



THE NEW BAMFIELDER

It's AGM time for the Community Affairs Board (16 May, 6:30 Zoom).

Join/participate in "The Voice & Boot & Wallet of our village."

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53 kids challenge the Easter Bunny at the Community Hall's annual egg hunt in the Eileen Scott Centennial Park. It felt good to be outside together.

The perfect excuse for Bamfielders to gather for the first time since COVID as a school luncheon celebrating **Eileen Scott's 100th**; sponsored by **Sally Mole** (BCSA), shepherd's pie by **Jaslyb Haberl**, TNXs by **Bob Baden** on behalf of ACRD, **Sheryl Mass** on behalf of Bamfield Parks, **Louis Druehl** for Bamfield Community hall and a poem for old-time sakes.



A GRAND EVENT—the opening of the Anacla Wastewater Treatment Plant—started with a prayer by **Wiskey**, "to bring us together." The cedar-ribbon was cut by **Sean Roger** (BMSC) and **Brad Johnson** (HFN). Sean observed, "We tell sewage jokes but this is what brings us together." **Robert Dennis Sr.** recalled crabbing in the local eelgrass beds and noted the ecological significance of the facility. **John Jack** reminisced chasing a flushed toy down the Bamfield beach, concluding "...an example of how we can work together." Brad concluded, "Happy Earth Day everybody" and we all went off to a fine lunch at the marine station. **L. Druehl**. Photo: Sean Rogers (L) Brad Johnson cutters, Robert Dennis (R) and Gilmore holding rope.

Growing together. Huu-ay-aht and the ACRD celebrate 10 years of HFN's full membership on the ACRD (this was a BC's first!). **John Jack** was the first HFN member and now he is Chair of the ACRD Board. "Huu-ay-aht is very proud to have an extremely good working relationship with the ACRD," explains **Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr.** "We will continue to work on initiatives that support each of our community's development. Moving forward we look forward to joint-working on the K-12 issue."

Folks may contribute to the Community Hall's fund to provide for stage accessories and indoor recreational equipment. Thanking Eileen for her 43 years advancing Bamfield, by e-transfer bamfieldhalldonations@gmail.com.

Jerry's April Weather. April weather was quite unspectacular—rather coolish and wet. As of the 29th of April, there have been 23 days of some precipitation. Big rain was 50 mm on the 3rd and 33 mm on the 18th. Total rain for April was 216 mm (8.5"). Normal rain for April is 184 mm. Temperatures have been cool. Bamfield had 15 days with high temps less than 10 degrees. On the 7th, our high temp reached 16 degrees. But we had really no string of warm spring days. We did have one good wind storm on the 3rd and 4th. Winds got to 58 km. *Jerry Baird on the Beach*

The Parking issue. I was asked by the editor to write a piece for the New Bamfielder regarding the impact of west side commercial development on east side parking issues. I'll restrict my comments to commercial accommodation development. Why me? I'm told that "This seems to have your name all over it" as I'm the only Bamfield APC vote against further commercial development, east or west, without parking being addressed. Why you? Those offering commercial accommodation on the west side are an identifiable component of the parking problem. Capacities are listed on your websites. The aggregate number of accommodations offered west side represents a significant proportion of our permanent population and all of the parking available in the community core. Unlike day visitors your clientele requires multi day, 24 hour parking. All your websites advertise free parking and it seems that's where your responsibility to your clients and the community ends. Two comments from west side accommodation providers I've recently heard regarding the parking issue are an irresponsible "That's not my problem" and an unrealistic "many guests arrive by boat". Personal profits, community problems? Not encouraging! There is hope. Our regional director has approached the HFN regarding the use of 390 Grappler Road for parking. It is an approved use and suited to the property, would provide employment for an attendant and a weed whacker and get 50 to 70 cars off the street. The property is under an expired TUP and has been orphaned by the ACRD Planning Department. It's an opportunity and a start to addressing parking issues in Bamfield. I sincerely hope this initiative is pursued. *Max Salamon. Ed. Note. It seems unfair that east side commercials must provide parking for their guests and west side not..*

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

Our Heritage. This little flower patch, located to the left of the Memorial Pavilion in the Eileen Scott Centennial Park, was



retrieved from **Zena Burkholder's** place in Grappler (now the residence of **Dwtane Nookumus**). Many of Zena's flowers and trees were from

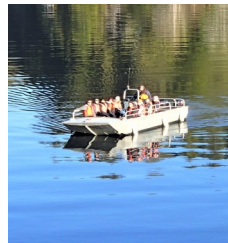
Cougar Annie's nursery, up island. Photo by Rae Hopkins



This giant Sequoia was planted in the Eileen Scott Centennial Park by the **Myers** and **Geall** Families in celebration of Eileen Scott's 100th. Many shrubs and trees in the park have been planted in memorium.



These burn piles of forestry industrial waste will release 1.7 kg carbon dioxide per kg wood burned. What other industry can pollute with impunity? *L. Druehl*



It's good to see the students back! After 2 years + the marine station Public Educational Program is back up and running



Congratulations! Wednesday April 20th the House of Huu-ay-aht in partnership with the University of Victoria's Anthropology Department hosted its first Doctoral Defence of a HUU-AY-AHT citizen. **Tommy Happynook, Jr.** (hii-ni-naa-sim) successfully defended his thesis "wałši?aiin ʔuuʔaałuk+i ɥaɥuuli: Coming home to take care of the territory: a project of (re)connecting with traditional lands, waters, knowledge, and identity" in a multi-traditional approach – utilizing both the academic traditions of oral exam and the HUU-AY-AHT cultural traditions of song and oratory. This defence held in HUU-AY-AHT Territory marks a shift in the way in which academic institutions, such as UVic, are approaching decolonization and the revitalization of indigenous knowledge and knowledge producers. Tommy documents his process of reconnecting with his ɥaɥuuli (family traditional lands) of the House of ɥaaɥaaɥiiɥas. Tommy connected this work to a greater Nuu-chah-nulth (and Indigenous) understanding of place, traditional knowledge, cultural education, and self-governance. Not only did Tommy produce an academic thesis with plans to publish this work, but part of his methodology was also to produce songs in the HUU-AY-AHT language that document his connection to land that can be taught and passed on to his family to carry that knowledge forward. **Dr. Tommy Happynook** is an Assistant Professor at UVic in Anthropology and has plans to continue exploring this research.. *Stella Wenstob, photo by Stella Peters:* Left to right- **Dr. Iain McKech- nie, Dr. Dawn Smith, Chief Jeffrey Cook, Dr. Tommy Happynook, Dr. Robert Hancock, Dr. Andrea Walsh.** *Stella Wenstob*

April Affairs, attended by 25 folks, featured RCMP officers **Eric Rochette** and **Mike Thompson**. Issues discussed: Road jurisdiction: RCMP have no jurisdiction as Bamfield Main is not a Provincial Highway; however, they will respond to accidents. Abandoned vehicles, if not blocking traffic are not in the RCMP jurisdiction. Outdoor alcohol consumption would require the community to identify and support locations in a public survey, then a by-law would be required through the ACRD. Community Liaison person is a possibility. The RCMP hope to have an increased budget that would allow for twice-monthly visits. (Presently, there are only 8 officers available outside of Port. Two are detectives. If there is a call out 2 officers must respond). **Sally Mole**, Bamfield Community School Association, much activity with night functions Monday to Thursday, more community school lunches coming, and pre-play and after school groups underway. **Stefan Ochman**, Community Forest, east-West connector trail near completion. West Park and Community Hall have requested 3600 board feet of lumber (about 20 trees). **Amelia Vos** (First Responders) is looking for actors and make-up artist for the 'realistic practice.' West Park revitalizing project (**Jan Tevershan**) is continuing fund raising to offset higher-than-expected construction cost by Pickles Post and Bean, Parksville and to add a toilet. West side trails (**Jamie Willock**) will have assist of UBC landscaping students to help design bridges, etc. **John Mass** thanked the BVFD for flushing road culverts. Main Road is donating \$500 to the fire department. The next meeting is an AGM! *Louis Druehl*, abstracted from the unofficial minutes.

Results of the west side trail survey. 65% of the 96 respondents were from the west side. 71—75% gave full support to the 3 trail and 2 moorage proposals.