



VILLAGE OF BELCARRA
Mayor Neil Belenkie
Inaugural Town Hall Summary
November 21, 2018



The first Belcarra Town Hall was held between 7-10 pm on November 21, 2018. 30+ residents attended, asking questions and sharing ideas about topics ranging from regional politics to wildfire prevention and resident safety.

The format for the evening's discussion was an open dialogue jumping between topics of interest. Topics covered were recorded on flip charts. Residents were provided progress updates from council when relevant and in turn shared invaluable history and perspectives on both partisan and friendly matters. At the end of the evening, each attendee was allowed 3 votes to mark their personal priorities, guiding council to begin investigating these popular topics further.

Please note: No decisions were attempted. Our goal was to share information and build alignment in key areas for future discussion and focus.

The topics discussed, in order of resident priority for attention, were as follows:

- Revenue Generating Opportunities (including potential densification) – 19 votes
- Wildfire Plan and Water System – 15 votes
- Farrer Cove Road Access / Internal Road Condition – 9 votes
- Tennis Courts – 5 votes
- Ward – 5 votes
- OCP Review – 5 votes
- Tree Trimming / Dangerous Trees – 5 votes
- Short Term Rentals / Airbnb – 3 votes
- Bedwell Bay Road Sidewalk – 3 votes
- Village Planning – 2 votes
- Speeding / Engine Brakes – 2 votes
- Open Hall / Community Events / Book club – 1 vote
- Parking – 1 vote
- Bear and other Wildlife Awareness / Village Pride – no votes

Next Steps:

- Council and staff will begin focusing on topics in order of resident assigned priority.
 - Collecting information and identifying resources for each topic.
- The process to create committees will begin (for topics expected to generate a recommendation to council)
 - Committees will have 5 leaders selected with the Chair of each committee receiving formal training in governance and facilitation.
- The process to create groups will begin (for topics where people would like to be involved in discussions but a specific outcome has not yet been identified).
 - Groups will define their needs individually and receive Council and Staff support when requested.

- Please await guidance from staff about the process to join a committee or group.
- The date for the next Town Hall will be confirmed and shared with all residents.

The open conversation throughout the evening was invaluable for council, providing insight and guidance related to residents' areas of interest. A sincere thank you to everyone who attended.

For those who did not attend, please do not worry about having missed an opportunity to get involved, speak to, or learn more about a topic. The next Town Hall will continue to address all areas of established interest and identify new topics and ideas for discussion.

For any other questions, feedback or ideas please contact me anytime.

Best Regards
Neil

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FARRER COVE ROAD ACCESS ✓✓✓✓
+ INTERIOR ROAD CONDITIONS ✓✓

BEDWELL BAY ROAD SIDEWALK ✓✓

SPEEDING/ENGINE BRAKES ✓✓

~~WATER~~

WARD ✓✓✓✓

TREE TRIMMING / DANGEROUS TREES ✓✓✓✓

PARKING ✓

OCP REVIEW ✓✓✓✓

SHORT TERM RENTALS / AIRBND ✓✓✓

OPEN HALL / EVENTS / BOOK CLUBS ✓

REVENUE GENERATION ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- CREATIVE DENSIFICATION ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓

WILDFIRE PLAN ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
+
WATER SYSTEM

VILLAGE PLANNING ✓✓

TENNIS COURTS ✓✓✓✓

BEARS / AWARENESS / PRIDE / WILDLIFE