



**VILLAGE OF BELCARRA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSION
DRAFT 2026 – 2040 FINANCIAL PLAN**

October 20, 2025



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We wish to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples. Tum-Tumay-Whueton, or Belcarra, is home to an ancestral village of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. We are thankful to conduct our work within their territory.

Council in Attendance

Mayor Jamie Ross
Councillor Carolina Clark
Councillor Joe Elworthy
Councillor Janet Ruzycki
Councillor Liisa Wilder

Staff in Attendance

Melony Burton, Chief Administrative Officer
Stewart Novak, Manager, Municipal Services
Amanda Seibert, Corporate Officer/Recording Secretary
Catherine Grisewood, Clerk

Others in Attendance

Ken Bjorgaard, Financial Consultant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Special Council Meeting and Public Consultation Session, October 20, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Clark
Seconded by: Councillor Wilder

That the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting for the Public Consultation Session on the Draft 2026 Budget and 2026 – 2040 Financial Plan of October 20, 2025 be approved.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Ken Bjorgaard, Financial Consultant, presentation of the Draft 2026 Budget and 2026 – 2040 Financial Plan for information and public input.

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the report. She outlined the content of the presentation, highlighted the main aspects of the long-term financial plan and advised on the guiding principles followed during the development of the draft budget. She also outlined the services provided by the municipality and spoke on the asset plan and replacements as required.

The Financial Consultant highlighted details of the proposed financial plan and financial sustainability plan, advising that the main focus of the plan was on the cost to maintain existing services and services levels. He provided information on the general operating fund, the water operating fund and the WARD operating fund. He spoke on the 5-year capital plan, outlined the Village's reserves and surpluses.

The Financial Consultant outlined the tax rate increases proposed by staff, the impact of the proposed increased on average home and provided a breakdown of tax revenue going to other taxing authorities or agencies.

He spoke on the next steps in the process of finalizing the property tax and utility rate increases for the 2026-2030 financial plan and the 2026 user rate bylaws.

4. PUBLIC INPUT AND QUESTION PERIOD

The Mayor reviewed the procedure for Public Input and Question Period.

He called for speakers on first call.

Sy Rodgers

Mr. Rodgers read from speaking notes which were provided to the Corporate Officer for the public record. He referred to a statement made referring to the Village's limited options for growth and noted that ELC is working toward the development of a 10 acre site. He expressed concern that the proposed budget is based on inaccurate statements and did not take into account possible future development in the Farrer Cove area. He requested that staff be asked how much time may be needed in the development process.

The Chief Administrative Officer addressed the concerns around future development proposals in the Farrer Cove area. She advised that meetings have been held with ELC as well as Farrer Cove residents regarding the topic and that staff will be dedicating time to move forward with the proposed projects. She also advised that staff is aligned with the objectives of the ELC and the residents of Farrer Cove and that work will move ahead in 2026.

The Mayor called for speakers a second and third time.

No speakers came forward.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Wilder
Seconded by: Councillor Ruzycki

That the October 20, 2025 Special Council Meeting Public Consultation Session be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm

Certified Correct:



Jamie Ross
Mayor



Amanda Seibert
Corporate Officer