



# Belcarra Barnacle

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## FROM THE EDITOR

My granddaughter's (current) favourite author is A.A. Milne. She finds comfort and entertainment in the gentle adventures of Pooh and his friends in their forest. On January 18, 2026, fans of Pooh marked the 100th "Pooh Day" Anniversary. While looking for a short Pooh quote that would fit our 45-letter Village sign, I came across this quote:

*"You can't stay in your corner of the Forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes".*

With an election coming up this year, increasingly worrying reports from our neighbours to the south, and, what appear to be large, looming fire hall costs... we definitely should be coming together and talking.

Happy New Year, everyone!

Dayna



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**Important Dates in  
FEBRUARY**

- 1 Full Moon
- 2 Groundhog Day
- 2 World Wetlands Day
- 9 Regular Council Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 14-20 Real Acts of Caring (RAC) Week
- 15 National Flag of Canada Day
- 16 Family Day
- 17 Lunar New Year Starts
- 17 (Expected) Start of Ramadan
- 17 New Moon
- 25 Pink Shirt Day
- 27 SD43 Pro D Day



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## **December and January Council Meetings Editor's Notes**

For copies of 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.

### **December 1 Council Meeting**

TransLink announced summer service changes for 2026 that will double the service to Belcarra on weekends:

- Route 181 will extend to Whiskey Cove all day on weekends rather than terminating at loco.
- Route 182 service to Whiskey Cove will remain unchanged.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Melony Burton, provided an update on Metro Vancouver Regional District's (MVRD) proposal to provide camping in Belcarra Regional Park. Planning and discussions will focus on the entire "Admiralty Heights" area, including trails, public access, and possible camping. MVRD will seek public engagement and input later in 2026.

The CAO received a proposal from a resident to consider an alternate fire hall location. Lot B and the tennis court were suggested as possible sites (Sherry Chisholm's Letter to the Editor in the December 2025 *Barnacle*).

"The Village of Belcarra Fees and Charges Bylaw no. 517, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 638, 2025" and "The Village of Belcarra 5-Year (2026-2030) Financial Plan Bylaw No. 63, 2025" received first, second, and third readings.

Council reappointed Councillor Clark, Councillor Wilder, and Mayor Ross to the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) Board of Trustees for 2026.

Council received the "Active Transportation Network Plan – Final Report".

In response to a resident's question, staff confirmed that a new meter will be installed as part of the Tatlow Reservoir chlorination project. The meter will provide better water-use information, especially during fire events.

### **December 15 Council Meeting**

MVRD notified Council that the MVRD Board approved a resolution to replace the Sasamat fire halls and to prepare bylaws to fund the replacements.

Council approved a \$250 grant to Port Moody Secondary School for their After Grad celebration.

Council approved amending the Village's Official Community Plan to include housing statements and policies to support the 5- and 20-year targets as outlined in the Village's "2024 Interim Housing Needs Report".

The CAO reported on the "Draft Port Moody 2050 Official Community Plan" and highlighted areas of interest and relevance to Belcarra. Belcarra will encourage Port Moody to participate in the MVRD-led initiative to explore emergency response efforts in small communities and to pursue preventative fire protection measures within Belcarra Regional Park, including fire hydrants along Tum-Tumay-Whueton Drive. The CAO noted Belcarra's alignment with Port Moody on the need for more park and natural space access, while addressing parking and congestion issues through improved connectivity and active transportation infrastructure.

The CAO provided an update on the disposition of road ends. Road End 13 (.39 acres located between the top of Young Road and Bedwell Bay Road) was identified as the first Village-owned site for disposition. Staff is drafting an amendment to the zoning bylaw to allow for development on smaller lot sizes. Staff plans to proceed, in 2026, with listing Road End 13 for sale.

At a closed Council meeting on December 1, 2025, Council appointed Sandra Chapman and Fraser MacDonald to the Village's Board of Variance for a three-year term starting on January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2029.

The "Village of Belcarra Board of Variance Bylaw No. 636, 2025" received first, second, and third readings.



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Council adopted: “The Village of Belcarra Fees and Charges Bylaw no. 517, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 638, 2025” and “The Village of Belcarra 5-Year (2026-2030) Financial Plan Bylaw No. 63, 2025”.

The CAO provided the following updates to resident questions:

- The Tsleil-Waututh Nation’s (TWN) Emergency Management Plan (from 2009) is available on the TWN website.
- In 2026, residents can expect staff recommendations regarding the water system following a review of previous studies, Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) guidelines, bylaw specifications, engineering reports, model results, and the Water Committee’s work.

**January 12, Council Meeting**

Council approved the following community grants: \$200 to Freshet News, \$250 to Heritage Woods Secondary School 2026 After Grad celebration, and \$353 to Communities Embracing Restorative Action (CERA) in support of their Community Youth Justice Program for 2026.

The CAO reported on proposed amendments to the Village of Anmore’s Official Community Plan (OCP) and recommended that a letter be provided to the Village of Anmore with comments focused on Provincial Housing Legislation and Metro’s 2050 — Regional Growth Strategy.

Stewart Novak, Manager, Municipal Services, reported on the preliminary design of the Bedwell Bay Road upgrade project. The project will address pedestrian access and drainage between the bus stop, east of Kelly Avenue, and Main Avenue. The project was approved by Council in 2025 with a budget of \$1.7 million.

The project will redirect stormwater from the 3600 block of Bedwell Bay Road to Kelly Avenue, widen Bedwell Bay Road, improve crosswalk safety with a directional streetlight and realigned crossing beacons, and provide a paved shoulder for shared walking and cycling.

The project schedule includes detailed design in February, tender documents in May, and construction in late summer or fall of 2026. A raised sidewalk for pedestrian safety was removed from the 2025-approved project, with an offsetting increase in drainage scope keeping the budget at \$1.7 million.

Council adopted the “Village of Belcarra Board of Variance Bylaw No 636, 2025”.

The CAO provided the following updates to resident questions:

- Although the market appraisal for Road End 13 is valid for 6 to 12 months, staff have requested that the appraiser review the report to determine if an update is required.
- The legal advice received by the Village on the sale of municipal waterfront lots defined “access to water” to mean that the highway extends to the height of the high-water mark, regardless of elevation, and that access is not defined as physical entry/touching the water.

**January 26, Council Meeting**

Council declared February 8 to February 14, 2026, “Real Acts of Caring (RAC) Week” in the Village of Belcarra in response to a presentation by students from Pleasantside Elementary (School District 43).

Statistics Canada will be completing a Census of Population in May 2026. To apply for a census job, or for more information, [visit census.gc.ca/jobs](https://www2026.census.gc.ca/jobs).

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) provided a summary of changes to the Private Residential Dock Program, previously known as the “Recreational Dock Program”. The VFPA has begun issuing updated licence agreements to reflect new regulations (2020) and licensing fees. Most individual dock owners in Belcarra have received their new agreements. For Bedwell Bay, a draft head licence agreement is being finalized with the Village of Belcarra. Once finalized, the Village will issue sublicences to groups and individual dock owners.

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Applications for new docks in Bedwell Bay remain restricted due to environmental sensitivities. The eelgrass in Bedwell Bay has cultural significance to First Nations, is the largest growth area in Burrard Inlet, and is considered a crucial donor site for restoration projects. The CAO has met with the VFPA and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation to discuss opportunities to facilitate the construction of new docks and will continue discussions in 2026.

Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 639, 2026 received first, second, and third readings. The bylaw provides a 2.1% cost-of-living increase for Council.

Council approved an additional \$100,000 for the Tatlow Reservoir Chlorination System project for a total cost of \$305,000. Staff will award the contract to Drake Excavation, the sole bidder, with installation to be completed in the first half of 2026. The project includes a chlorination kiosk, metering pump, chlorine analyzer, submersible mixer, and the installation of a flow meter integrated with the Village's SCADA system. This system is expected to improve water quality, enhance flow and level control during a fire event, and provide backup to the potable water supply.

The CAO provided an update on the Strategic Plan and Key Infrastructure projects.

**Family Day**  
**February 16, 2026**

First established in Alberta in 1990, the holiday has since been adopted by British Columbia, New Brunswick, Ontario, and Saskatchewan as "Family Day," while Manitoba celebrates it as Louis Riel Day, Nova Scotia as Heritage Day, and Prince Edward Island as Islander Day.

Family Day is a time to pause, connect, and enjoy time with loved ones.

**Kelly Avenue**  
**Rezoning Application**

On January 12, a public information night was led by Edward Prime in support of his application to have the property located at 3641 Kelly Avenue rezoned from RS-1 (One-Family Residential) to CD-1 (Comprehensive Development Zone). A CD-1 designation would allow for the redevelopment of the property with up to three duplex buildings (a total of six housing units), subject to Council approval.

The applicant is required to provide a letter acknowledging the requirements for septic system design, geotechnical design and construction, and FireSmart building standards. This letter must be provided to any future developer or owner of the property. Edward Prime is not intending to develop the property but did provide a proposed design by Hancock Design Group of a possible three duplex plus septic layout. The presentation is available on the Village YouTube site.

The window for public input is now closed.

According to the Village notice, if the applicant proceeds:

1. Village staff will review the application and provide comments.
2. The applicant may revise the proposal in response to staff and community feedback.
3. Once staff are satisfied that the application is ready, it will be referred to Council.
4. If the bylaw receives third reading, required legal agreements and conditions would be finalized.
5. The rezoning bylaw would return to Council for fourth reading and adoption.

No construction can occur unless and until the rezoning is approved and all subsequent permits are obtained.



## Solo and a Vancouver Aquarium Marine Mammal Rescue Society Update

In the September 2025 *Barnacle* we featured a story about Solo, a baby seal rescued from the Ruzycki dock by the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Mammal Rescue Society (VAMMR). According to the VAMMR website, Solo (known to them as Barry Tran) spent 73 days in care and was released from the Tsawwassen on September 15, 2025.

VAMMR rescues, rehabilitates, and releases sick, injured, and orphaned marine mammals along the entire BC coast. They care for seal pups, sea lions, sea otters, and small cetaceans.

In recognition of their work, VAMMR recently won a 2025 Defender Service Award in the Animal, Wildlife, and Marine Welfare category. The award includes a \$30,000 (US) grant and a custom Land Rover.

To report a sick, injured or abandoned marine mammal, call VAMMR at 604-258-SEAL (7325) or call 1-800-465-4336 for large whales and other marine mammal incidents.

## Congratulations, Mossom Creek Hatchery and Belcarra's Ruth Foster

This year Mossom Creek Hatchery will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Mossom Creek Hatchery was started in 1976 by teachers Ruth Foster and Rod MacVicar and high school volunteers from Centennial School in Coquitlam.

When the hatchery started, there appeared to be no salmon left in Mossom Creek. Thanks to the efforts of the hatchery's volunteers over the decades, there is now a strong run of Chum salmon and an increasing run of Coho and Pink salmon.

Since its beginnings, Mossom has become a facility for salmon enhancement, environmental education, and scientific research.

Mossom will celebrate their milestone with the community on Saturday, September 19th, 2026 with an event at the Port Moody Galleria and Inlet Theatre. Rod and Ruth will narrate a slideshow featuring the stories and the people involved with Mossom since it began.



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## Freshet News Print Edition

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Look for the the blue newspaper box just outside the door to the office.

The current edition was published on January 22.

[freshetnews.ca](http://freshetnews.ca)



# Book Reviews

## *The Sisters Brothers*

by Patrick deWitt

*The Sisters Brothers* is a novel set during the 1850s Gold Rush and follows two outlaw brothers, Eli and Charlie Sisters, who work as hitmen for a mysterious man known as the Commodore. Narrated by the thoughtful and introspective Eli, the story traces the brothers' journey from Oregon to California as they are hired to assassinate a prospector named Hermann Kermit Warm. Along the way, the novel blends dark humor, violence, and melancholy as Eli begins to question his violent lifestyle and the moral cost of their work. Known for its witty dialogue and modern twist on the Western genre, the novel presents Eli as a compelling and reluctant anti-hero struggling to find meaning beyond a life of brutality.



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## *38 Londres Street: On Impunity, Pinochet in England, and a Nazi in Patagonia*

By Phillippe Sands

Sands, an international lawyer who has written extensively on the Holocaust and the fate of Jews who escaped from the Nazi death camps before and after the end of World War II, has turned his attention to postwar Chile to develop a disturbing account of the intermingling of postwar Nazis who escaped there and the eventual President of Chile, Augusto Pinochet.

38 Londres Street was a Pinochet regime torture chamber in Santiago from which death victims were shipped in refrigerated trucks to Southern Chile. There they were destroyed in a fish canning plant run by Walther Rauff, a former SS officer who had been in charge of Nazi mobile gas vans on the Eastern Front during World War II.

Had Pinochet not come to England for medical treatment in 1998 and had not Sands and other legal scholars and practitioners taken the opportunity to try to bring Pinochet to justice, this story would never have emerged. As it happened, Pinochet was an ex-head of state and beyond the reach of law except in Chile. He returned home and died in 2006.



An intriguing but complicated work of non-fiction. Well worth reading.  
JS

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"Real Acts of Caring (RAC)" presentation by students from Pleasantside Elementary School



Above: We saw these two pileated woodpeckers on the Jug Island trail recently! It was amazing to see two at the same time. Cheryl Papove



Right: Happy Birthday to Paul and Louise Ruzyski! Paul celebrated his 99th birthday on November 29, 2025, and Louise her 90th on January 9, 2026.





Wintery Woodhaven Swamp by Lesley Thomas

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### **Santa in The Park Thank You!**

Dan Greenwood & Greenwood Yacht Services for supplying the fireworks and putting on such a great show!

Kim Alfred for donating to the fireworks and sailing Trinicat in the Santa ships

CRAB Volunteers Liisa, Sue, Penny, Doug, Michael, and Lyle

Santa Ship Captains and their festive boats

Shelley Herron for safety and permitting

Sherry & Jim Chisholm for sharing their dock

Santa (Neil McAskill)

Metro Vancouver parks







**CRAB Corner**  
By Penny Moen

### Looking Ahead to a New Year in Belcarra

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and happy holiday season. As we begin a new year, we look forward to another year of friendship, connection, and community in Belcarra.

The CRAB Directors will be meeting on January 29 to discuss plans for 2026 and to set the calendar for the year ahead. We are excited about the opportunities before us and the chance to continue supporting a strong, engaged community.

I am also very pleased to announce that Gogi Grewal is joining CRAB as a Director. We are looking forward to her input, enthusiasm, and fresh perspective.

One of my personal goals this year is to find new ways to create opportunities for newcomers and young families to connect, meet one another, and take part in community activities. We welcome ideas and suggestions and encourage residents to contact any of the Directors or email us at [c.r.a.b.4084@gmail.com](mailto:c.r.a.b.4084@gmail.com).

At the same time, I very much look forward to reconnecting with our long-time friends. Belcarra has always been a village of good neighbours, and we all look forward to enjoying one another's company in the year ahead.

Warm wishes for a happy and connected year.



**Belcarra Blessings**  
By Deborah Struk

It is February 2026! How does that happen so fast? The days have been getting longer now for about a month and ten days. Each day, we are further away from the dark days of winter. This year, more than any other, it has felt so good to leave the short days behind. It has been particularly noticeable with the lack of rain and dark clouds. We are so blessed in Belcarra because the sunsets are so gorgeous!

These are also the days of vacations and sunny places. The birdies tell of Villagers visiting different sunny places around the globe. Hopefully, some will share their stories and photos in future Barnacles. Remember, if you can, to take a photo with a *Barnacle* in hand. I would always forget until I was in a most picture-perfect setting, then hit my hand to my head: "I forgot my *Barnacle*, again!"

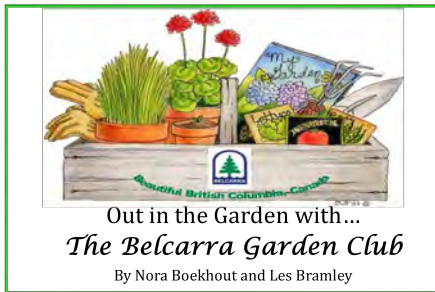
What wildlife have you seen or heard these days? The River Otters have been in Belcarra Bay. Twice, we have seen a group of four or five otters after not seeing any groups for a few years. Sadly, I think this has been the longest stretch with no Orca sightings in the past couple of years. There also seem to be fewer winter birds; although we have a couple of Towhees who love to visit in our garden. Our usual winter loons, who arrived late in October, have not been about this last month. Was it the foghorn?!

Here is hoping February is a lovely month for you and yours as we prepare for spring. Take care and be blessed.

### BOAT WANTED



Dan Greenwood is looking for a 12-foot rowboat: One that can be "spruced-up" and painted. The boat will be used for wreath-laying during the annual Remembrance Day ceremony in the park. Call Dan if you can help at 604-838-4540.



## Seeds and Tubers and Corms, Oh My! by Nora Boekhout

Ever wonder why those potatoes in your pantry are sprouting eyes? They are trying to become new plants! Understanding the difference between seeds, tubers, and other plant parts is the key to knowing what you're planting and how to help it thrive. It may still be winter, but gardeners are already dreaming of springtime planting!

Seeds form when plants reproduce through pollination (yep, that's sexual reproduction!) They're packed with everything needed to start a new plant. Each seed is a unique individual with traits from both parents (like a human child). It is not a clone, so when you save seeds from a "hybrid" tomato, the baby plant might look totally different from the parent. Seeds are inexpensive and easy to store, but they require patience and specific conditions if you hope to start them early. Fun facts: Lotus seeds found in a dried-up Chinese lakebed germinated after 1,300 years! The smallest seed (an orchid) is dust-like, and the largest (a coconut) can weigh 40 pounds!

In vegetative propagation (asexual reproduction), the new plant grows from a piece of the parent, so it is a clone—genetically identical to the parent. Stem tubers are thickened underground stems that store energy (starch). They have "eyes" (buds) scattered over the surface (e.g., potatoes, caladiums, Jerusalem artichokes). Rhizomes are horizontal underground stems that grow sideways. They send roots down and their "shoots" up. They usually have distinct nodes or joints (e.g., ginger, bearded iris, bamboo, cannas, and mint). Bulbs are a short stem surrounded by fleshy leaves (scales) that store food. If you cut it in half, you see layers (e.g., onions, tulips, daffodils, garlic, lilies). Corms look like bulbs on the outside, but if you cut them open, they are solid, not layered.

They are essentially a swollen stem base (crocus, gladiolus, and taro). Fun facts: Humans have grown potatoes for over 8,000 years and chose them as the first vegetables to grow in space in 1995. Bamboo rhizomes are strong enough to break through concrete. Dutch tulip bulbs were worth more than gold in the 1600s. The world's priciest spice, saffron, comes from a crocus!

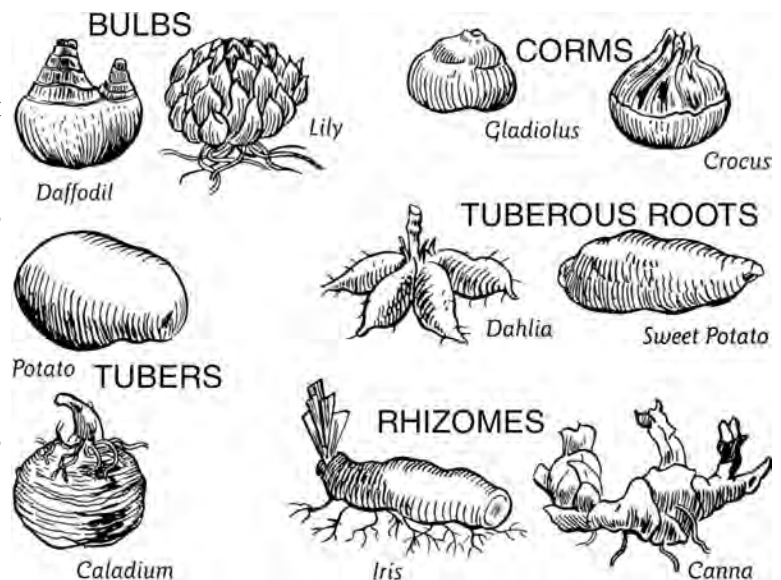
Root tubers are thickened underground roots (not stems), and they store energy. They don't have "eyes" all over. Sprouts usually only grow from the top crown where the stem was (e.g., sweet potatoes, dahlias, daylilies). Fun fact: sweet potatoes and regular potatoes are from different plant families!

Stolons (runners) are ground spreaders. They have horizontal stems that grow "above" the ground. When a node touches the soil, it roots and creates a baby plant (e.g., strawberries, creeping Jenny).

BTW, my own favourite plants, begonias, may be fibrous-rooted (e.g., angel-winged begonias), rhizomatous (e.g., Rex Begonias), or, as in the popular non-stop begonias, stem tubers (their "eyes" are usually located in the cupped area). Whew!

What a lot of amazing strategies to be found in our gardens! But just for fun, check your own fridge or veggie cupboard and grow your own potato!

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





### How well do you know the National Flag of Canada?

1. True or False: The number of points on the maple leaf depicted on the Canadian flag represents the number of provinces and territories in Canada.
2. True or False: Canada was the first country of the Commonwealth to create flags for members of the Royal Family.
3. True or False: There is an official pledge or oath of allegiance to the Canadian flag.
4. True or False: When the National Flag of Canada is displayed with the flags of the 10 provinces and 3 territories, the flags of the provinces and territories follow in alphabetical order.
5. True or False: The Canadian flag should be folded into a triangle.
6. True or False: The National Flag of Canada must pass rigorous quality tests to deliver a high-quality flag that meets the federal government specifications.
7. True or False: There are strict laws governing the use of the National Flag of Canada.
8. True or False: The study of flags is known as "vexillology."
9. Who proposed the design that would eventually become the current Canadian flag?
  - A. Dr. George Stanley
  - B. Queen Elizabeth I
  - C. A special committee appointed by the Canadian Parliament
  - D. Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson
10. The Canadian Red Ensign was used as an official flag prior to 1965. Which of these elements will you find on that flag?
  - A. British Red Ensign
  - B. The Royal Union Flag in the canton
  - C. field of the Coat of Arms of Canada
  - D. All these answers



**Source:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-flag-canada-day/teachers-corner/activity-kit-13/quiz-13.html>

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Answers:  
1.F, 2.T, 3.F, 4.F, 5.F, 6.T, 7.T, 8.T, 9.A, 10.D

## Using a Moisture Dome to Reduce Wildfire Risk

By Ian MacDonald

*"Fires in Jasper, West Kelowna, and Malibu showed how intense wildfire conditions and embers can overwhelm local response efforts, underscoring the importance of exploring multiple ways to protect homes"<sup>1</sup>.*

As wildfire seasons become more concerning — and with up to 90 percent of homes lost to wildfire ignited by windborne embers — we recently installed an outdoor sprinkler system from Prodigy Wildfire Solutions at our Whistler house and are now in the process of installing it at our home in Belcarra as well.

What pushed us to look into this approach was learning how many homes in recent fires weren't lost to walls of flame, but to embers carried ahead of the fire.

The primary defence mechanism is the creation of a moisture envelope around the home. When activated, exterior sprinklers wet the roof, surrounding surfaces, and nearby air, creating a kind of "moisture dome" that helps lower the risk of windborne embers igniting the roof or eaves during the most dangerous phase of a wildfire.

This system has its own onsite water storage and backup power, allowing it to continue operating even if the municipal water supply is disrupted or the power goes off during a wildfire event. It isn't the kind of sprinkler you drag around the lawn — it's designed to keep working during extreme conditions.

Cellular connectivity enables the system to communicate directly with homeowners via their smartphones, providing real-time status updates on wildfire proximity and direction, as well as the ability to remotely activate the system. This helps ensure protective measures can be put in place well before fire conditions reach the property.

By combining independent water and power with smart technology, this system offers a proactive approach to wildfire protection for homes in high-risk areas.

While it isn't a silver bullet and doesn't replace FireSmart steps like vegetation management or home hardening, it is another tool to consider as part of a broader conversation about preparedness.

Residents interested in learning more can visit <https://www.prodigywildfire.com/>.

Notes:

1. <https://policyoptions.irpp.org/2025/08/wildfires-five-key-actions/>



*An exterior sprinkler system creates a protective "moisture dome" around a home, wetting the roof and surrounding surfaces to reduce the risk of wind-blown embers igniting during a nearby wildfire.*

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### Letter to the Editor

## You Can't Clap with One Hand

By Mallee Stanley

I was a teacher at Anmore Elementary for eighteen years and perhaps your readers may wish to know what I'm up to ten years later. I still see Barb Stevens (who also taught at Anmore) every so often, I have a travel blog and enjoy writing about my trips, and I'm two thirds of the way through writing my sixth novel.

Although ***You can't clap with one hand*** is the third novel I've written, it the first to be published. The blurb on the back cover reads:

Growing up in a South Asian household in Uganda, Guli becomes an expert at crafting successful schemes to outwit her father and his misogynistic ways. Years later, when Idi Amin seizes power, the Nile becomes a grim stream of death and Guli fails to outsmart her husband.

His ambition blinds him to the truth and thrusts her into a perilous situation with long lasting consequences.

I visited Uganda during Idi Amin's rule and lived in East Africa for several years before I took up teaching.



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**Stories from the Archives —****“When East Comes West Unity is Promoted”****Researched By: Ralph Drew****Source:** [Vancouver Daily World, Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1914, page 18](#)

The last business session of the convention of the ‘Association of Canadian Clubs’ was held Wednesday afternoon, and concluded one of the most successful conferences in the history of the association, showed more than anything for some time the feeling of loyalty and patriotism which existed between the east and the west.

Mr. Gerald M. Brown, assistant deputy minister of labour, was chosen president of the association for the ensuing year, and Ottawa was selected as the place for the next convention. The president read a message received from Lord Stamfordham, the King’s secretary, in reply to a cable expressing the loyalty of Canadians, which had been sent on Tuesday afternoon.

The message was as follows: “Please convey to the members of the ‘Association of Canadian Clubs’ the King’s thanks for their kind and loyal message.”

It was decided to instruct the executive to arrange for addresses to be given at all the Canadian Clubs in Canada simultaneously on the celebration of the “One Hundred Years of Peace between Canada and the United States” during the coming year. The arrangements to celebrate the fiftieth year of the Confederation of Canada were left over to the next convention.

The visiting delegates were to be entertained today [Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1914] with an automobile drive around Point Grey and the city, and this afternoon to a launch ride on the Inlet, sailing to Mr. F.C. Wade’s residence on the North Arm [Turtlehead at Belcarra] by the steamer ‘Alluvia’, leaving the Grand Trunk Pacific wharf at 2 p.m.



Source: City of Vancouver Archives (CVA Add Mss 44, Location 502-C-7, File 9, 801-56), photograph by ‘Canadian Photo Co.’. Sternwheeler ‘SS Alluvia’ at ‘Wade’s Landing’ on ‘Turtlehead’ in Belcarra, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1914.



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