



# Belcarra Barnacle

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Belcarra's Community Newspaper

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## THE BELCARRA BARNACLE

Our purpose is to inform and involve.

The Barnacle welcomes all contributions about our local community. If you would like to submit an article to the Editor, please be advised that your name will be listed as the author. We reserve the right to edit for brevity, accuracy, clarity or taste.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to your Community Newspaper.

Spring, a time for renewal, spring cleaning, and fresh starts.

With that in mind... Thank you, to our new, regular contributors:

Cecily, we are lucky to have you back for community interviews. We are looking forward to more of your articles in the coming months.

John S., glad to add a new perspective and a few more recommended books to read. Welcome to the book reviews column.

Thank you, to all of our regular and occasional contributors of photos, articles and ideas. We wouldn't have a paper without you. Please keep writing.

To those who have been thinking about contributing... What are you waiting for? It's spring! Time to grow ;-)

Dayna, [belcarrabarnacle@gmail.com](mailto:belcarrabarnacle@gmail.com)

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Potable water supply to Village residences will be uninterrupted. The reservoir will be bypassed from the distribution system allowing residents the continued use of household water.

#### Water conservation measures apply from March 31 to April 6, 2025

Restrictions include:

- No vehicle washing
- No filling pools or hot tubs
- No watering gardens or lawns
- Reduce shower time

#### Fire Safety Precautions

Fire hydrants will be out of service while the Tatlow Reservoir is out of service.

Staff is working directly with the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department in planning and implementing fire safety measures.

Call the Village Hall at 604-937-4100 if you have any questions.

### IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL

- 1 April Fools' Day
- 2 Active Transportation Open House (p 7)
- 8 Estate Planning Seminar (p 19)
- 12 Full Pink Moon
- 13 Active Transportation Survey Close (p 7)
- 14 Regular Council Meeting
- 18 Good Friday
- 18 - 21 Advance Polling Federal Election
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 20 Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt (back cover)
- 22 World Earth Day
- 27 New Moon
- 28 Federal Election - Vote at the Village Hall

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## Editor's Notes from March Council Meetings

For copies of the reports and detailed minutes, visit the Village website at [www.belcarra.ca](http://www.belcarra.ca). Recordings of Council meetings are available on [the Village YouTube site](#).

### March 10 Council Meeting

Council designated March 26, 2025 International Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness in the Village of Belcarra.

Council received a letter from the Village of Anmore seeking input regarding Anmore's Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment Bylaw No. 686.2023 — Anmore South. Council directed staff to forward the letter to Belcarra's planning consultant for review and comment.

Council received School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) Board resolution for proposed 2026-2027 eligible school site requirements. To address population growth over the next ten years, the board expects that six new schools will be required.

Council directed staff to engage the services of a registered professional to report on options and cost for the installation of a Village Hall sprinkler system.

Council received for information Paula Richardson's report of her meeting with MLA Rick Glumac — "Discussion with MLA regarding Residents' Queries regarding Road Ends".

The Village of Belcarra Records Management Bylaw No. 635, 2025 received first, second, and third readings. Council approved the Village of Belcarra Records Management Policy No. 233. Council approved funding (\$10,000) to hire outside expertise to update the records management system.

Metro Vancouver is seeking public engagement on their 2026 Budget and Five Year Financial Plan. Information on how to provide input can be found on the Village's website or on the Metro Vancouver website.

On Wednesday, March 12, staff will conduct a bypass test of the Tatlow reservoir. Tatlow reservoir internal inspection and repairs are planned for the end of March / early April.

BC Hydro installed new lighting at Kelly and Bedwell Bay Road. Stuart Novak reported that the light was installed by BC Hydro in error and that it will be taken down.

### March 31 Council Meeting

Council approved a letter to Anmore drafted by the Pooni Group regarding the Anmore South Lands OCP Amendment Application. In the letter Belcarra requests an extension to respond once the questions in the letter are addressed and additional technical information is provided. The proposed plan for Anmore South includes: 2,202 residential units (8 single-family detached homes, 120 duplex units, 740 townhomes, and 1,334 apartments), opportunities for small commercial businesses, community amenities (e.g. parks, trails, natural areas, and recreation facilities) and sewer and water connections.

Council accepted for information the completion report from Stewart Novak, Manager, Municipal Service, for the Marine Avenue Road Rehabilitation project. The project along Marine Avenue included: full depth removal of asphalt and underlying sand to repair slumped areas, repaving, and rain curbs to direct water flow. Council noted apparent changes to the available parking. Staff is considering clearer marking of eligible parking places.

Council approved the purchase of the existing rented portable field office (the Belcarra Building office) at a cost of \$31,000 plus applicable taxes.

Council repealed the Village of Belcarra Flag Protocol Corporate Policy No. 182 (May 25, 2009) and approved the Village of Belcarra Flag Protocol Corporate Policy No. 236. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that the National Flag of Canada is displayed in a consistent and appropriate manner and to set out a protocol and procedure for flags and flying flags at half-mast.

Council adopted the Village of Belcarra Records Management Bylaw No. 635, 2025.

The Monday, April 28 Council meeting is cancelled to make the hall available for the Federal Election.



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## Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) Board of Trustees Meeting Editor's Notes

A meeting of the SVFD Board of Trustees was held at the Anmore Community Hub on March 6.

The link for the meeting agenda and minutes is <https://anmore.com/community/safety/police-and-fire-services/>.

Metro staff provided an update on the SVFD Service Review. This process started in June 2024 and is ongoing. Mayor Ross (Belcarra) and Mayor McEwan (Anmore) attended the preliminary meeting with Metro Vancouver. Metro provided three cost proportioning scenarios that have been forwarded to both Villages for review. Additional service review meetings will be held to discuss options and how to move forward.

Metro staff reported that the approval process of the SVFD Conversion Bylaw continues. The current service arrangement for the SVFD is governed by letters patent which are being converted to a Conversion Bylaw.

The Trustees asked Metro staff to explore funding opportunities for the construction of the new fire halls from the Provincial and Federal Governments.

The Trustees asked Metro staff to draft a letter to BC Hydro to request payment of grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the provision of fire service at Buntzen Lake in 2024.

Metro staff provided an update on the 2024 financial statement. The service was under budget by 26% (\$111,833). The Trustees passed a motion to move the unspent 2024 funds into reserves.

Chief Jay Sharpe presented the 2024 Call-Out Statistics. He noted that the volumes and types of calls were "usual" for the Villages.

### 2024 Call-Out Statistics

17	Fire
69	Medical
9	Motor Vehicular
1	Other
34	Alarms
<b>128</b>	<b>Total Calls</b>

Chief Sharpe reported on a recent emergency call for a boat fire in Indian Arm.

The SVFD was unable to respond to the incident as they were denied access by Emergency Management of BC (EMBC) to water transport provided by Royal Canadian Search and Rescue (RCSAR). Chief Sharpe will be looking into this further. Without access to this over-water emergency transport, the SVFD may have to rely on water taxis. The use of water taxis is likely to cause delays in response.

Chief Sharpe outlined recent personnel changes to the department. The department has 25 regular members, three field incident technicians, and six probationary members. Four new recruits, all from Anmore, will start training soon.



## Block Watch Update By Les Bramley

With the help of Melanie Stewart, the coordinator of Block Watch for the RCMP, we have reactivated block #6.

A few incidents have been passed on to me this year:

1. The fire hall F150 truck was siphoned empty of gasoline. This is deplorable, leaving an emergency vehicle not ready for instant action.
2. A man found sleeping at the WARD in the garbage recycling bin
3. Excessive speeding (apparently very fast)
4. Passing on a solid yellow line, with oncoming traffic approaching. Two incidents of that reported. "That's crazy".
5. Cars racing through the village in the middle of the night once in awhile
6. Marijuana debris along the sides of our roadways

We know Marijuana is legal but the littering is not. All this plastic is definitely not good for the environment. Our village staff pick these up constantly. They tell me the worst spot is at the corner of Kelly and Bedwell Bay Road but we see these things all the way to Belcarra park. The photo was taken by a conscientious resident who cleaned up some of the marijuana debris. Thank you for doing that.



*Block Watch continued on page 6*

*Block Watch continued from page 5*

Our original Block Watch was started by Jim and Sherry Chisholm. They ran it for many years and when Jim and Sherry retired from the program, the RCMP recognized their service by presenting them with a plaque at the Village Hall. Carol Drew then took over and worked with Diana Drake. Together they ran Block Watch for many years. We were all grateful for their efforts.

There have been some misconceptions as to how Block Watch now runs. It is very simple — First phone 911 (for an emergency) or 604-945-1550 (for a non-emergency). Then contact your Block Captain or Co-Captain, who will immediately send a fan-out message to their block members.

We have heard many people in the village say: 'we don't see the RCMP out here much'. Well, if we don't report incidents much, the RCMP will think that everything is pretty well ok in Belcarra.



So I am encouraging you to join as Block Captains or Co-Captains. This is a simple job that does not take much time, and helps keep your community safer.

Melanie Stewart is the Community Policing Service Coordinator for the Coquitlam RCMP. She can be reached at 604-472-2719.

Block #6 — Les Bramley  
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### Hey proud parents, neighbours, and friends —

The Barnacle loves to celebrate our community! Let's recognize and share the significant events in our local neighbourhood.

If someone has reached a milestone, or is celebrating an anniversary, or is just doing something really cool, come share the news.

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### PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, April 2, 2025	5:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Belcarra Municipal Hall

### RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS



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**[Belcarra.ca/ATNP](http://Belcarra.ca/ATNP)**

# Village News

## Anmore Community Market

Hello Neighbours!

A small group of Anmore volunteers are organizing our very first Community Market at the Anmore Hub on May 10! We will host 50+ local to Anmore and Belcarra vendors! This Market has been created for the community, and by the community. All profits will be donated back to community groups. We hope to have a lively and engaging indoor/outdoor event with entertainment and fun for the whole family!

We still have a few spaces available for vendors,. We are specifically looking for artists, artisans, local farmers, food growers and entertainers (amateur musicians , magicians, face painters). For more information, please search Anmore Community Market on Facebook or email us at [anmorecommunitymarket@gmail.com](mailto:anmorecommunitymarket@gmail.com)

Anmore Community Market  
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The recent Pub Night was a great success, thanks to everyone who came out to join in the fun! Attendees enjoyed good food, wine, and beer, while connecting with old friends and meeting new ones from the neighbourhood.

It was heartwarming to see so many familiar faces, as well as some new faces who came to enjoy the evening. It's always a pleasure to have the chance to bring the community together, and this event was no exception.

A special thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers, whose efforts ensured everything ran smoothly from start to finish. Their hard work is always appreciated, and we wouldn't be able to provide the evening without them.

We'd also like to give a big shout-out to Carolina Clark, who generously donated her 50/50 winnings back to the community. Thanks to everyone's participation and Carolina's contribution, we raised a total of \$500 for the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department.

Thank you again to everyone who made this event so successful, and we look forward to continuing to bring our neighbours together in the future.

Looking ahead, we want to remind you of our upcoming Easter Sunday breakfast. Come join us for a morning of pancakes, friendship, and community spirit. We can't wait to see you there!

### Thank you, Urban Gate!

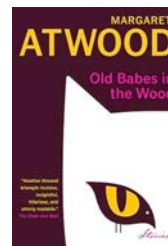


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### *Old Babes in the Woods* by Margaret Atwood

This is a collection of 15 short stories. Atwood writes about a variety of topics: like two best friends who disagree about their shared past or the right way to stop someone from choking, or a daughter who thinks her mother is a witch. These stories feature beloved cats, a confused snail, Martha Gellhorn, George Orwell, a philosopher/astronomer/mathematician, and many unique characters, framed in Atwood's marvellous ability to make a person pop off the page and into your heart. The glorious range of Atwood's creativity and humanity is on full beam in these tales, which by turns quietly devastate, illuminate, delight and entertain. CG



### *Precipice* by Robert Harris

In his latest novel, Harris weaves an engaging account of the relationship between British Prime Minister Asquith and the much younger Lady Venetia Stanley as the country, having narrowly escaped a civil war in Ireland, entered the First World War. The infatuated and dependent Asquith regularly shared written and verbal military secrets with Stanley by post [mail in London rarely took more than 6 hours to be delivered] and on afternoon drives around the city and nearby countryside. On occasion, this material was tossed out the car window and ended up with the security service causing genuine alarm over potential links to German intelligence operations. Harris, a master of fiction rooted in history—in this case the context of the war and the fact that the correspondence between Asquith and Stanley survives, has written an engaging story. JS









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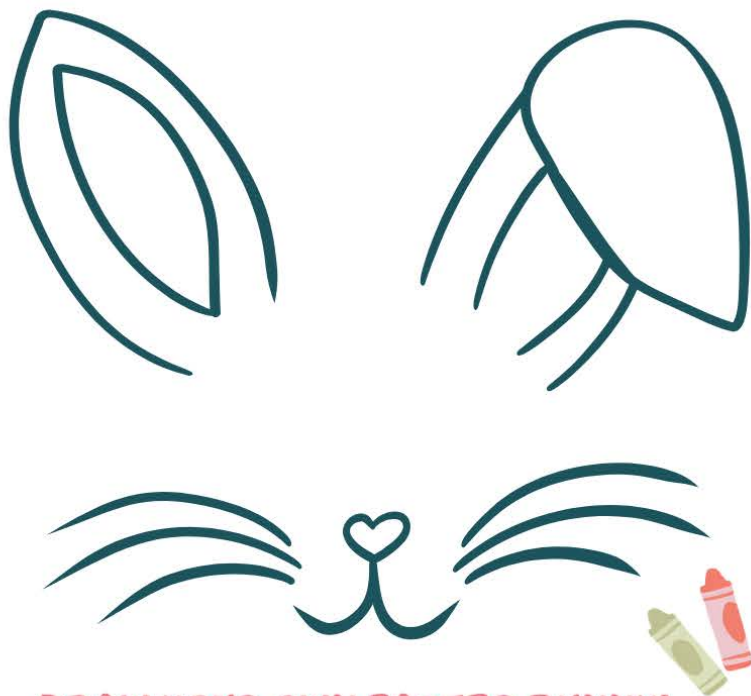
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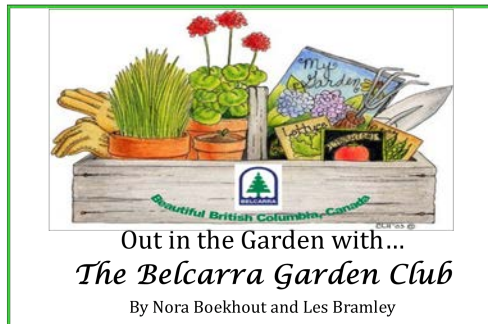
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### Garden Club Update by Les Bramley

We had our first Belcarra Garden Club meeting with twelve founding members in August 2020, at the village hall car park, socially distanced big time, under a sunny blue sky. We are now at 37 members!

At the end of 2022 we took our first trip to the Shangrila Farm at Silverdale. It was a lovely spot with beautiful mountain views and ten acres of dahlia flowers. Since then we have taken many trips, doing three per year now. Last year, on a beautiful sunny day, we visited the tulip fields at Agassiz. The tulips were magnificent and views of the snow capped mountains just added to a great day.

Gate 22 Winery: loved the way they gave us a course on their wines along with a sampling. It was one of the best we have been to.

Colony Farm allotments tour: the members there were very informative and they passed on some good gardening tips as well as some plants and seeds to try. Afterwards, we had a picnic. It's a good location with picnic tables and nice washrooms.

Our Club has had several courses at the various venues and even a few guest speakers at the meetings. We are enjoying the opportunity to expand our collective gardening knowledge.

In July and August we avoid the park due to school holidays and have our meetings at members' houses. This has been very popular as we do a tour of their gardens; each garden is different and unique and again we learn more.

Take a look at our Webmaster Nora Boekhout's work. She has detailed articles on our trips and courses which expand on our articles in the Barnacle. You will also enjoy some fine pictures of flowers and our members.

The BGC webpage: <http://tinyurl.com/rwcf9b85>

Our first meeting this year is on May 12 at 2 pm at the Belcarra Park picnic shelters. At this meeting we trade plants and many varieties of flowers and vegetable seeds, so don't miss out. Remember to bring containers and boxes for them.

The information for our three 2025 trips will be shared at this meeting.

To become a member, please contact us at 604-937-7103 or email: [lesbramley@shaw.ca](mailto:lesbramley@shaw.ca)

Membership is free and includes a 10% discount card for six garden centres. Sadly, I have to report Urban Roots is no longer in business. They have found it too difficult to find vacant lots to set up for the summer.

Happy Gardening!



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### **Belcarra Blessings By Deborah Struk**

Are we still awaiting the arrival of spring weather? What a joy to welcome the pre-spring birds and flowers. Can you imagine what it is like where spring thaw is still weeks away? Oh my, and Tuktoyaktuk sunset is 9 pm, sunrise is 9 am. No, thank you. They do experience extremes in temperatures, day light hours and, oh, once the sun shines, insects!

Here is hoping everyone had a wonderful Spring Break vacation away or staycation.

The Easter story is a bit like some of what happens in the world today. If media is not reporting it, then many believe it is not true. The resurrection of Jesus that glorious Sunday morning, is one such account that was attempted to be squashed. This is a lesson in using our eyes and paying attention to what we see and know. I am very thankful for many independent news sources and platforms like Substack. I digress. Here is Matthew's account.

From the Book of Matthew, Chapter 28:

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said.

They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Guards' Report:

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated to this very day.

Eyewitness accounts are the best. To read accounts by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John of their encounters with Jesus is powerful. He is The Way, The Truth and The Life. There is no other name by which we must be saved. This world is becoming more and more complex and conflict abounds. I know whom I have believed and am confident He will guard us until He returns. It doesn't mean things will be easy. But He gives hope. Trust Him. He loves you, whether you like it or not. (Like the sign on the corner of Falcon and Guildford).

People can try to erase Jesus, or disallow saying Merry Christmas, but Christ is not easily pushed away, regardless of human voices being silenced. He loves you. Heavenly Father, Creator, open the eyes of our hearts.

May blessings of peace of mind and heart be yours this Easter and in 2025.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Village Finances

By John Willms

The private use of public property in the Village of Belcarra has been going on ever since we have lived here, back in April of 1986. For some residents in Belcarra Bay area, it meant every bylaw and policy had to be met and policed by our Village administration, for others not so much. When one of our neighbours many years ago, was targeted for having his hot tub 2 feet on the public road end, they ended up in court against the Village, but lost. The Village argument in court was a multitude of future uses for this public area, but none of these ever came to fruition. Today the road end still exists and the new neighbour next to this road end has built a private driveway and uses this land to access his property. A multi-million dollar road end is now being used by one resident for access to his residence. For some of us we would have been made to redesign our home, for others, no problem.

In the Belcarra Bay area there are at least half a dozen public areas that have some type of situation regarding the use of public property. Some residents claim new construction will block their view, others just want more parking for all their cars, one has more than one driveway into their lot, the developed road end being one of them. The total value is somewhere between 15 to 20 million dollars worth of public land (road ends if turned into residential lots) and all being used by a few residents who feel that they are entitled, no problem for our Village administration. This does not count the Bedwell Bay area or Main Avenue where there are many public areas; where our administration has the same type of attitude when it comes to the use of these public areas. The Village administration has turned a blind eye to these abuses even though most municipalities have bylaws preventing them. I was told that our bylaw was modified that allows the CAO the right to make decisions which definitely only benefit a few entitled residents.

We have full sized road areas in the Village of Belcarra being used for private use. The residents on each side of Tatlow Road have taken over most of Tatlow Road, leaving a small trail down the middle. Upper Tatlow Road is totally blocked with a concrete barrier constructed for the use of parking cars by the adjacent resident.

Everywhere you look, certain residents have taken over public property and the attitude the Village of Belcarra has taken is that they only get involved if someone complains. We now have so many areas where this illegal private use of public property is taking place; it has become almost impossible for any public areas to be sold or leased without upsetting people who feel they are entitled.

I have been told that out of 31 available road ends, there are only a handful that could be sold without too much trouble. Think about that; are all of the other road ends being used by entitled private residents?

All public lands that are being used by private residents should immediately be surveyed, then sold or leased to the users at market value, based on a square foot area and registered with the assessment authority so that taxes will be paid. Everyone should be treated equally. If the current administration refuses to correct this inequity, maybe it is time we consider amalgamation with another municipality which will listen to the concerns of the residents who live here.

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### **Letter to the Editor** **Safety for the Village** **By Klaus Bever**

It's out! The second survey for villager input towards an integrated road and trail safety plan for Belcarra residents is now available online.

This survey is being conducted on behalf of village Council by Bunt & Associates Engineering. The original report by Bunt was presented to Council at the October 31, 2024 regular Council meeting. This followup survey is more specific in purpose and offers opportunity for choices. There is room for comment. As with any survey, there are limits as to what choices can be offered. These limits often reflect the need for some brevity so that respondents are not put-off from completing the survey.

A survey prologue provides some background helps the respondent make a more informed decision. Belcarra residents completing this survey may want to keep in mind that road and path safety have been a Council issue for some time. Safety along Bedwell Bay Road has had an engineer's report from the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia since November 2022. Recommendations were made. The recommendations make safety along Bedwell Bay Road between the Kelly and Main intersections of the highest priority. Further delay implementing the ICBC recommendations is a potential liability for the Village, especially if any pedestrian or cyclist is injured in this section of roadway.

A comment on the survey's approach to traffic calming: this section offers few choices to the respondent. There are many more options available for traffic calming that could be appropriate for our village 1. A few advantages to traffic calming:

1. Short installation time
2. Relative low cost
3. Village staff can easily install
4. Most devices are readily available

5. Metro Vancouver and Translink enthusiastically support traffic calming along the roadways that, like Bedwell Bay Road, are part of the Metro Main Road Network.
6. Funding for the vast bulk of traffic calming is already in place or readily available through Translink.

Please give the survey a look.

Reference:

1. <https://www.ite.org/technical-resources/traffic-calming/>



### **Letter to the Editor** **A Community Quiz** **By Brian Hirsch**

Which acronym would you say best describes your approach to changes to our Village:

YIMBY	Yes, in my backyard
NIMBY	Not in my backyard
NOTE	Not over there either
BANANA	Build absolutely nothing near anything
CAVE	Citizen against virtually everything.

Depending upon the collective results of such a theoretical quiz, perhaps an OCP isn't necessary. Heck, would we really need a Council? Perhaps we could just have a Maintenance Contracts person who oversees maintenance and repair work undertaken by third parties or we could strike a deal with the City of Port Moody public works yard, or..... ?

Now, wouldn't that save Belcarra property taxpayers a ton of money?

Jus' speculatin'





## Stories from the Archives — “Girl of 12 Rescues Baby from Drowning”

Researched By: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, Jan. 2025  
Source: Vancouver Sun, July 29, 1940, page 13

### “Terri Spencer Leaps into Water to Save Child”

“A brave little Vancouver Girl — just 12 — risked her life last week to save a 15-month-old baby boy from drowning in the waters of the North Arm of Burrard Inlet [a.k.a. ‘Indian Arm’], near Belcarra Park. The young heroine is Terri Spencer, daughter of Mrs. Lloyd Spencer. She rescued Bryan Walsh, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Walsh of Seattle.”



Terry Spencer

“Four children were in a row boat, returning from ‘Turtle Head’ [a.k.a. ‘Hamber Island’] to ‘Belcarra Park’ where the Spencer family was vacationing. In the boat were Terry, Bryan and Gerry Walsh, 5, and Tamea Rice. They had reached a point mid-way between ‘Turtle Head’ and ‘Belcarra Park’ — some distance from the shore — when little Bryan tumbled overboard. There were no other boats in the immediate vicinity.”

“Little Bryan would have drowned if Terri Spencer had not thought fast and acted even faster. She dived into the water and grasped hold of little Bryan. She swam to the side of the row boat, and the other two children took the little boy aboard, and helped Terri over the side.”

### Afternote:

In the 1930s, ‘40s and ‘50s, Eric Hamber allowed sisters Annabelle Spencer (née McDonald, 1898–1988) — who was employed by Eric Hamber — and Mae Rice (née McDonald, 1902–1995) to holiday at their cottage on Turtlehead. (Photographs below are courtesy of Susan Rice, granddaughter of Mae Rice.) During World War Two, Annabelle and Mae brought war orphans from England for the summer. In a 1958 letter, Annabelle Spencer wrote:

“We have a summer place at Turtlehead which we have been enjoying for the past twenty-five years. The property is in the name of Hon. E. W. Hamber — former Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia — and he and Mrs. Hamber, who have no use for the property since they have their farm [Minnekhada] at Coquitlam, have willed it to our children. The Hambers very generously pay the taxes and the caretaker’s wages but eventually these obligations will devolve upon our family. There are about six and a half acres [Lots 4–13, Block 10, Plan 1095], including a small island [DL 4992, 2.5 ac]. On the map the island is designated as ‘Turtle Head’ but I believe a recent bylaw has changed the name to ‘Hamber Island’.”

– Annabelle Spencer (photo: circa 1930)



Mae Rice remembers the difficulties encountered in reaching the cottage located on the Turtlehead peninsula:

“Our main method of communicating with the caretaker was to drive to Strathcona Pier in North Vancouver and ‘yodel’. He came from Turtlehead in the row boat to pick us and our supplies up and take us for the weekend to our summer camp. I have many fond memories of summer days with the boys fishing and swimming.”

– Mae Rice (photo: circa 1950)





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### Frankie-Approved Teething Biscuit Rings by "Nana" Nora Boekhout

Our first Granddaughter is now 9 months old and just starting her culinary adventures post "rice pabulum". There are no teeth in sight yet, but an Instagram post inspired me to do some baking for her. This recipe is adapted from "[LittleGrubbers.com](http://LittleGrubbers.com)" and was a winner from her first taste! (You can imagine how thrilled I was!) Warning... it's a bit mucky once it softens, so choose your venue carefully!

#### Ingredients

- 1 small, sweet potato (I steamed mine)
- 1 cup flour (whole wheat is healthier)
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup smooth peanut butter (all natural, no additives!)
- 4 Tbsp. milk (or a bit more)

#### Directions

1. Mash the sweet potato.
  2. Add peanut butter and milk.
  3. Combine flour, baking powder, and cinnamon.
  4. Mix the wet and dry ingredients.
  5. Roll the dough on a floured board to about 1 cm.
  6. Cut 4 cm round circles (mine were 5 cm).
  7. Cut out 2 cm holes in the center.
  8. Bake at 320°F (160°C) for 40 minutes.
- Let cool before serving. Freeze the extras.



### Mom's Never Fail Pastry Recipe by Bonni Marshall

This is my mom's very basic (and old school) never fail pastry recipe from many, many years ago. I recall my mom making this dough for pie crust every Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Her pies were always delicious and the crusts were perfect!

My mom spends most of her time and energy on caring for my stepdad now, and is no longer wielding her rolling pin... but the recipe endures ;-)

#### Ingredients

- 1 lb lard (Note: My mom only uses the Tenderflake brand and maintains that it's the secret to a perfect pie crust!)
- 5 cups flour
- 1 Tsp. Baking Powder
- 3 Tbsp. Brown Sugar
- 1 egg

#### Directions

1. Mix above ingredients with a pastry blender until texture is like coarse cornmeal.
2. Put 1 egg in a 1 cup measuring cup and fill to 3/4 full with milk.
3. Beat/whisk the egg & milk mixture and pour into dry mixture.
4. Work mixture until rolling texture.
5. Flour your rolling surface and lightly flour your rolling pin before rolling out the dough.

NOTE: This dough is great for pies or tarts, and it freezes very well. You will have more than you need for one pie, so freezing any leftover is a good option.

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