppies are toxic.

Papaver rhoeas is the “Shirley Poppy” or “Flanders Poppy” which grows wild in Europe. It is the signature flower for Remembrance Day, inspired by the 1915 poem “In Flanders Fields” by Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. The wild species is a bright red with black centre and 9-18in. tall. This annual spreads seeds freely.

The popular Oriental poppy, *Papaver orientale*, has orange, red, or salmon-coloured blooms with black centres. It blooms in June and July and has hairy stems and feathery foliage. It is native to Turkey and northern Iran. It grows 20-36in. tall and is generally hardy in zones 3-9.

The Opium poppy, *Papaver somniferum*, comes from Turkey and can have pink, red, purple, or white flowers. An interesting myth from the Himalaya says that poppies grew where Buddha’s eyelashes touched the ground. When properly distilled, it produces the pain-killer morphine, but that requires a huge crop! On the other hand, it is also used in poppy seed cakes and muffins.

The Iceland poppy or Arctic poppy, *Papaver nudicaule*, is boreal and native to sub-polar regions but does not grow in Iceland! It comes in many colours and is excellent for cuttings in vases.

The lovely blue Himalayan poppies, *Meconopsis grandis*, are quite difficult to grow. Yellow Welsh poppies, *Meconopsis cambrica*, grow easily.

The California poppy, *Eschscholzia californica*, is a North American native, so well suits a wildflower garden. The petals are a bright orange and the foliage is blue-green and fern-like.

Bloodroot, *Sanguinaria canadensis*, is a surprising member of the poppy family. This native flower prefers shade and gets its name from the reddish-orange color of its sap in the roots.

The Matilija poppy, *Romneya coulteri*, is also known as the Tree poppy and can be 6-10ft. tall! Bees love the white petals with bright yellow stamens. It prefers dry, desert-like conditions.

This next one was quite a head-scratcher! There are three yellow flowered species that bloom in spring and have similar names. Celandine, also known as the Wood-poppy, *Stylophorum diphyllum*, (4 petals) is a native plant which is listed as endangered in Ontario. It grows in mixed woodland shady forests. The lesser Celandine *Ficaria verna*, formerly *Ranunculus ficaria*, (7-12 petals) and the greater Celandine, *Chelidonium majus*, (4 petals) are invasives in many areas.

Whew! There is so much more to tell you...

Full article, sources, & links are on our webpage:
<http://tinyurl.com/rwcf9b85>



Papaver rhoeas, Remembrance Day poppy PHOTO BY RICHARD LAM /PNG



Belcarra Blessings By Deborah Struk

November is here and so are shorter days and more grey skies. Despite the wind, the rain and the cooler days, we still have much to be thankful for. November brings a time to remember, Lest We Forget, the price paid for our freedoms. In Halifax this year a beautiful crosswalk has been painted adding black stripes to the white and some poppies with Lest We Forget as a thoughtful reminder. Once again we in Belcarra are blessed to have Remembrance Day in the park. See you at 10:30 on Nov. 11.

So many of us in Belcarra are blessed with wonderful grandchildren and some with great grandchildren! Oh the joy! It was delightful to see many delighted children at the kids' Hallowe'en party.

My own special blessing wanted to add her story to the Barnacle.

Hello, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Harper and I love my dog named Hunter. I'm glad I live in the forest and my mom and Nana read me stories. The Halloween party was fun and I liked helping set up the party. I liked eating the chips and getting the goodies. I liked colouring the princess and talking with the silly goofy man wearing the llama head. He was really funny. The games with my uncle were fun! That's the end of my Barnacle Story.

Oh Canada, we stand on guard for thee. Have a rich and meaningful November.

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Letter to the Editor
Bedwell Bay Road Safety
 By Klaus Bever

Safety for a village is not an option, but a requirement.

Safety is a large part of village life and a reason villages and their evolutionary consequences, the cities, have become so popular. Early agricultural communities formed villages because they supplied supports and protections. It was easier defending a village than a farm. It was a safer place for shared family values.

Safe movement within and between population centres remains a key measure of the overall health of communities. Many Belcarra residents have this in mind. They have spoken for improvements in safety while they walk, ride bicycles, and drive. In the next months there will be an opportunity for all Belcarra residents to express their personal opinions and supports for improvements in safety in those activities. We are about to hear a lot about the Belcarra Active Transportation Network Plan.

Since 2020, Belcarra Council had several meetings given to the topic of safe mobility for both vehicular and non-vehicular transportation throughout the region. Metro Vancouver was promoting and financially supporting efforts in all municipalities to join together in developing multiple user pathways (MUPs). Although Council deferred involvement, the benefits can now be seen in our neighbouring municipalities. These highly visible projects provide our neighbours safer movement on main streets whether on foot, on bicycle, driving a car, or pushing a stroller.

Translink's and Metro Vancouver's support for these multiple user pathways came from their appreciation of the added pedestrian safety. These paths are usually added to roadways that are part of the lower mainland's Main Road Network (MRN). These are roadways with bus routes. This allows travellers to walk sections, or ride bikes over sections, and then climb onto a bus to complete their travel. In Belcarra, Bedwell Bay Road is our part of this main road network and is used by everyone.

Making that roadway safer for all users, but especially for those on foot or bicycle, remains an ambitious goal.

ICBC Report, November 2022

Summer 2022, Council asked the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) for a safety audit of Bedwell Bay Road between, and adjacent to, the intersections with Main Ave and Kelly Ave. That November, ICBC provided the Village with five suggestions that would improve safety along this section of roadway. These are:

1. Walkways for pedestrians
2. Improve "pedestrian crossing conspicuity"
3. High-friction road surfacing
4. Improved illumination
5. Improved alignment

Recommendation 2, pedestrian-activated flashing beacons for the crosswalk at the Kelly Ave intersection, is in place. The other four recommendations are to be seen in the planning portions of the Bedwell Bay Road Upgrade project.

The Belcarra Active Transportation Network Plan

This October, Council introduced the Belcarra Active Transportation Network Plan. This presentation made use of information provided earlier at Council in both the ICBC report of November 2022 and the more recent upgrade planning reports. The goal is in support of safety.

Since the ICBC report of November 2022, there have been many comments from residents, from Councillors, and from Belcarra staff as to the need for improved safety and reduced speed along Bedwell Bay Road. A near mishap was reported just a few days ago. Council seems to be struggling in deciding whether their own comments regarding excessive speeds and limited safety is sufficient response or could they, or should they, do more. Council's preoccupation seems to be consistently redirected to costs, or perception of costs, or future costs. Council seems unable to decide whether its first priority ought to be for the health and safety of Villagers, or for the dollars Council may need in future.

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This Council is halfway through their term and under the Belcarra Active Transportation Network Plan is now inviting resident input on safety improvements.

Traffic Calming

Resident input is vital to Council's decision making. Their request for feedback is not, in my view, an excuse to remain unresponsive to the multiple comments from residents, Councillors, and staff about road safety and traffic calming. Should anyone be harmed along the roadway identified in the ICBC report of two years ago, the Village will not have the luxury of claiming innocence and absolving itself of all liability. The Village has had ample time to mitigate the identified risks.

Council should enact speed reduction and traffic calming now. This should not be delayed further. Take a drive along Sunnyside and East Roads in Anmore and feel the comfort of traffic calming such as stop signs at intersections, speed humps, elevated crosswalks, road narrowing, and lane separations. All these measures seem relatively inexpensive and easy to put in place. In Anmore, these measures are on Main Road Network (MNR) used by all emergency vehicles.

For the safety of us all, let us put traffic calming measures in place now.



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Letter to the Editor

Water System

By Ian Devlin

Chlorination System for the Municipal Water System

The July 19, 2021, letter from 'Fraser Health Authority' (FHA) identified two areas that Council need to address. First, the need for installation of a chlorination system, and second, a written monitoring plan to document that the requisite chlorine residual is maintained: "Fraser Health recommended chlorine disinfection equipment be obtained for future needs in a 2019 inspection report." In other words, the regulatory agency indicates they require a measurable chlorine level in the potable water supply.

The Council meeting on September 25, 2023, established a budget of \$46,000 for installation of a chlorination system. It was further recommended that the project be identified in the Strategic Work Plan and that the Financial Plan be amended to reflect the work. Was this done?

The chlorination system has been pending for over 11 months and staff advised Council that the FHA has been sent the plans for chlorination for its "approval". As a retired federal public health inspector, I know that such approval is unlikely as there is no technical expertise to undertake that responsibility, and the FHA would not assume the liability associated with that responsibility. The FHA only deals with the measurable chlorine levels in a potable water supply. The council should have asked for the actual timeline of this project — it should not have taken 11 months to get to this point.

The FHA recommended that Belcarra install a chlorination system within the municipal water system, and the municipality has had an engineering company (competent in public health water systems) designing the new system. A chlorination system design plan signed by a registered engineer takes the responsibility for the safety of the plan and I cannot understand why the FHA would want to assume the liability of interfering with the design of the chlorination system.

Recommendations Regarding Inspection of Tatlow and Dutchman Creek Water Tanks

The WSP report of September 28, 2023, included recommendations for correcting issues in the two water storage tanks — seven for the Dutchman Creek and ten for Tatlow. How many of those recommendations have been acted upon? Those recommendations are as follows:

Dutchman Creek Steel Reservoir

1. The eight loose anchor bolts should be tightened to ensure the stability and structural integrity of the tank.
2. It is recommended to overcoat the graffiti-covered area on the east face of the tank, approximately 18 square meters in size, to remove the graffiti and restore the tank's appearance.
3. No anodes were observed inside the tank. Due to the importance of anodes in corrosion protection, it should be confirmed whether they are required for this structure.
4. During the next scheduled emptying of the tank, clean off areas of surface rust as well as areas where loss of panel coating have been observed and re-coat or patch with approved sealant as per manufacturer's specifications.
5. With the tank emptied, it is recommended that connectors, brackets, bolts, etc. be inspected, and cleaned recoated or patched with approved sealant where required.
6. It is recommended to remove the snag along the roadway for safety reasons and to prevent damage.
7. An in-person inspection of the emptied tank is also recommended as this will allow inspectors to assess the current condition, stability, and safety as well as provide a more detailed examination of visible defects.

Tatlow Steel Reservoir

1. Implement effective drainage systems to address water collection on the uphill east side of the tank. This could be as straightforward as addition of a perimeter drain or regrading of the areas.

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2. Monitor the corrosion on the embedded anchor bolts and take necessary action if further deterioration is observed.
3. Clean and prevent algae growth on the panels, especially above the horizontal joint.
4. Repair the localized coating loss areas to maintain the integrity of the coating system.
5. Conduct regular inspections and maintenance of electrical/SCADA equipment, roof, and roof vent.
6. Replace missing securing bolt on the Main Fill Valve Chamber hatch.
7. During the next scheduled emptying of the tank, clean off areas of surface rust as well as areas where loss of panel coating have been observed and patch with approved sealant.
8. No anodes were observed inside the tank. Due to the importance of anodes in corrosion protection, it should be confirmed whether they are required for this structure.
9. With the tank emptied, it is recommended that connectors, brackets, bolts, etc. be cleaned of rust and inspected, and recoated or patched with approved sealant where required.
10. An in-person inspection of the emptied tank is also recommended as this will allow inspectors to assess the current condition, stability, and safety as well as provide a more detailed examination of visible defects.

I ask staff and Council to please advise as to the status of the following “top three” priorities for both tanks:

1. Is there a need for anodes to be installed in the water storage tanks? (items #3 for Dutchman, and Item #8 for Tatlow)



Meconopsis betonicifolia, the Himalayan blue poppy PHOTO BY RICHARD LAM /PNG

2. Has an empty tank inspection been performed to clean-off areas of surface rust and patch with approved coating? (item #7 for Dutchman and item #9 for Tatlow)
3. Has an engineering inspection of the empty tanks for visible defects been performed to assess the current condition, stability, and safety? (item #10 for Tatlow)

Inspection of the Twin 200 mm HDPE Pipes that supply Belcarra's Water System

Regarding the inspection frequency for the twin 200 mm HDPE water mains under Indian Arm that supply Belcarra's water system; what is the recommended inspection frequency specified in Belcarra's 'Water System Operation and Maintenance Manual'?

I suspect that inspection of the twin 200 mm HDPE water mains is overdue. Will Council ensure that this critical inspection will be completed as specified in the 'Water System Operation and Maintenance Manual'?

Letter to Council regarding Item 6.1.2 of July 22, 2024

With reference to Ralph Drew's email dated July 14, 2024, regarding water main looping within Belcarra's water system, it was suggested that Belcarra approach Metro Vancouver (MV) Park staff regarding the following:

"There is one solution that warrants further consideration by Council and that is connection of Camp Sasamat (MV property) to the eastern end of the Bedwell Bay Road water main. Such a connection would be a win-win scenario which would eliminate the need to spill water at that end of the system."

Such a connection would greatly assist Belcarra's water system by eliminating the need to spill water at the eastern water main dead-end on Bedwell Bay Road. Also, the additional water usage by Camp Sasamat would increase the overall flow within Belcarra's water system which would assist in maintaining the residual chlorine level. It is budget time for the MV Parks Department and has MV Park staff been approached regarding this potential connection?



Letter to the Editor
Proposed Farrer Cove Access Road
By Ralph Drew

At the Council meeting on Monday, September 23, I was surprised to hear Sy Rogers say that he wanted a Councillor designated and appointed for the Farrer Cove road access project, and also wanted Council to provide a budget allocation for staff to lobby Metro Vancouver and the City of Port Moody.

I am concerned that the "Farrer Cove Access Road" project could consume excessive staff resources and Council time with little realistic prospect of success. As the developers of their acreage properties and proponents of the access road to serve the development of their properties, the Farrer Cove (South) property owners have several responsibilities that should be pre-requisites to any request for staff and/or Council to devote time and resources negotiating with either Metro Vancouver or City of Port Moody:

1. If Council were to designate a Belcarra Councillor to communicate on behalf of Council, establish an official committee of Council, or budget financial resources for the road access project, then Council would be "taking the lead" and assuming responsibility that rightfully belongs to the private property owners that, for all intents, are pursuing a private land subdivision development.
2. The following references in Belcarra's new OCP should be noted :
 - => Policy M24: "No new roads will be funded by the Village during the period of this OCP."
 - => Policy M25: "Notwithstanding Policy M 24 above, the Village will participate in and support an appropriate planning process, initiated and paid for by the owners of Farrer Cove (South) properties, which involves all relevant stakeholders to develop legal road access to this area..."
 - => Policy M26: "The capital cost to design and build a new road to service Farrer Cove (South) properties will not be borne by the Village..."
 - => Strategy 1.3(c) --- "...if a subdivision master plan for Farrer Cove is undertaken by local owners in the future."

=> Strategy 1.3(d)(ii) --- "...future development of Farrer Cove should legal road access be created by the residents.

3. At present, there is a self-appointed three-person committee of Farrer Cove (South) property owners communicating with Council. However, the Farrer Cove property owners need to organize themselves and collectively designate representatives of the area to communicate a consensus-proposal regarding the proposed road access.
4. At present, the property owners in the Farrer Cove (South) have not provided written confirmation as to their collective financial commitment in support of "an appropriate planning process." As a consequence, it is unclear whether all of the privately owned properties involved are prepared to financially contribute to the planning process which could easily amount to \$5,000 or more per property. How many of the Farrer Cove (South) property owners are prepared to commit in writing to undertaking that expenditure?
5. At present, there is no agreed on road alignment across the privately-owned properties in Farrer Cove (South). As a consequence, it should be a priority for the Farrer Cove property owners to define the proposed road alignment across the privately-owned properties, reflecting the 20-metre municipal road width standard. Also, given that all Farrer Cove properties would not be required to provide land for a road right-of-way, such an agreement is needed to identify which properties would be required to dedicate private property for the road right-of-way and also determine how such dedication of property would be valued as a cost-contribution to the project.
6. A proper cost estimate is needed to build the access road to a municipal standard. The construction of Tum-tumay-wheaton Drive cost \$10 million about 20 years ago, which is equivalent to approximately \$19 million today. The proposed road to Farrer Cove is of a similar length but crosses even more rugged mountain-side terrain.

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A realistic cost estimate for the proposed road is essential before expending time negotiating with Metro Vancouver and the City of Port Moody. Do the Farrer Cove (South) property owners understand that the cost to construct the access road would require a contribution of at least \$1,000,000 per property?

7. The Metro Vancouver Parks Department will not donate park land for construction of the proposed access road. MV Parks will expect a quid-pro-quo land swap as compensation for the proposed road right-of-way across current park lands. The Farrer Cove property owners need to address the issue of a pre-requisite land-swap before initiating discussions with MV Parks.
8. A business case needs to be prepared by the property owners to identify the potential sources of funding for the proposed Farrer Cove access road. In particular, what is the proposed subdivision plan of the Farrer Cove properties, and what would be the financial contribution from the additional properties created by the subdivision?
9. It also needs to be recognized that the potential for government grants to fund the proposed access road to Farrer Cove is very remote. The Provincial government is very unlikely to provide public tax dollars to fund a project that, for all intents, is a private land subdivision development.

The Farrer Cove (South) property owners need to collectively address the foregoing issues before going to Council with requests to negotiate with the Metro Vancouver and the City of Port Moody.



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Letter to the Editor

Correspondence from Rick Glumac

Submitted by John Snell and Brian Hirsch

From: Rick Glumac.MLA
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 12:46 PM
Subject: RE: unused road ends in Belcarra

Dear Irene, Brian, John and Jim,

I want to thank you for meeting with me on July 18 to talk about the unused road ends in Belcarra, and what you want to see happen with the Village. I appreciate each of you for taking such an active role in the future of your community.

I had my staff reach out to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs with the specific questions that you outlined, and I recently received some information that I wanted to share with you.

As a summary of the discussions we had with Ministry staff, The Village of Belcarra Council likely has the authority to sell these properties, but it is up to the Council to decide that it wishes to sell these properties, and so the best advice that Ministry can provide is to work with staff and Council towards their goal. The Village of Belcarra should then seek the advice of legal counsel and/or real estate agent with expertise in the sale of municipal property if they agree with you that the land should be sold.

Council has the authority (and responsibility) to make decisions about its financial plan, including where to direct funds and how to finance necessary expenditures for the municipality.

In our conversations with the Ministry, we addressed your specific queries one-by-one. I will cover the answers below.

First question: For instance, can people who, over the years, have encroached onto road ends to extend their yards and driveways (not in order to gain access to their property) get some legal entitlement over the encroachment? A retired approving officer in our village would say that that is not a concept in Canadian law. What is the right answer?

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Ministry staff believe the answer is no, there is no legal entitlement. We could follow up with the Attorney General as well but they may have the same limitations as Municipal Affairs in answering. The challenge is that it's difficult to provide a blanket answer because of differing specific circumstances and may require legal professionals to fully answer.

Second question: We have three road ends that are bordered by water (Indian Arm). All three are completely inaccessible to the public because of rocks and (prickly) vegetation. What does "providing access to the ocean" in section 41 of the Community Charter actually mean? Should "access" be defined as the ability to physically touch/enter the water or is looking at the body of water from a cliff enough to be defined as access?

Access should be defined as physical entry/touching the water.

Third question: According to the village lawyer section 41 of the Community Charter applies to the disposition of road ends bordered by water. And he wrote in an email to the CAO that he "can help with that". According to the CAO though both section 75 of the Land Title Act and 41 CC apply at the same time. So we are told that idea number 2 (50 foot lot and 16 feet wide path to the ocean) cannot be considered because of 75(c) LTA. Do both 75 LTA and 41 CC apply to the disposition of road ends bordered by water or is it 41CC? If both, could we be granted relief under 76 (3) (4) (5) LTA?

The municipality is the best approach for you to go through; working with Mayor and Council to explore the idea in a more rigorous way is possible, but of course relies on the willingness of Council to entertain the idea.

The Ministry can understand the argument for wanting relief, but interpretation of these acts is best done with the Village, as the Village has the specific context necessary to apply this interpretation to the road ends being talked about. It is also not the Ministry's responsibility to administrate decisions or debates between municipal officials/staff and residents, meaning provincial intervention on this would be extremely limited.

Fourth question: A previous council had these lots appraised at a combined \$6.6 million value in 2020 and was about to start the mechanism of closure of the road ends. Our previous mayor was/is of the opinion these road ends could be sold but our current mayor and CAO will tell you that is wrong. What is the right answer?

As you mentioned, the previous Council appraised the lots and was about to start mechanism to close the road ends.

According to the Ministry, our administration can't compel the municipality to commit to the action you seek, but the Council likely does have the authority to make the determination of how to use the land.

Thus, this returns to being an issue that the current Council has to look at, and short of cooperating with the Council and its own vision for Belcarra, the recourse is practicing local democracy and electing officials better representative of wishes for using the road ends.

Last question: If we can sell off unused road ends (where there are no encumbrances like water pipes, electricity poles etc. and which are bordered by water but do not provide literal access to the water) can we use the funds raised by the sale to pay for a new fire hall?

Council has the ultimate decision on what properties to acquire, and to buy and sell land. Part of their responsibilities as local government is the direction of revenue — where it is allocated, how to budget, and the appropriate places to make significant community investments. Any development or usage of the land in question becomes a question for them, not the Province. Technically, this is possible. This sits in the oversight of Mayor and Council to consider proposals, and it was through a Court legal process that West Vancouver acquired the right to sell public land/beach access for private purposes. But precedent does not mean practicality, or that there will be willingness to embrace the idea.

Unfortunately, this does mean that there is not much more in terms of advice the Province can provide on this. On the municipal level, this is the democratic process.

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The Council are the ones that the Village of Belcarra have given the power to make these decisions — the questions about relief and pursuing the idea are better activated through Mayor and Council, and any legal advice from lawyers and professionals.

Thanks again for your advocacy and if you have further questions, my staff and I will do our best within our abilities to assist you.

Thanks,
Rick Glumac, MLA Port Moody – Coquitlam
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*As long as autumn lasts, I
shall not have hands,
canvases, and colours enough
to paint the beautiful things
I see*

Vincent Van Gogh

ANMORE'S SPIRIT PARK Gets a Name Change

On November 3 at 1 pm, join Anmore residents in Spirit Park. They are celebrating a park name change to the Dr. Hal Weinberg Spirit Park. Afterwards, cake and refreshments will be served in the community room.



BY BONNI MARSHALL

Beer Bread with Caramelized Onion and Asiago Cheese is a tasty (and easy) loaf to make. It is a delicious accompaniment to soups and stews.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups onions, diced
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup Asiago cheese, grated
- 1 (12 ounce) bottle beer
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°.
2. Heat olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add onion and 1 Tbsp. sugar, and sauté 15 minutes or until tender and caramelized. Cool to room temperature.
3. Combine flour, 2 Tbsps. sugar, baking powder, and salt in a bowl; make a well in the center of mixture.
4. Add onion, cheese, and beer; stir just until moist.
5. Spoon batter into a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan coated with cooking spray (or lightly greased with butter or vegetable oil); drizzle the loaf batter evenly with butter.
6. Bake for 55-60 minutes, or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.
7. Cool 5 minutes in pan on a wire rack; remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack.

FULL MOON

November's full moon is known as the "Beaver" Moon because this is the time of year when beavers begin to take shelter in their lodges, having laid up sufficient food stores for the long winter ahead.



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