

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

A good neighbour, Lady Rose Marine Services that has subsidized local fares, has passed donated funds (\$14K) to Ty Watson House Hospice & the Salvation Army. Also, they provide free freight for Bamfield Parks projects. Thank you!

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A big step closer. The Bamfield Community Hall Society Board members finalized conceptual plans for the new Community Hall. The Hall will accommodate 200 folks, providing a commercial kitchen for public use, a large banquet/performance/play area in support of a variety of village functions, including emergency shelter and rooms for small meetings and Bamfield Historical Archives. Musicians, orators and thespians will have access to a retractable stage with advanced lighting and sound systems. Wheelchair access and flexible washrooms, and e-fueling stations are included. Overall, the wood-rich structure will open to expansive decks facing our rain forest. Wayne Wenstob prepared the conceptual drawings conveying the community's desires for the Hall. Next, the conceptual drawings will be submitted for engineering and application for an ACRD building permit. Excelsior! L. Druehl



The Monthly Anacla Potluck brings folks together to explore friendships and great food: turkey/ham dinners, lasagna, broccoli salad, bannock, and much more, and a dessert table with home baking and my favourite, yellow Jello. The dining, mingling, singing, drumming and dancing amid the happy, unrestrained chatter of kids provide some initial understanding essential to Reconciliation. Join us next time. L. Druehl. Photo, Kids canoeing in the House of Huu-ay-aht, April Potluck by Hamo Djouboulian

April Affairs, attendance 41, lasted a delightfully short 55 minutes. **Bob Beckett**, our ACRD director, Noted **Bob Schmitt** our Emergency Program director will step down. He thanked **James Willock** for the moorage session and ACRD's **Mike Irg's** participation. And he wished **Eileen Scott** her best on her 101st. **Kevin Gordon** stated that the gravel placement, drainage upgrades and signage for Bamfield Main will be completed by the end of April. Seal-coating will be completed in July-August. Director **BMSC Sean Rogers**: 7 summer courses will start 8 May, "When the Fall schedule opened up, 55 groups applied the first day." **Marie Cummings** has been hired as Head of Guest Services. The marine station is exploring accessing fresh veggies. **Bob Schmitt** (Emergency Preparedness): The Tsunami test was a success with 6 people responding on the west side and 28 on the east side. **Jazlyn Herbel**, noted the many school association activities and the availability of the library (**many books checked out belonging to the Van. I. Library need to be returned**). Bamfield Parks, **Sheryl Mass**, thanked Affairs and Community Forest for \$7,000 for west side toilet repair. The \$100K for Eileen Scott Centennial Park playground replacement is available. 12-15 volunteers are required for the 3-day assembly. Community Forest, **Clay Steele**. Earlier clear-cut plantings killed by drought have been replaced with red cedar. **Stefan Ochman**, Road Safety: Cat-eyes (see photo, right) installed and Tsunami warning sign moved to higher ground. **John Mass** noted that the Dodger Cove May picnic reinstated. **Jamie Willock** is preparing online survey soliciting public opinion on proposed moorage bylaws. *Abstracted from Jan Teversham's minutes. Note, past minutes are on www.bamfielder.ca home page.*



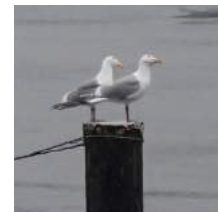
"Happy Birthday, Mummy," read Eileen Scott's cake. Eileen, whose decades of volunteering, have made a big difference, celebrated her 101th with friends in her Grappler home. Photo by M. Phillips



Bamfield's Pineapple Express Easter.

Shown above, about half of the rainy Easter Egg scavengers take time out from the Community Hall Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Eileen Scott Centennial Park. Photo by Hamo Djouboulian.

2 BAMFIELD COMMUNITY ISSUES



1.Grappler Gulls solve Bamfield's housing crises (left). **2.Cat-eyes** safely separates Bamfield Main traffic for about 200 m of the 80 km road

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

The 3 that got away. Rodrigo Souza, Joya Carson-Austin , and Appa, their truffle-hunter-in-training dog, have departed Bamfield: Joya to the UBC-Okanagan campus to earn her MSc in Soil Ecology and Rod to Whitehorse to work as an airplane mechanic. While here, Rod worked at Nova Harvest and Joya at Canadian Kelp, Cascadia Seaweed and The Wreckage, further she was a director for the Community Hall Society



and volunteered as the community representative at the marine station animal care. Their community start-ups challenged local traditions: Ice-cream afternoons (Scotch Club) and Cribbage Nights (Poker Club). When queried, why ice-cream, they responded, "A Universal Food, sweet, fatty and cold," and Cribbage, "Show off our Whitehorse skills;" (they met canoeing on the Yukon River). Otherwise, they have

focused on music (Rod acoustic guitar, Joya piano and harmonica) and gardening. Joya saw Bamfield as dynamic, "You walk down the same path twice and it will be different. Everything so wonderful, so wonderful you can't even say it." And Rod enjoyed Bamfield life, focusing on nature, but noted difficulty seeing their way to earning a living here (Ed. Note, = buying a home, raising a family). Rod and Joya, you will be missed and we wish you well. *L. Druehl & R. Hopkins*

RITEs OF SPRING SHOTS



Catching up. Clifford Nookemus (fisherman), Mike Germani, (fabricator), & Gordie Lamb (float builder) take a coffee break at the HFN Market, enjoying a little sun. at winter's end, and, maybe, COVID-19's too.



Skunk Cabbage breaking sod in local ditches. This early bloomer is unique in that its cluster of flowers produce heat as the result of their making a compound that smells like rotten meat. This 'perfume' attracts beetle and other pollinators. *L. Druehl.* Both photos by **Rae Hopkins**

Grappler Power outage (2 April) the result of a spindly alder surrendering to gravity interrupted Sunday dinners along Tower "Road." First on the scene were **Stella** and **Wayne Wenstob**, followed by **Gordie Hawkins** and **Max Salmon** who secured the area (danger of electric shock transmitted through the ground), followed by the BVFD that checked for hot spots. The wild electricity travelled from the alder to a metal garage roof, where it jumped to a piece of rebar, leaving a small cedar burn and frying surrounding soil. **Stand back 10 m!**



1st of April 'Quotes' "McDonalds has applied for a licence for an outlet on the Boomer Trail." "University of Victoria archeologists discover ancient east-west Bamfield road." "ACRD has frozen the Bamfield Harbour Authority bank accounts."

Tsunami 101. On April 13, at 11:30 pm, a siren and a whooper sounded through Bamfield, announcing a Tsunami warning drill. School children were marched to the fire-hall, where adults congregated. **Bob Schmitt**, Bamfield Community Emergency Program coordinator, fielded question on village response and showed where a Tsunami



could impact. He handed out neat little signs that said **HELP** on one side and **OK** on the other. **Whish Kii** noted that Kiixin presented a 5500-year history of Huu-ay-aht occupation. An archaeological dig at Kiixin revealed bands of sand that indicated a Tsunami event (300-400 years intervals). With the last one being 1700. He sang the Tsunami warning song. A curried rice lunch was provided.



Harbour challenge. Our Bamfield Harbour Authority has served us since 1953 in one form or another. Its function is to maintain and distribute moorage for the Federal Government. Controversy over moorage distribution (costing \$6292 in lawyer fees) so far, compounded by pressures of moorage demand have made volunteer BHA directors' life Hell. **The problem is, they have little 'Authority'**. Long-term Chair, **Keith Wyton** stepped down, briefly followed by **Kevin McAughtrie**, with perennial Secretary/Treasurer **Rae Hopkins** leaving soon. **Tom Jensen** is assuming the chair with **Jamie Willock** as v.c. Hopefully a winning team. *L. Druehl.*

ED's Note. You are wanted as a volunteer. If controversy is not your thing, try the Bamfield Art's Council (maybe). Then there is Tofino.