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Belcarra Day





THE BELCARRA BARNACLE

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to your community newspaper.

In this issue —

Congratulations to our 2025 Graduates! Thank you, Tamryn Goodes for pulling our celebration page together.

Belcarra Day was fun and we are happy to capture the spirit of the day in photos, in thanks, and in CRAB's Corner.

In reviewing the "Letters to the Editor" this month I was struck by the similarities: our gratitude for our community and our wish for thoughtful change. Please keep sharing with us your opinions and ideas.

Just a reminder that we are taking August off to enjoy the lovely weather, our beautiful village, and prepare for all of the family visitors :-). We'll be back in September. Please send us your Barnacle submissions by August 24.

See you on the trails!

Dayna
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COVER PHOTO

The photos on our cover and centre pages were taken at Belcarra Day. Bruce Drake, Deborah Struk, Gary Glover, and Patty Neibel all submitted photos.

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- 1** Canada Day (Stat holiday)
- 4** US Independence Day
- 7** Regular Council Meeting
- 10** Full Moon
- 19** Canada's Parks Day
- 24** New Moon

AUGUST

- 4** BC Day (Stat holiday)
- 9** Full Moon
- 19** World Humanitarian Day
- 23** New Moon



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Editor's Notes from June Council Meetings

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](#).

June 9 Council Meeting

Anmore Residents Association made a presentation to Council about the Anmore South OCP Amendment Process.

Council received a certified copy of the "Sasamat Fire Service Conversion Bylaw No. 1402, 2024" [replaces the supplementary letters patent] from Metro Vancouver.

Council proclaimed the week of July 20 to 25, 2025 as National Drowning Prevention Week in the Village of Belcarra.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Melony Burton, advised that the existing information technology server for the Village has reached the end of its life and replacement of the equipment is required. Council approved an expenditure of \$12,000.

Provincial Infrastructure Planning Grant Program will provide \$10,000 for the review and update of the Village's storm water collection network. Council approved retaining LandInfo Technologies for GIS and asset management planning support.

Council accepted the "2024 Drinking Water Quality Annual Report". At the end of 2024, the water distribution system provided water to 192 of a possible 270 parcels. The majority of water use is domestic but there is one commercial water connection installed in Belcarra Park (public washrooms, irrigation system, and drinking fountains). "Metro Vancouver reported that all samples collected in 2024 satisfied the bacteriological requirements of the BC Drinking Water Protection Regulation. The Village has not had any water advisories for many years."

The CAO provided an update about the Village of Anmore's Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment Bylaw No. 686-2023 and outlined next steps.

The CAO reviewed work by staff since the May 26 Council meeting:

- Statement of Financial Interest preparation (SOFI)
- Water system leak detection and repairs
- Security system review and update planning
- The Village received a Municipal Insurance Association of BC grant award for \$8,480 to update and revise the records management system.
- 2024 Annual Report is available for viewing
- Water main flushing planned to start next week

June 23 Council Meeting

Janis Cleugh of "Save Our Local News", made a presentation to Council about the launch of a weekly newspaper this fall to service New Westminster, Burnaby, and the Tri-Cities by replacing the closed *New Westminster Record*, *Burnaby NOW*, and *Tri-City News*.

Council approved the "2024 Statement of Financial Information" (SOFI).

Council approved the "2024 Annual Report for the Village of Belcarra".

Council approved retaining ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. (ISL) for a second five-year term of a Master Standing Offer Agreement for consulting engineering services. The contract does not prevent the Village from hiring other engineering firms.

Council approved \$25,295 to conduct an underwater marine pipeline inspection. Fraser Burrard Diving was chosen for their unique knowledge of our system. The Village's capital budget will be amended to allow for the pipeline inspection in 2025 and the Municipal Hall septic field replacement transferred to 2026.

The CAO reviewed work by staff since the June 9 Council meeting:

- Quarterly variance and strategic reports
- Record management project underway
- Public works conducting water main flushing and reviewing the WARD area signage and bin placement
- WSP retained for the chlorination system and the Request for Proposal (RFP) is underway
- WARD closure during entry driveway repair

After the regular Council meeting on July 7, the next meeting will be on September 15.
We at the Barnacle wish our Mayor and Council a relaxing summer :-)

SVFD Board of Trustees Meeting Editor's Notes

The Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department's Board of Trustees met on Thursday, June 5.

Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) staff reviewed the timeline for the SVFD service review:

1. June 19, 2024: Village of Belcarra initiated the service review.
2. September 27, 2024: Participants of the service review agreed that a service conversion bylaw should be drafted based on the existing terms set out in the original supplementary letters patent.
3. February 28, 2025: MVRD Board gave third reading to the service conversion bylaw.
4. April 25, 2025: The service conversion bylaw received approval from the Inspector of Municipalities and was presented to the MVRD Board for adoption.
5. May 23, 2025: The MVRD Board adopted the "Metro Vancouver Regional District Sasamat Fire Service Conversion Bylaw No. 1402, 2024".

The goal of the service review is to find agreement between Anmore and Belcarra on the apportionment and recovery of capital costs for the service. The current apportionment is 50/50. At the preliminary service review meeting in September 2024, Anmore and Belcarra agreed to review and consider three options as a basis for capital apportionment discussions. These are assessment value, geographical size, and population size. The details for the three options have been sent to staff and each Village's Council. Mayor McEwen and Mayor Ross indicated that they are prepared to schedule the next meeting. There is no deadline to the discussions.

MVRD staff provided the year to date financials. The service is currently under budget by \$30,436 mainly due to lower costs relating to consulting, contracted, and professional services, and salaries and benefits. Staff will bring a report to the Trustees for the addition of a paid full-time Fire Chief in the coming year (\$145,000 in 2026 budget for this position).

The SVFD is hoping to recruit additional volunteer members from Belcarra.

Please email sasamatrecruitment@gmail.com for more information.

MVRD staff provided the quarterly work plan update and Chief Sharpe provided his Fire Chief's report. SVFD hosted the annual Wild Fire action plan meeting attended by Port Moody Fire, Metro Parks, BC Hydro, RCMP, and BC Parks. The SVFD has 33 trained members for response.

The callout summary for 2025 year-to-date is 53 calls — 7 Fires, 30 Medical, 5 Motor Vehicle, 1 other, 10 Alarms.

The SVFD is completing new diagnostic training and purchased new equipment to meet an expanded "Scope of Practice for First Responders". The new diagnostic tests include measuring blood pressure, use and interpretation of glucometers, and use and interpretation of pulse and carbon monoxide oximeters.

Cellular backup has been added to the Belcarra fire hall to add redundancy to the radio system and eliminate the risk of radio loss when internet connections fail. The upgrade cost is \$11,000.

Mayor Ross and Mayor McEwen sent letters to the candidates running in the recent Federal election requesting their assistance in securing Federal funding for the two new fire halls. The Board agreed to address another letter to our new Federal Member of Parliament Zoe Royer, congratulating her and requesting her assistance for funding. MVRD staff have been investigating provincial funding options.

BC Hydro will provide \$10,000 per year, for the next five years, to support SVFD's role in safeguarding the Buntzen Lake area.

Minutes and recordings of the SVFD Board of Trustees Meetings are available at <https://belcarra.ca/community/sasamat-volunteer-fire-department/>.



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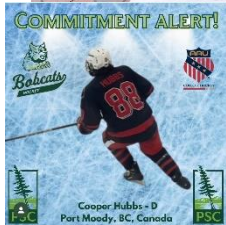
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Anchor Out for Safety & Salmon

Art by Candace Thomas

Protect your boat and important marine habitats by anchoring outside of eelgrass beds.

This includes the Voluntary No Anchor Zone in Bedwell Bay, marked by navigational buoys.

Anchoring in soft sediments increases the chances of a vessel going adrift.

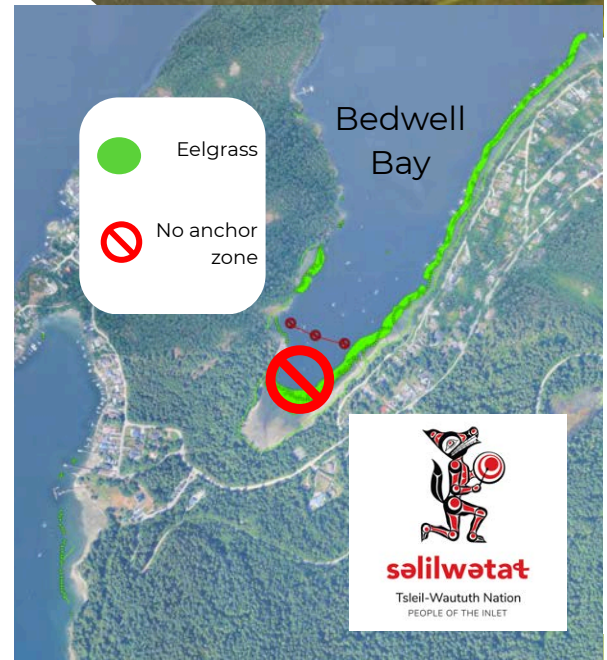
Anchors and chains uproot eelgrass plants, causing lasting damage.



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Juvenile salmon in eelgrass.
Photo: projectwatershed.ca



Protecting Eelgrass and Our Coasts

Eelgrass is a plant that grows in shallow marine waters, down to -22 feet below chart datum. Eelgrass meadows trap sediment to stop erosion and absorb wave energy, helping to protect our coasts from storm damage.

Eelgrass meadows are nurseries for young salmon, crabs, flatfish, herring, surf smelt and sand lance. Smaller fish become food for shorebirds, marine mammals and adult salmon.

Bedwell Bay contains a very important eelgrass bed. Let's work together to protect this vital ecosystem!

Tsleil-Waututh Nation has been working to map, restore and protect eelgrass and other habitats in səliłwəṭ (Burrard Inlet).



Tsleil-Waututh Nation youth and staff preparing eelgrass shoots for a restoration project.



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Book Reviews



The Bee Sting by Paul Murray

The Barnes family is in trouble: Dickie's car business has gone under and he is building an apocalypse-proof bunker. His wife, Imelda, is selling her jewelry to get along and considering a liaison with Mike who has taken over the business. Cass, their daughter, has gone to Dublin to university to have a wild time. PJ, their 10-year old son, is thinking of running away. All this makes for an intricate plot. It's a tragicomic family saga, and a dazzling story about the struggle to be good at the end of the world. CG



We really appreciate Corinna's regular contributions to our Book Reviews column. Maybe you would like to join her with your own short and sweet recommendations? Just email them to us at the BelcarraBarnacle@gmail.com

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Eagle Rescue By Andrea Jauck

On Sunday, June 8, this little guy fell from his nest. When I found him, he was in rough shape. Thankfully, the OWL (Orphaned Wildlife) society responded quickly after I called, and we were all hoping he'd make it through the night.

The next day, we got the best news — he's going to be okay! He has a broken wing, but is expected to heal.

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But the invention of the broom was the one that truly swept the nation!

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We raised \$965 for the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department at Belcarra Day!
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Thank you, SVFD! What a great Belcarra Day BBQ!



Belcarra Day, 2025







Foxglove submitted by Corinna Goodman

Has anyone else been admiring the amazing number of foxglove this year? So many beautiful pink and white displays. Corinna Goodman is a fan! Along with her photo, she sent us the following from Wikipedia: "Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*) has medicinal uses but is also very toxic to humans and other mammals, such that consumption can cause serious illness or death. While touching foxglove is generally not harmful, all parts of the plant are toxic if ingested. It's best to avoid direct contact with the plant, especially for children and pets. If you do handle foxglove, wash your hands thoroughly afterward".



'Sea through the Trees' submitted by Brenda Hogg

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What a great Belcarra Day!

Our biggest barbecue of the year with villagers, village staff, families, and guests plus a few folks just passing through the park.

Thank you to Belcarra's early birds who came out to help with setup and parking — Deborah and family, Gary, Dave, Sue and Doug, Klaus, Jamie, Brian, Patty, Cathy and Fraser, Martin, Andrea, Kathy, and our village staff.

We hope your kids and grandkids enjoyed Lyn's amusement games and the amazing pile of prizes she collected and donated. Lyn redesigned and remade her games just for us, just for Belcarra Day! We were short of help to run the games and a few of you just pitched in and started supervising. Thank you — Sylvia, Earl, Doug, and Max! It was so good to see Betty out (poor pun but she was recovering from minor eye surgery) to help Kathy at the very busy prize table. We heard rumours of kids cleaning their hands to avoid detection of the two-prizes-only rule. It's that much fun.

Did you find the art table? Adrienne, with Cecily's help, had a mural to colour in and individual colouring sheets with critters you find around Belcarra. Adrienne did all of the sketches and artwork and she kept it kid friendly with washable markers.

It was definitely a day for kids! Mike from Wild Education was back with his reptiles. We were worried that the cooler temperatures would equal an empty reptile tent but thankfully the sun did its thing and everyone was happy (warm-blooded and cold-blooded alike). Jen from Cinemazoo was there again with her friendly farm animals. Early in the day they were super eager to meet us at the fence and check out our pockets. Later, with the sun, they enjoyed basking out of reach until Jen invited them to a grooming session near the fence. Brushing the sheep and donkey were a big hit with our littlest villagers. Speaking of our littlest villagers, they kept Keith of Pacific Trackless Trains busy with circuits of the park's lawn. Toot, toot!

This year the Tsleil-Waututh nation, along with the World Wildlife Federation (WWF), participated with a display about protecting eelgrass in Bedwell Bay.

Their information brochure is on page 8 of this issue. We also had the RCMP out with information about Block Watch and a chance to talk to Corporal Neil Roemer.

We trust you found something to eat. Our cheerful SVFD crew cooked us a barbecue lunch with vegan options. They do so much for our community throughout the year and yet they are still willing to show up and feed us :-). For those that went straight to dessert, Martin was there to sell bags of candy.

Many of you found some shade in the picnic shelters where other like-minded folks were eating and chatting while listening to bluegrass music. Gosh, weren't Gord and "5 on a String" great! We saw Sandy and her three adorable grand-toddlers bobbing along. Apologies for interrupting the extra set the band was going to play for the gathering, but raffle ticket draws were pressing.

We had our best year yet for raffle fundraising! The prizes are great every year, and this year was no exception. So we are pretty sure that the stupendous ticket sales were all Sue and Cathy's efforts; they worked the crowd and there was nowhere to hide.

And then it was time to cleanup. For all of you that stayed and helped ... thank you. For all of you who didn't attend this year... maybe you will reconsider next year. We missed sharing with you at the park.

See you on September 6 for CRAB's 6th Potluck Picnic in the park.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer. Stay cool!

A Clever Tip from the Belcarra Gardening Club

Don't let wasps interrupt your outdoor BBQ or picnic — keep a mesh bag full of whole cloves nearby. Just give the bag a shake when wasps stop by. Apparently wasps do not like the smell of cloves. Who knew?

Don't be shy! If you have a helpful tip for the Barnacle's readers, please share.





Kidz Zone

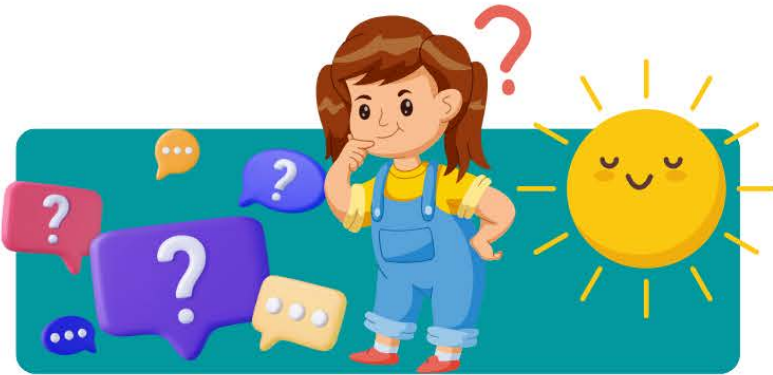


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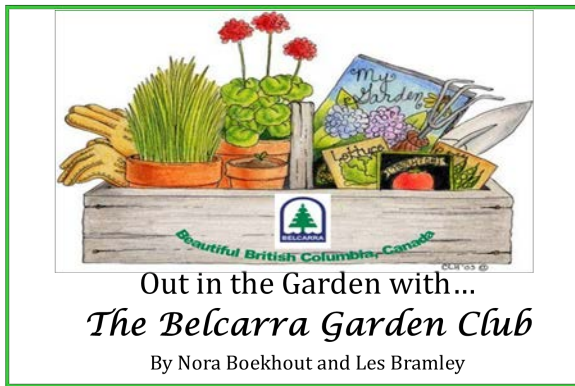
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Winery Fun by Nora B

Sunshine, green vineyards, good company, and... WINE TASTING! What a perfect BGC "meeting"! The Chaberton Winery in Langley, one of the oldest and largest (50 acres!) in the Fraser Valley, is only an hour away! Wine tasting is, of course, the chief attraction, but their highly rated Bacchus Bistro serves authentic French bistro cuisine. On the other hand, you can bring your lunch (as we opted for) to enjoy in their beautiful picnic area. We saw families with little ones, grandparents, and even doggies. We noticed that "Flights of wine" arrived there too!



Our guide, Rae, explained that you must grow 51% of the grapes yourself to be classified as an "Estate Wine". The BC Top 50 Wines (out of 400 BC wineries) included their 2019 Cabernet Franc and the 2023 La Fleur de Chaberton. All of their grapes are hand-picked, and for the three weeks of summer harvesting, they hire almost 200 employees! (Hmmm, makes our gardening chores seem a bit lightweight!)

The founders, Claude and Inge Violet, left their winery in France and chose this area as the ideal place to grow the cool-weather grapes famous in Northern France and Southern Germany. (Red wines are better for the hot Okanagan.) The clay soil, perfectly situated on a sunny south-facing slope, was ideal. The aquifers of the Campbell Valley are all they need for irrigation.

The Violets experimented with different grape varieties for 10 years before beginning to sell their wines! Although not classified as organic, they don't use pesticides. Fungus is the one thing they will treat.

Chaberton wines come from their vineyard as well as the Fraser, Okanagan, and Similkameen Valleys. Wines can be a blend up to 15 percent without calling it a blend. We learned that "Heritage" wines are the American version of Bordeaux (which is only from the Bordeaux region in France). Chaberton "Meritage" is 2 1/2 years in barrels and 2 years in bottles. It is full-bodied but not too heavy. We found out that the colour of rosé wines comes from the skin of the particular grapes used. Their darker rosé has had 48 hours of contact with the skins; the lighter rosé has none. We discovered that Icewine (one word) is not a regulated name, whereas "Ice Wine" is. Chaberton does a late harvest dessert wine instead, because we don't get the necessary frost like they do out east. This year, they are trying a new sparkling wine of 12.5% alcohol.

Rae showed us the huge stainless steel containers for white wines and the two types of oak barrels for aging red wines. They keep the 300-liter and 400-liter barrels at a chilly 15 degrees. Barrels can be used three times, and they come from France, the USA, and Hungary. Each gives a distinct flavour to the wine. The bigger barrels have less oak flavour. We were so impressed with their newest, huge machine, which fills the bottles, corks, and labels three cases per minute. They send out over 50 thousand cases of their 20 wines a year! They sell to private stores, Save-On Foods, Superstore, bars, and restaurants.

It was a most enjoyable (and delicious!) field trip and certainly worth a repeat visit!

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





Belcarra Blessings By Deborah Struk

Hello June and hello Belcarra! Harper here and I would like to share some of the blessings I see in Belcarra. I love being in Belcarra because I got to see a bear in my backyard. I think it was BOB the Bear our friend. He is brown and sort of black and very big. Mom was weeding and I was playing. Dad said "Go inside there's a bear." We went inside and from the window upstairs we loved seeing the bear.

He was eating huckleberries then he was eating mama's weeds.

I have a poem ...

*Bob the bear
poops everywhere*

*and he likes eating cherries
and huckleberries.*

Bye, bye everyone!
I hope to see you at the park.

Congratulations again to all Belcarra graduates. Have a wonderful blessed summer everyone!

See you all at CRAB's end-of-summer-back-to-school-and-work Potluck in the Park on Saturday, September 6.



"Ji" in Arun Garg's letter, is an honorific suffix added to names to indicate respect in many South Asian languages.



Letter to the Editor Thank you, Barnacle By Arun Garg

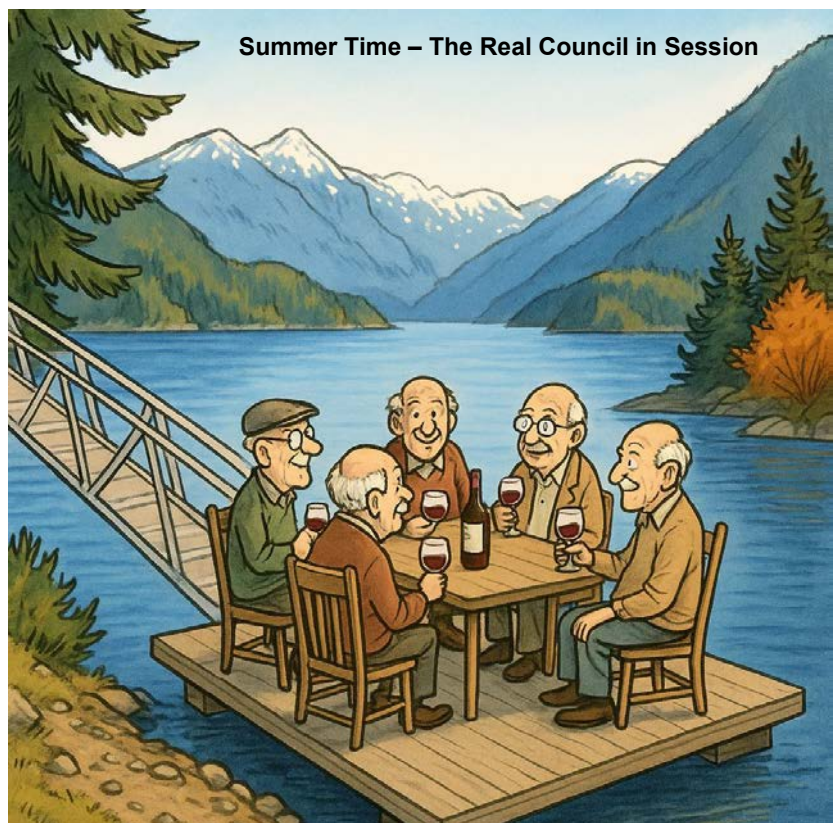
I am moved to share with you my thoughts and reaction on reading the current issue of our beautiful communicator, the *Barnacle*. My wife and I, residents of Belcarra since 1977, just love the paper and its significance as a connector in a very lonely and unconnected world.

Thank you for your immense labour of love in producing this and our gratitude to the whole team.

This issue provided me with a very comprehensive narrative on so many issues, including practical hints on safety in the form of articles of fire safety and auto theft, historical insights into Belcarra and neighbourhoods, metaphysical connection through art of the visual and art of words in an article about an Hawaiian sojourn, and poems by our resident Augustniak ji. This was all supplemented by local policy and political information.

So thank you.

Both my wife and I love to be part of this serene village and are grateful for the privilege to be sharing this land with Mother Nature and its people.



Submitted by Brian Hirsch



Letter to the Editor
Thank you, SVFD!
By Brenda Hogg

On Thursday, May 22, while home alone, I suffered a stroke. I became aware of my condition but could do nothing to help myself — my left side was totally affected and my phone was not within reach. Luckily, my husband David came home earlier than usual from work. He found me semi-collapsed on the floor and unable to speak clearly. He quickly sprung into action giving me two low dose aspirin and calling 911. Our Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) rescue team was here in under five minutes and paramedics only minutes behind. The care and treatment I received was absolutely lifesaving and the team talked me through every step. Words are not nearly enough to thank the team Britt Andersen, Will Muxworthy, Ian Marchese, Kieran Lancaster, and Daniel Sutton.

I am beyond the moon to report that after a procedure by neurologist Dr. Horton, at the Royal Columbian Hospital trauma unit, the clot in my brain was successfully removed and speech returned immediately. I spent a week in RCH between the trauma and stroke ward where I received great care, delivered by caring, compassionate, and overworked health professionals including physiotherapists and occupational therapists (OT).

Again, I was very fortunate. One week after the stroke, after passing all medical tests and the criteria set out by physio and OT, I was released. I am happily at home and almost fully recovered.



Once more, words of thanks are not quite enough for our SVFD rescue team, but will have to suffice until one day soon — there will be HUGS!!!



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Letter to the Editor
Calm Waters
By Klaus Bever

There has been a lot of quiet at the recent Council meetings. That quiet reflects, perhaps, the calm tides that move in our bays, uninterrupted by seasonal storms.

The earlier concerns that residents expressed over Village financial matters are, for the moment, managed adequately enough to be calm all but the very most enthusiastically committed skeptic. There is apparent contentment with local taxation and the services those taxes provide. There is apparent contentment with the plans in place to move forward with the identification of future financial responsibilities such as fire halls and infrastructure replacement. We may not yet know what those financial responsibilities may total but there is little agitation, at this time. We have process-in-place to manage land sales, should that be required. Next steps are expected and we seem confident that we can handle those steps. The management of the Village's budgets is felt to be in capable hands.

There are multiple projects that have been initiated by Council and continue to move forward with staff attention and intermittent adjustments. There are improvements at managing our roadways: paving, drainage, brush trimming, guardrails, signage and plans for widening and enhanced sight lines. All of this makes walking, cycling and driving in Belcarra safer. The provision of more water storage capacity at the Tatlow tank for fire fighting potential is near completion. Trail maintenance and enhancement is in place and being studied further. Waste and recycling has improved access and additional sorting options to come. There will always be some fine tuning for the changes ahead that cannot be fully anticipated. We seem ready. It is Village staff that are our most valuable resource to manage our projects. Some are new. Some are not. All are working with vigour and enthusiasm while the course is being charted by a capable new first mate.

We do not have any storms on the near horizon. There are no issues before us today that should rock the boat or douse our sails. I expect that Council will continue to reflect that calm during the boating season this summer.





Letter to the Editor
Anmore South
By Kristina Bell

To Belcarra Council and Staff: Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure transparency and regional dialogue regarding the proposed development of the Icona lands in Anmore. As a resident who shares your concerns, I greatly appreciate your leadership in formally requesting more time to review the proposal and assess its regional implications.

You will find my email to Anmore Council below.

Given that Anmore Council has not publicly responded to your letter—or that of the City of Port Moody—and appears to be proceeding without addressing these concerns, I wanted to ask: what recourse does Belcarra have if Anmore continues to disregard its neighbouring municipalities' requests for collaboration?

Are there regional planning channels, inter-municipal agreements, or public mechanisms that could be pursued to ensure these issues are not overlooked?

I believe many residents in both Belcarra and Anmore would support efforts to slow down the process until these important regional questions are taken seriously.

Thank you again for your service and your advocacy.

To Anmore Council and Staff: I am writing to express concern about the proposed development of the Icona lands and to request that Anmore Council pause any decisions until the concerns raised by neighbouring municipalities and the public have been fully addressed.

Both the Village of Belcarra and the City of Port Moody have formally written to Anmore requesting additional time to review the proposal (and related documentation) and to better understand its implications.

These letters raise legitimate issues around scale, infrastructure pressure, traffic flow, and regional coordination — yet there has been no clear public response or engagement from Anmore. Why has Anmore not responded to these letters? Why have the concerns from neighbouring councils — who represent residents directly impacted by this proposal — not been addressed in public council discussions or documentation to date?

The proposed development could dramatically change the region's traffic dynamics and emergency response readiness. With only a few constrained access routes — including Sunnyside Road, Ioco Road, and Bedwell Bay Road — any increase in population and vehicle use must be thoroughly planned. The implications for evacuation safety, particularly in the event of wildfire, cannot be overlooked.

This is not just a local planning issue; it is a regional one. The choices made in Anmore will affect surrounding communities, and it is only reasonable to expect coordination and transparency in how these decisions unfold.

Anmore has a long-standing reputation as a rural community that values thoughtful, community-based planning. Upholding those values means listening — not only to residents, but also to your neighbouring municipalities.

Please take the time to respond to Belcarra and Port Moody, to involve them meaningfully in this process, and to allow the public the time and clarity we need to properly understand what's being proposed.

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ICONA / Anmore South UPDATE: On June 23, 2025, the Village of Anmore received notification from Icona Properties Ltd., that they had withdrawn their application related to Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment No. 686-2023. The Public Hearing was cancelled that night.



Letter to the Editor Addressing Emergency Egress By Colleen McDonald

As a Belcarra resident, I am concerned about our community's vulnerability due to limited emergency access. Belcarra is a single-access village, and recent events have underscored the urgent need to call for alternative egress routes.

In just the past year, Bedwell Bay Road—the only official vehicle route in and out of Belcarra—has been blocked multiple times due to police incidents, motor vehicle accidents, and fallen trees. In one alarming instance, both Bedwell Bay Road and Tumtumay-wheaton Drive were blocked simultaneously by downed trees, cutting off all known access routes. Even more concerning was the lack of public awareness and coordination during that event. Few residents knew that a fire road connecting Crystal Creek Drive to Fern Drive could serve as an alternate route—and the emergency crews on site were not communicating this option to residents. It was only thanks to a Search and Rescue member who happened to be present that some residents learned of this option. This communication failure could have had devastating consequences.

What Are Our Options?

Several routes have the potential to serve as emergency egress, but each requires attention:

- **Tumtumay-wheaton Drive** is a critical route, but as we've seen, it is also susceptible to blockage. Access can also be delayed in emergencies due to the need for keys or permission to unlock park gates—something Belcarra staff have mentioned as a challenge.
- **Bowser Road**, a gated route from Senkler to White Pine Beach, was historically used as an egress route, but it is currently in poor condition and unsuitable for cars and bicycles without upgrades.
- **Marine Avenue Trail** has been used for car egress in past emergencies; however, it has become overgrown and narrowed due to vegetation.
- **Main Avenue Extension**, noted in the Active Transportation Plan, may offer a viable egress route if developed.

Looking Beyond Belcarra

The broader picture includes previous hopes for a David Avenue extension through Bert Flinn Park, which could have offered a second route to Port Moody.

Port Moody's 2020 decision to designate this corridor as parkland may have been well-intentioned at the time, but the growing urgency of emergency access may justify revisiting that decision—or exploring alternatives.

Dual-Purpose Emergency and Active Transportation Trails

We should consider multi-use trails that can serve both as recreational infrastructure and emergency evacuation routes. A leading example is the Millar Creek Valley Trail in Whistler, specifically designed for both active transportation and emergency use. It now offers a bypass route should Highway 99 be closed.

A similar trail from Port Moody or Anmore, possibly through Bert Flinn Park, could provide both emergency access and recreational active transportation for cyclists and pedestrians between Belcarra, Anmore, Buntzen Lake, and White Pine Beach—respecting environmental sensitivities while improving regional connectivity and safety.

A Call to Action

We are not asking for highways. We are asking for a lifeline.

Emergency access and evacuation planning must be treated with the urgency it demands. We need clearly marked, well-maintained alternative routes that can be deployed quickly when disaster strikes. Belcarra's Active Transportation Plan includes promising ideas; now is the time to ensure these plans integrate emergency egress as a core function—not just a hopeful byproduct.



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Stories from the Archives — "Spirited Bidding Feature of Sale"

Researched: Ralph Drew, Belcarra, BC, April 2025.
[Vancouver Province, Friday, April 7th, 1911, page 27.](#)

Woodhaven Lots Offered at Government Auction Bring \$60,450

"Woodhaven, the Terminal City's [Vancouver's] summer resort, situated along the North Arm [Indian Arm] of Burrard Inlet at a point known as Bedwell Bay promises to become this year one of the leading places of attraction for residents of this city, judging by the government sale. Woodhaven until recently was within the boundaries of a government timber limit, but it has now been subdivided and was yesterday offered by the Dominion Government [of Canada] for purchase at public auction."

"In the 100 acres [40 ha] or more of land in Woodhaven, some 200 lots, averaging from a quarter to three quarters of an acre [0.10 to 0.30 ha], were put up for sale, and that the sale was a success is proved when it is stated that every lot offered was sold, the amount realized from the different parcels disposed of being exactly \$60,450 [about \$1.7 million today]. The highest price paid for one lot was \$1010 [about \$28,000 today] and the lowest figures \$50 [about \$1500 today]. The latter price, however, merely represents what was paid for the smallest lot in the subdivision."

"Spirited bidding and a record attendance marked the opening of the sale at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon when Auctioneer G. McCuaig offered Lot 1, Block 1, for sale and knocked it down [closed the bidding] after a few minutes bidding for \$750 [about \$21,000 today]. From then on, the sale continued without a hitch."

"Block 4 seemed to be the favourite spot of those present and when this block was offered, bids were not backward in boosting the price of each lot up almost on par with property within the [Vancouver] city limits."

"Lot 2 in this block [Block 4] brought the highest price of the sale, it being sold to Mr. A. Tyson for the sum of \$1010 [about \$28,000 today]. Mr. Tyson also secured the adjoining corner lot for \$550 [about \$16,000 today]."

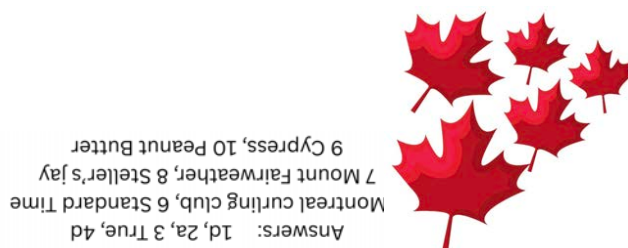
The leading purchasers at the sale were Messrs. C.A. Schooley, Cecil New, H.C. Ackroyd, Robert Kelly, F.C. Wade, W. Bailey, Q.J. Trotter, G. Risteen, R.S. Forbes, J. McEwen, A. Tyson, and A.N. Smith."

Follow this link for further details regarding this story:
[Spirited Bidding Feature of Sale](#)

For copies of all of Ralph's recent articles visit his Local History Page at <http://ralphdrew.ca/>.



1. What did inventor Alexander Graham Bell propose as the standard telephone greeting?
a) How do you do? b) Greetings!
c) Hello d) Ahoy
2. What RCMP ship, now permanently docked at the Vancouver Maritime Museum, was the first to cross the Northwest Passage from west to east?
a) St Roch b) Bluenose
c) Sackville d) Acadia
3. True or false: From 1927 to 1951, the Indian Act made it illegal for First Nations people to raise money amongst themselves to hire a lawyer or pursue a legal claim.
4. Which Canadian province or territory has the longest coastline?
a) Newfoundland b) British Columbia
c) Quebec d) Nunavut
5. Opened in 1807, what was the first sports club in Canada?
6. What is Sandford Fleming, a Scottish-Canadian engineer, credited with inventing?
7. What is B.C.'s highest peak?
8. What is B.C.'s official bird?
9. B.C.'s provincial tree, the western red cedar, isn't cedar. What kind of tree is it?
10. In 1884, Marcellus Gilmore Edson, a Montreal pharmacist, patented a milling process that is the basis for what popular spread?





STRAWBERRY PIE

This recipe for "Strawberry Pie" comes from my hometown newspaper, *The Kingston Whig Standard*. For years it was the dessert we made to recognize Father's Day and to celebrate many of my younger sister's birthdays. With the red strawberries and cream custard, it seems perfect for a Canada Day celebration.

Pie:

1 9-inch pie crust, baked

1 1/2 quart fresh strawberries

1/2 cup whipping cream

8 oz. cream cheese

1/3 cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

Glaze:

2 tbsp. cornstarch

3/4 cup sugar

1/4 tsp. salt

1/2 cup cold water

1 tbsp. lemon juice

Garnish:

1/2 cup whipping cream

1 tbsp. icing sugar

1. Beat 1/2 cup whipping cream until stiff.
2. In another small bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth then beat in sugar and vanilla.
3. Fold the whipped cream into the cream cheese mixture and spread over the bottom of the baked shell. Chill until firm.
4. Wash and hull strawberries.
5. Crush enough of the softer strawberries to make 1 cup.
6. Arrange the remaining whole berries, pointy side up, over the cream filling. Concentric circles looks nice :-)
7. Glaze: Combine cornstarch with water to make a smooth paste. Blend crushed berries with sugar, salt, and lemon juice in a saucepan. Add the cornstarch mixture and cook over medium heat until thickened and smooth. Glaze should be as thick as jam. Carefully pour over fresh berries on pie and chill.
8. Garnish: Whip cream with icing sugar until stiff. Dollop the sweetened cream in the centre of the pie and spread slightly.

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