

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Invisible Bamfield faces another Provincial Election being totally neglected by political parties.

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Park camping use, summer of 2020...



...on picnic area,



...on septic field,



...at gazebos and play ground,



...and at the camp site, where it should be.

Dr. Bonnie would not be pleased.

The Eileen Scott Centennial park faced overwhelming use. A change is needed.

**New Zoom Affairs.** 22 on-screen participants watched as the old board stepped down and a new board was established. 2 old boarders stayed on, **Rae Hopkins** and **Jane Morrison** (Treas.). New members are **Julie Bradley**, **Susan Derasp**, **John Mass**, **Jan Teversham** (Sec.), **Amelia Vos** (V. Chair) and **Jamie Willock** (Chair), falling short of the desired 9. New board action brought on **Doug Greer**, filling the 9 quota. CoChair **Bernadette Wyton**, reviewed the past year: the transition to Zoom, thanks to **Sean Rogers**; the Bamfield/Anacla COVID informationals; and the intense lobbying for Bamfield Road improvements (thanks largely to **Bernadette**), highlighted the year. The following general meeting, the old board's last gasps, featured notes by our Reg.Dir. **Bob Beckett**: Suggested a thank you letter to **Shay Draper**, Telus for the Bamfield cellular upgrade. Reminded folks to review draft zoning changes at the ACRD web site. Noted a Bamfield/Anacla housing study grant is being pursued by **Sean Rogers** and **Charlie Clappis**. *L. Druehl*

**Stefan's Legacy.** 29 ZOOMed in for the Community Forest AGM (last year, 10). This meeting focused on logging. At issue: block logging vs. single tree extraction. **Keith Wyton** wondered why an area earlier designated recreation/research was now the focus of logging. **Alex Niese** suggested this area allowed harvest of medium, rather than smaller trees, so a smaller area had to be logged; **J.P. Haste**y noted some areas were prematurely designated, and **Charlie Clappis** noted the cut blocks were out of sight and the settings were based on a professional foresters opinion. **Jamie Willock** questioned the degree of logging, considering logging placed last in a community survey on forest use. J.P. suggested \$\$\$ from logging could support community projects. All agreed the community forest offered opportunities beyond logging, which led to an introduction of the proposed trail system, with an initial \$32 K grant. . Election of half the board required voting (very rare in our AGMs) with **Katie Turner**, **Amy Mc Connell**, **Alex Niese**, **J.P. Haste**y, **Tom Campbell** and **Jan Teversham** placing. **Amy McConnell** noted the board represented a broad set of views. This was a spirited AGM. One hardly noticed it took 2 hours and 35 minutes. Thank you Stefan for all those Years and Bureaucratic hassle. *L. Druehl*

**At What Cost!?** Improvements are coming to a narrow logging road on Vancouver Island where members of the local First Nations as well as two university students have lost their lives. Indigenous Relations Minister **Scott Fraser** announced today that just over \$30 million will be spent over three years to make Bamfield Road safer. He says the province is contributing \$25.7 million while the Huu-ay-aht First Nation will spend about \$5 million on the project. Sunday marks the first anniversary of a bus crash that killed two University of Victoria students and injured many others. Forty-five students and two teaching assistants were headed to the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre aboard a chartered bus that moved over for an approaching vehicle and rolled down an embankment. Chief Coun. **Robert Dennis Sr.** says all those who've lost loved ones share a common grief. "We share some heavy burdens and we share losses of loved ones and I'll look forward to the day when I can meet the families of those students who were lost," Dennis says. The logging route is the only road link for residents in and around Bamfield, and also leads to the terminus of the popular West Coast Trail. Dennis says in addition to improving health and safety on the road, the improvements will generate economic activity for the small coastal communities. This report by The Canadian Press was first published Sept. 11, 2020.



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Out with the old and...



Photo. Dane Dentoom

...in with the new BVFD boathouse



**Pots COVID-spaced on the Jennings' lawn** heralded the 40<sup>th</sup> annual **Katharyn Jennings** pottery sale, with sister **Suzanne's** cloth works. An estimated 100-plus guests were treated to disposable gloves and masks, and in lieu of the perennial cinnamon twists, **Rose & Ken's** wedding cake. This delightful function, as much a predictor of autumn as falling alder leaves, is quintessential Bamfield. *L. Druehl*. Photo of Katharyn and **Jane Morrison** cashiering.

40 Years of Potting! Congratulations, Katharyn.



**Knots Tied.** The bride, **Rose Janelle**, passed through **Siobhan Gray's** bamboo colonnade, accompanied by the maid-of-honour **Jan Pierce** and flower girls **Bella & Sienna**, to the alter, where she joined the groom, **Ken Skarland** and marriage commissioner, **Linda Myres**. Vows were exchanged, the book signed and Linda pronounced them husband and wife. **John Hughes** and **Phil Lavoie** (also Best Man) serenaded the couple, **Larry Myres** read a Norwegian poem, and **Louis Druehl** read an email from Jonny Harris of *Still Standing* fame (see below). **Nancy Sherry** catered crustless sandwiches, treats and forgot the wedding cake, courtesy of **Eileen Scott**. A lovely Bamfield Affair. *L. Druehl*, photo by **Peter Herbig**.

**A note from Jonny Harris, Host of CBC's *Still Standing* that featured Bamfield in its first airing.**

**Sending lots of love and best wishes to Rose and Ken on their big day along with much thanks for helping make one of our first episodes of *Still Standing* such a success. Whenever I hear a loud, slow laugh I think of Ken drinking beer down on the wharf - and if I happen to be west of Saskatchewan**



**when I hear that laugh - I wonder if it is actually Ken. And Rose, pillar of the community, jack of all trades, who spoke so well to the beauty and way of life in Bamfield - I don't know if she is still the postmistress but if so I hope she is steaming people's mail and reading it just as Louis is reading my email right now. I wish I could be there and hopefully in the near future I can make it to Bamfield and have a beer on boat day and celebrate the arrival of the Frances Barkley and the marriage of Rose and Ken - congratulations! Jonny, by email, 24 August 2020, 10:42 a.m.**

**As bears prepare for hibernation** this is the time of year where conflict increases drastically. It is very important that everyone help prevent conflict by managing attractants. As WildsafeBC coordinator I am currently working on a Bear Hazard Assessment for Bamfield. I will be distributing a survey around town shortly to get an idea of people's experience and feelings about bear activity in Bamfield. Your input is invaluable! If you want to sign up for the e-survey or would like a paper copy please email me (Mandy) at [bamfield@wildsafebc.com](mailto:bamfield@wildsafebc.com) or contact me on Facebook at Wildsafebc Bamfield. *Mandy Ross*

**Less than 20 respectfully** socially distanced young and olders gathered at Brady's Sept 27 to share talents. **Em Lim**, who claimed erroneously to have no talent, brought oatmeal thinsies. The show started around 8:30 and featured **Amaya Black** and **Owen Newson** on fiddle, **Tory Pritchard** on uke with a BamSong she wrote, the Shaggiest Doggiest Joke ever by **Greg Johnson**, poems by **Heather Washburn** and others, a hilarious duet by **Rebecca Waines** and Tory. Not a long set but a great one. Waves lapped, stars shone, such a lovely evening and covid-free we intensely hope. The event was emceed ably and entertainingly by Rebecca. More coverage and photos at the Oct edition of [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca). *Heather Washburn*. Photo Left: *Rebeca (L) and Tory (R)*

**COVID has shown us new ways of doing things. After COVID we will fall back to our old ways, but not entirely. Post-world COVID will not be the same, nor will we.**