

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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“Alberni among Island’s COVID-19 ‘hotspots’”
Alberni Valley News, 25 August 2021

August COVID snapshot. Island COVID suffers are 15% fully vaccinated, 25% one shot, and 60% no vac (these are 20-39 year olds). Hospitalized are mostly no vac. 4000-5000 Islanders are getting vaccinated each week. CBC morning radio, 20 August.

OUR NEW COMMUNITY HALL IS IN SIGHT

The new Bamfield Community Hall is finalizing its 99-year lease agreement with ACRD for 2 acres from the 25-acre east side park (See Bamfielder.ca for site plan). **J.P. Hastey**, Hall Chair, noted the considerable assistance from **Bob Beckett**, **Thomas Senecal**, **Bob Schmitt** and **David Irwin**, making this progress possible.

The Great Community Hall Raffle drawing will take place on the Boardwalk, 5 September at 4 pm. Great prizes, great odds (tickets undersold), and a great Bamfield project!

The sky is falling, no serendipity reigns. “17 months basically no income... the [Lady Rose Marine Services] is not for sale, it will just cease to operate,” declared **Mike Surrell** (9 August, Alberni News). **Bob Beckett** (ACRD) facilitated a meeting to look into the loss of marine transport, during which Chief Councillor **Robert Dennis Sr** pronounced, “I’m not leaving this meeting without some kind of plan.” During the meeting, it was noted a solution had been reached....**Greg Willmon** (owner of the Riley Boardwalk House) and **Barrie Rogers**, owners of Devon Transport Ltd. of Nanaimo, announced that Lady Rose Marine owner Mike Surrell accepted their letter of intent to purchase the business. “Destiny was set in motion during a conversation I had with current Lady Rose Marine Services owner Mike Surrell a few weeks ago,” Willmon said. “We were unloading our truck on his dock. It started with a question, ‘How are things, Mike?’ He commented, ‘They could be better Greg, there is a 50/50 chance the *Frances Barkley* won’t be sailing next year, possibly sooner.’ ‘I asked if he would consider selling rather than shutting down the service, he answered. ‘Let’s talk.’” The ACRD meeting concluded, with Bob Beckett noting, “I can’t believe how relieved we all are...” abstracted from CBC radio, Global TV, 9 August Alberni News and 17 Alberni News by S. Quinn and Boardwalk gossip.

Give our bears a break. A message for boaters on how to help our community coexist with bears.

-Please make sure that fish refuse is thrown into deep water so it doesn’t wash back onto shore.

-Please make sure that your boat is left clean and free of wildlife attractants like coolers, garbage, bait or bait wrappers etc... Bears have been known to climb onto boats looking for food.

-If you are viewing bears keep a respectful distance. If they are aware of your presence and are moving away this means you are too close.

For more information on coexisting with wildlife and local wildlife updates please visit my Facebook page at WildSafeBC Bamfield. *Mandy Ross*

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