

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

**Is Bamfield Prepared for a Wild Fire? Bamfield experiences Level 5 Drought that means extreme repercussions can be expected: weakened trees, forest fires, dried salmon streams.**

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**October Community Affairs** was attended by 25 (2 were removed). **Bob Beckett** (congratulations on your extended ACRD Directorship): a housekeeping meeting on our OCP will take place tomorrow. A comprehensive update will take place over the next few years. **Kevin Gordon** (Bamfield Road progress) Toad migration blocked work around Fredrick Lake. Culvers and fencing are in place for the toads. Delays due to fire ratings, and people ignoring the detour have contributed to an extension of the gravelling period until April. The new road appears narrower than before, its not. The budget is stressed but it is 'a go. According to Kevin. **Bob Schmitt** (Emergency Preparedness) noted there will be local meetings this month (October). **Robin Schmitt** (School) seeking interim custodian, there is a new big school bus...48 kids, now. **Jaslyn Habrel** (Bamfield Community School Association coordinator) Little Buddies Playtime moved to 10 am, Fridays, After School Program is running again, and Reading Buddies is starting. She is looking for feedback from seniors re wants/needs. **Stefan Ochman** (Community Forest) walked E-W connector with architecture students, considering a canopy platform. **Ochman** (Road Safety) AGM attended by 5! Traffic counters discussed. Grant-in-aid of \$1290 for traffic counter for Boardwalk and Brady Beach Trail. **Mandy Ross** gave second reading of a Bear Aware grant (\$1232). *Abstracted from Stella Wenstob minutes.*

**Kiixin Village and Fortress** National Historic Site is celebrated by a commemorative plaque, unveiled by Huu-ay-aht Chief Councilor **Robert Dennis Sr.** and Parks Canada CEO **Ron Hallman**. Kiixin has existed for at least 3000 years. This site is unique among 100 village sites in that traditional architectural features can be seen. *Abstracted from an Alberni Valley News article by Mark Lalonde, 19 October 2022.*

**Shrooming in Bamfield.** Amidst sun and many, many excited fungi lovers, the Bamfield Fungus Festival returned, September 22 - 24. Seven events were hosted over the three day period including a cooking class, a community potluck, two expert guided mushroom walks and a magical mushroom masquerade. Despite being one of Bamfield's driest Septembers, three mega-ultra-rare fungi were found - the blue chanterelle, blue staining truffle and the western bondarzewia. These three specimens have been sent to the Beaty Biodiversity Museum herbarium for preservation. Organizers and hosts, **Katie Turner, Alexandra Niese and Tom Campbell**, exceeded expectations of over a hundred mushroom-hyped attendees, thank you to all the organizers, contributors and volunteers! *Joya Carson-Austin.* Fungus Fest Photos are all by **James Holkko**.



## **The Oysters, Authors, and Ale**

promised a pleasant social evening... a break from COVID isolation with talent, ale (thanks **Tofino Brewery**) and oysters (thanks **Nova Harvest**). First, the **Canadian Ocean Literary Coalition's** videos of marine-like stories (after 2 years of COVID Zooming, I zoned out), then COLC-in person stories. **Kelly Clement** presented an epic tale of swimming across Trevor Channel for charity. **Nancy Hendry** MC'd with style and grace and related her Herculean effort of 1000+ cranes in memory of her friend, **Brunhilde Niederacher**. Similarly, **Amanda Vos** paid tribute to **Roy Enns** reading his published poetry. Volunteerism was rampant, with folks from beyond the sponsoring Bamfield Community Association contributing. And generous auction items led the 125 attendees to put up \$5480. Thank you **Sally Mole, Jaslyn Haberl** and crew for a great evening, but where were the male authors?. *L. Druehl.* Phoyos by BCSA



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PORT ALBERNI – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) has renamed the Alberni Valley Landfill to the Alberni Valley Sort'nGo Centre to better reflect what it offers users. The renaming process began in March 2022, and it included consultation with Alberni Valley schools, the Alberni Valley and Bamfield Committee, and the ACRD Board of Directors. "We have put a lot of effort into shifting the way we think about the end-of-life process for waste materials and our communities have done an amazing job in changing their habits and adjusting to this new system of diverting waste," explains ACRD Board Chair John Jack. "It makes sense that we choose a name that reflects all of that hard work and dedication." *Heather Thomson*, ACRD Communications Coordinator, news release.



**Super Seaweed Snackers,** **Vicky, Emma,** and **MJ** celebrate their winning seaweed recipe with Professor **Patrick Martone**...a marine station seaweed course in the Fall Program. Vegan coconut pudding thickened with Gracilaria-opsis (Red Spaghetti)! And pearls thickened with the same agar. Was delicious! These contests are open to

the public.



**Shake it!** The Eileen Scott Centennial Park gazebos make way for a new pavilion, dedicated to Bamfield Parks volunteers. Historical note:

These gazabos that were the first structures in the park were roofed with shakes donated by **Mark Stokes**, as were the Information Centre and The Memorial Pavilion roofs. Mark has volunteered to donate shakes for the new pavilion, too. Thanks *Mark. L. Druehl*



**Rattus Rattus** can be kept at bay by depriving them of indoor access, water and food.



**Pilot truck** guides traffic through construction area. Respect detour guidelines.

**Bread maker, Audrie Bayley** (9 March 1929 - 27 September 2022) passes on. Audrie and her husband **Ed** summered in Bamfield (north Port Desire, actually) where she spoiled the local summering kids. Her greatest local influence was always winning the bread-baking competition in the Bamfield Fall Fair. At one point, I was asked to be a baking judge, that would have been socially suicidal. I declined. Audrie was civically active in Port Alberni, raised three daughters, and advanced the Mount Arrowsmith Ski Association. And liked her martinis dry. *L. Druehl*



**Grappler residents frolicking on Paradise Beach (Diana Island) Audrie Bayley in the foreground. Photo in the 1980's, by John Boorman.**

**Sally's saga & Bamfield's response.\*** Sending big thanks to our health providers and good folks. On the evening of August 30, I was on my walk home and slid on some loose gravel, falling awkwardly. What should have been a simple slip and fall, I immediately realized it was not so. I figured I had broken my wrist, and was lucky enough to be close to my neighbour's front door. He picked up my belongings and walked me back home where we discussed the pros/cons of calling 911, got me somewhat settled, and came back to check on me 20 mins later, by which time I'd regrouped a little, and reluctantly called 911 (it was after 5pm and I didn't want to pull anyone out of their spare time). As I waited for the first responders to arrive, my neighbour came back, got me some water and packed my bag, we both figured this was going to be an overnighter. The first responders attended quickly (4 of them!), and I can't say enough about their professionalism, compassion, and care. Off I went in what I discovered was a well kitted out ambulance for the short ride to the Health Clinic, where, sadly, I'd imposed on two lovely staff who turned up for duty. I was well looked after, and after some consulting, agreed I would go home for the night, and they would work on getting the SAR boat out from Port Alberni to do a transport to the hospital the next day. I was pretty sure I could walk home, or find a ride, when two of the first responders turned up and drove me home and got me settled! Next day, I talked with the nurse and assured her I was on my way, but next thing, one of the staff called me to walk me up the hill to the Health clinic, carrying my pack and holding my arm. ATV down to the boat, and off to PA for setting. Everywhere I felt so very well looked after, and am so grateful for the supports we have here. We're in good hands! (Pun intended.). **Sally Mole. \*TNB is not designed to print such large items, but this tale of Bamfield helping deserves broadcasting, Ed.**