

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING and
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AGENDA – ADDENDUM**



Addendum to the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting, including Annual General Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC

7. Consent Agenda

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(e) Village of Belcarra – Port Moody’s North Shore Traffic Movement

Recommendation: That the letter dated June 6, 2018, copied from Village of Belcarra to City of Port Moody regarding Port Moody’s North Shore Traffic Movement be received.



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June 6, 2018

City of Port Moody
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Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Clay and Councillors:

Re: Port Moody's North Shore Traffic Movement

This has reference to the recent 'City of Port Moody' technical report that investigates and evaluates the transportation options for a potential connector route to the 'loco Lands', and Port Moody Council's request for feedback on the findings of that report.

Given the ever-increasing traffic volume along loco Road, the outcome of this study has important implications for all residents living on the North Shore, including the residents of Anmore and Belcarra. Belcarra Council commends Port Moody for doing due diligence by studying traffic flow alternatives and would like to contribute to the process by providing Belcarra's perspective regarding the future pattern of traffic flow across the North Shore.

In studying the alternatives, it is important to recognise that there are other factors to consider in addition to the future residential development of the 250-acre 'loco Lands' in Anmore and Port Moody. The increasing number of recreational visitors to 'Belcarra Regional Park' and 'Buntzen Recreation Area' is a huge driver of traffic growth on Port Moody's North Shore. The population of 'Metro Vancouver' has increased by one million people over the past 20 years and is predicted to grow by another one million people over the next 20 years. The regionally significant 'Belcarra Regional Park' is considered the 'Stanley Park' of the Northeast Sector, and the number of park visitors will continue to increase in proportion to the region's population growth. In the Tri-Cities alone, the population is rapidly increasing now that TransLink's 'Evergreen Line' has been completed. Indeed, park visitor data recently released by 'Metro Vancouver' showed that the number of visitors to 'Belcarra Regional Park' increased 8% to 757,000 visitors during 2017.

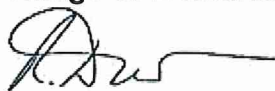
Another consideration is the future use of the regionally important industrial lands on Port Moody's North Shore. The former refinery site owned by 'Imperial Oil Company', currently used as a "tank farm" and distribution facility, will likely have a "higher activity" industrial use in the future. With both rail connection and deep-water vessel access on Burrard Inlet, it's current use is unlikely to remain static. Industrial sites around 'Metro Vancouver' are limited in supply and critical to the economic health of the region. As a consequence, the future potential use of the former oil refinery lands must contemplate the possibility of increased heavy vehicle traffic to and from the site. A similar change regarding the future use of the Provincially-owned 'Burrard Thermal Plant' site should be considered. It too has rail access, deep-water vessel access, a 12-inch high-pressure natural gas line, and high-voltage electrical grid connectivity.

With the foregoing in mind, Belcarra Council believes that the following perspectives should be key considerations for the development of a new traffic flow pattern across Port Moody's North Shore:

- loco Road is already an over-utilized traffic corridor that was never designed to accommodate the anticipated volume of future traffic on Port Moody's North Shore. The future of loco Road should be reserved for local residential traffic and local transit access.
- Access to the 'Village of Belcarra', 'Belcarra Regional Park' and the North Shore industrial lands should be accommodated by a new "upper level" access corridor across the North Shore that can also accommodate the local residential and 'Buntzen Recreation Area' traffic from the Anmore valley.
- The extension of David Avenue, as contemplated within Port Moody's Official Community Plan for the past 30 years, is the logical alternative to accommodate the future traffic flow demands on Port Moody's North Shore.

Your consideration of the foregoing is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Village of Belcarra



Ralph Drew
Mayor

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