

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

A time of sorrow: the loss of loved ones without paying tribute to their lives, a time of hope: the end of this pandemic, and a time of joy, with passing days of sunrises, snow, glowing wood stoves, good will and fresh fish.

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Help Design the Road. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2021 and continue until 2023 when the project is scheduled for completion. Huu-ay-aht will ensure that throughout the project job shadowing, employment, and training opportunities will be made available for Huu-ay-aht citizens. If you would like more information, please contact **Brent Ronning**, Education, Employment and Training Manager for Huu-ay-aht First Nations, at brent.r@huuayaht.org. We will be holding regular community meetings. Information will also be available at <http://www.huuayaht.org>. Input from the users is key to ensuring the updates made reflect what is needed on the road. To achieve this, the project managers are asking regular users of Bamfield Main to let them know about problem areas and key upgrades they believe are necessary. If you have any questions or would like to share your knowledge of the road, please contact **Heather Thomson**, Communications Manager for Huu-ay-aht First Nations, at heather.t@huuayaht.org. See Bamfielder.ca for full report

Auf Wiedersehen! **Rudolf Blenk** left the hospital on February 15 to join his beloved **Brunhilde**. I have summarised his friends' main thoughts here but their complete comments are online (Bamfielder.ca). Jan Teversham.

Rudolf was graceful, intelligent, courageous, gentle, kind, talented, com-



passionate, generous, determined and a stalwart non-complainer and great listener. Coupled with his wry sense of humour, one could always be assured of a stimulating conversation. "We will miss your dinner conversation and those fragrant, home cooked German baguettes you always brought!" "He could take strong positions on topics like climate change and German politics, defending his position with enthusiasm yet remaining tolerant of views different from his own". A

clever mind full of ways to solve problems. Meticulous workmanship." Riding on a forklift delivering a giant beach log to his garden. Working with Rudolf to chainsaw slabs of red cedar from a tree that had washed up on Helby Island. He loved working with wood. He would bring one perfect, beautiful rose from his garden. His gifts of perfect yellow roses. Time spent teaching me to make his famous baguettes. He was a gentleman and a great dresser. As **Ania** said "It is only fitting that he would join Brunhilde on Family Day." Photo by M. Phillips

BAMFIELD COVID-19 VACCINE NOTICE. Provincial Health will announce the COVID vaccination schedule for locals 80 or more years old, 1 March. Heather Peterson

24 Bamfielders and one goat attended the February Community Affairs meeting. ACRD (**Bob Beckett**) continues working on zoning bylaws, the Bamfield housing report with VIU students (who have yet to visit Bamfield) and is preparing an asset report considering community infrastructure. Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (**Sean Rodgers**) road safety report will be made public by June. Recommendations will impact how students travel to Bamfield. Possible 22 bubbled-students in the summer. Big Canadian Foundation for Innovation grant will include underwater exploration and climate change studies. School Association (**Sally Mole**) library books are being entered for online ordering. Seniors programme coming up; Nordic Poles are being purchased to encourage in a COVID way. Bamfield Parks (**Sheryl Mass**) **Jane Morrison** is a new Commissionaire. Formidable repairs and replacements underway for the Eileen Scott Centennial and West Park. School (**Julie Bradley**) Six students have completed Food Safety Training and will be preparing school lunches. All children will be receiving new books. Abstracted from **Jan Teversham's** draft minutes.

72% for Bamfield! Waste Water Report, February, 2021. The new waste water treatment plant will service Bamfield's east side and Upper Anacra. The plant can process and treat enough sewage for 1100 people. It has the ability built in to double that amount in the future. The usage is approximately split up between Marine Science Centre (18%), HFN (10%), and the balance dedicated to Bamfield (72%). HFN controls the operation and maintenance of the plant. As of now the cost for hooking up to the system has not been calculated and will be in the near future. There is some discussion to create an outlet on the east side that would allow pumped sewage solids from the west side to be dumped into the system but nothing is confirmed. **Douglas Greer**. I would like to acknowledge **Torrence Gilmour** (Infrastructure Manager of Operations) for his contribution with this report. For full report: bamfielder.ca.

Too much COVID-19? Consider this: There have been 41 major earthquakes in the **Cascadia Subduction Zone** in the last 10,000 years. That equals 1 major earthquake every 244 years, on the average. The last earthquake of major magnitude was 26 January, 1700, or 400 years ago. So we are 156 years over due for a major earthquake....on the average. The thing is the average interval does not tell us the range of intervals between quakes that could be large. But in case. Be Prepared. **L. Druehl**

Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. Classifieds should not exceed 15 words (no commercial ads). All submissions must have the author's name and telephone number. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is a free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. **Louis Druehl**



Thinking of seniors. The Bamfield Community school Association, with funding from the **New Horizons for Seniors Program** provided electric blankets to 40 seniors in Anacra and Bamfield (photo two seniors sharing a binkie). Also, the program provided for 5 sets of Nordic Walking Poles for

loaning. An introduction to Nordic Walking event will take place at the school 7 March 2 pm. **Thinking of readers.** Our new BCSA Assistant, **Renee Gaudet**, is preparing our library to make it more assessable online. Free, new books will be provided for all children in Anacra and Bamfield. **Thinking of adventure.** Ukie artist **Joanne Schofield** has painted 9 rocks to be hidden in Bamfield and Anacra. Start searching 8 March. If/when you find a rock, follow the instructions on its back. Some rocks have ended up as far away as Brazil. *Abstracted from BCSA Newsletter by Sally Mole, BCSA Coordinator.* Full Newsletter at Bamfielder.ca

COVID-19 testing available in Bamfield Clinic. The system, that takes 15 minutes, tests for COVID in folks with symptoms. This is one in 16 units distributed in remote BC. In the 3 weeks of operation 9 people have been tested. None had the COVID virus.
Heather Peterson

Intrepid Volunteer, Lisa Bye, Thank you for coordinating this year's Bamfield/Anacra Telephone Cards, produced by the Bamfield Community Hall Society. Available at Breakers Marine and the Post Office for Hall members. Memberships \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families. Don't mis-dial, support your Hall.

Our Valuable Community Forest. ** The Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Community Forest held the first of two Ecosystem Based planning sessions with celebrated RPF and forest ecologist **Herb Hamond**. Subjects covered included the importance of multi-layered canopies and decaying wood, the connectivity and importance of water through the forest, and approaches to planning for forest use. Ecosystem based planning prioritizes protection to ensure the continued function of the forest ecosystem, and considers as a second priority what uses may be made of the remaining forest. The second session will be March 18 and will include approaches to forestry for our community forest specifically. Please email BHCFcontact@gmail.com if you wish to sit in on this session. **Amy McConnell**

****Bamfield/Anacra Community Forest Bonanza!** The price of lumber broke \$1000/1000 board-feet on 19 February when it reached \$1004.70. On 20 January it was \$650. Maybe we should mill here.

FOR THE RECORD, IT SNOWS IN BAMFIELD!



L to R: Olivia, Renia, & Brady



Snow Person



Parking Issue



Scott Demone's Library



Brady fighting toe ice balls



Gordie's tug waiting for the big one!