

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Celebrate Bob Baden's Life at the Rix Center, 2 pm, 20 April 2025

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February Affairs Zoomed by 22. Our Regional Director **Bob Beckett** commented on the **ACRD Draft Financial Plan 2025-2029** (see bamfielder.ca for full plan). In 2025 our proposed increase is **4.82%**, lower than past years. **Bamfield Harbour Authority (Paul Bird):** A court action has been initiated against the BHA. The survey started in November 2024 will define our lease. **Bamfield Community School (Robin Schmitt):** There have been several losses in the community and with snow, lowered attendance. Kindergarten registration is open. **Bamfield Community School Association (Jaslyn Haberl):** A new arts based after school club started with ceramics by **Julie Bradley**. **Fire Department (Phil Lavoie):** Fire Department membership, while steady, welcomes new members. "I, as the fire chief for the past 9 years will be retiring." **[THANK YOU, PHIL!]** Abstracted from **Jan Teversham's** draft minutes.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, 19 April, 11 am. Eileen Scott Centennial Park.



(L to R) S. Jennings, A. Fortune, G. Johns

Our MP Gord Johns, NDP, visits the new Community Hall on his Bamfield tour. April 28 is **Election Day**. April 18-21, **Advance voting**. April 11, **Voter Info. Card to come.**

Thank you, Gord Johns for visiting Bamfield.

A History Lesson. When the Americans last fought the British for Canadian soil in 1812, the White House was burned and the nation's capital captured.

Observations on the Great March Affairs. 18 attended the 32 minute meeting. Regional Director **Bob Beck-**

ett was in the Ukraine. Lots going on at the School Association with Coordinator **Jaslyn Haberl's** being replaced with a manager. **Sheryl Mass** noted **Jodie Ann Thomson** (a great kelper) will manage the Eileen Scott Centennial Park. Nurse **Jane**



Trussler: The clinic staff stable, flu on the wane, and COVID shots will be available in May. **Louis Druehl:** *The New Bamfielder* is gasping and in need of fresh blood. Other stuff: Highway directional signs will be provided west side...I hope in a folksy font, reflecting west side style. The Cougar Pass section of the Boardwalk is looking at an upgrade, the first since the Great Ice. *L. Druehl*

Hey, really, no one wants to be a TNB Star Reporter?

Submissions are welcome. They may be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. All submissions must have the author's name. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

Peace Train Canada (PTC) started in Bamfield, picked up 40 people, and boarded the Peace Train from Vancouver to Ottawa last November to meet with political leaders and call on our government to establish a Centre of Excellence for Peace and Justice. In the face of ever-increasing



violent wars, nuclear threat, climate disruption, and humanitarian crisis, the Peace Train, “sounding louder,”

raises the voice of Canadians across the country committed to the basics of enduring stability, security, and human rights both here and abroad. Our MP, **Gord Johns**, organized a PTC Parliamentary reception that had unusually high attendance by dignitaries and representatives from all political parties. The connections and dialogue that ensued affirmed that this train is on the right track. **Elizabeth May**, MP, stood up in the house in support of PTC and later challenged organizers to create another Peace Train from Montreal to New York to attend the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). As the threat of nuclear war is at its highest in history and as Canada has not participated in the TPNW negotiations, PTC is on the roll again, leaving the Montreal Station on March 2nd. PTC calls on government to sign and ratify the TPNW. *B. Wyton*

Premier David Eby, Let's do it! Six years ago, in 2019, the NDP agreed to drop changing the clock twice a year. Staying with Standard Time* is staying with our natural rhythm, a rhythm governed by daylength and the chemical, melatonin, we produce in response to light change. Mess with it and expect short-term chaos. And why? So, the shops can sell more barbeques? The NDP dropped US liquor sales in response to **Trump** in one day, surely six years should do to keep the old promise. *L. Druehl*
 *Introduced by Stanford Fleming in 1883 (check Deer Group Island names!).



Parking or storage? Parking spots in front of the motel were created at \$1500/space, paid by Community Affairs to alleviate parking woes. Any new action on parking in preparation for this summer's onslaught?



Re-fencing options of our Smiley Rink are being considered by the Bamfield Parks Board and ACRD, according to chair **Sheryl Mass**. The surface is in good shape and a pickleball court could be in the cards. The rink was **Roger Demontigny's** first project after retiring from BC Tel in 1996 (in those days we had a telephone man in the village...one day fix-it!). With the exception excavator work and laying down of the cement by **Larry Davies**, it was all local volunteer...signage too!



42 Float units near the Gas Bar. A Bailey Bridge to the west side?