

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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## Queen Elizabeth II 21 April 1926 –8 September 2022

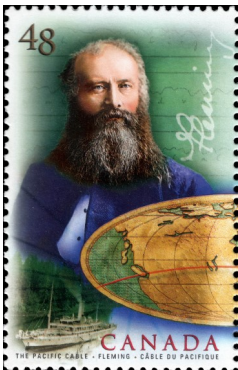
Mrs. Eileen Scott

*I am delighted to hear that you are celebrating your one hundredth birthday. I send you my warmest congratulations on this happy occasion and good wishes for an enjoyable day.*

*Elizabeth R.*



**QEII and Bamfield.** Recently, the Queen congratulated our **Eileen Scott** on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Earlier, on 31 October 2002, Canada Post launched a stamp in Bamfield commemorating the 31 October 1902 opening of the Bamfield Cable Station. This opening signaled the completion of The All Red Route (a cable system that connected the countries of the British Empire), the brain child of **Sanford Fleming** (honored by two islands in the Deer Group). During the Bamfield postage stamp launch, a telegrapher sent a computer assisted telegraph (Morse Code) message of greetings to QEII that traveled half around the world to the Queen, who responded, "Good show, Bamfield" in a message that completed circling the globe. L.



L. Druehl, TNX Bamfield Historical Society for archive access.



**This pillar of Community Unity** is located on Bamfield Community Hall property on the boardwalk, was financed by grants and personal donations, is maintained by funds from Bamfield Parks that hires west siders to keep it sharp and functional. Drop in, enjoy the view, and plan your day, do your business, toss in a handful of sawdust and return, refreshed to the boardwalk. "Its fun to go." L. Druehl. Photos by Marc Phillips. p.s. There is a sister facility, similarly maintained, on Brady's Beach, maybe on road access.

**September Community Affairs**, attended by 27 zoomers (**Jamie Willock** suggested our AGM may be held in person). **Correspondence**, **Suzanne Jennings** expressed interest in upgrading the Boardwalk. **John Mass**, (contractor for Mainroad): would gather a list of the issues for Community Affairs. **Bob Beckett** noted: no community input then Mainroad will not act. **Community Forest (Stefan Ochman)**: A 30 cubic metre harvest is planned for the community projects This lumber will be used for community projects. **Road Safety Committee (Stefan Ochman)**: The AGM is on October 5 at 5.30 via Zoom. The traffic counters collecting data were discontinued in 2021. **Parks Commission (Sheryl Mass)**: The new float has worked well. **Rhiannon Richards** is continuing to work over the winter. \$100,000 will be received for replacing playground equipment in 2025. Any-one interested in joining the committee to decide what equipment contact Sheryl. **Community School (Robin Schmitt)**: There are now 49 students in the school (wow). There are 4 teachers and 3 classrooms. **Fire Department (Phil Lavoie)**: BVFD is looking for a treasurer/bookkeeper. AGM will be held toward the end of October. BVFD has just reached the minimum number of firefighters that the Fire Underwriters wants. We would like more Bamfield property owners to join. Contact [bamfieldfire@gmail.com](mailto:bamfieldfire@gmail.com). Meeting adjourned after 1 hour! Notes abstracted from Jan Teversham's minutes.

**Anacla/Bamfield celebrated Orange Shirt Day**, a tribute to Residential School victims at the Bamfield Community School. **Tim Davie**, SD70 Superintendent ("I'm 4 generations removed from Residential School," He is of Haida/Irish ancestry) was introduced. **Ben Clappis** gave a testimonial: sent to Residential School at 5-1/2 years, after 8 years of abuse, went to a kind foster home. Drumming, singing, and dancing, followed by BBQ provided by the Bamfield Community School Association. L. Druehl, photo by Stefan Ochman



**Roy Enns**

**20 October 1950—19 August 2022**

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](mailto:ldruehl@island.net). The New Bamfielder is a free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl





**A feast of clay (Katharine, R.) and fabric (Suzanne, L.)**, on the 28th of August in the Jennings' rhododendron-rich garden adds another year to the 30+ year tradition. As a COVID-19 carry-over, the famous

cinnamon twists were served in sterile zips. *L. Druehl*

**The Bamfield dining scene exploded** over the re-opening of the **Bamfield Pub** and the inaugural year of **The Bamfield Wreckage**. Both sit down establishments are keeping locals and tourists socially and gastronomically satiated. The Wreckage wreaked havoc on the Bamfield cocktail crowd (think kelp gin caesars and triple margaritas) and reinstated Sunday open mic nights, while the Bamfield Pub carries on its community bonding legacy with Wednesday wing nights and bottomless foosball. Both restaurants have secured a spot in the top-two "People's Choice, Dine-In" category for 2022. *Joya Carson-Austin*



**OMG, Pete's leaving us!** He was dedicated to sausage making and more. He would visit foreign meat shops, looking for sausage ideas. He supplied meats for Bamfield functions, including pig roasters. *Steve Clark*, photo *Rae Hopkins* Ed's note. *My cooking will suffer without the addition of Pete's chorizo sausage.*



**The Flowers of Fall**, enjoy a COVID reprieve at the Pub, (Beer & Burger Special) hosted by **Eileen Scott**.

**Keep our bears alive.** Bears are getting ready for hibernation. There has been a lot of conflict with bears already and it will get worse as they approach hibernation. We have already had bears break into vehicles, sheds, trailers, basements and outdoor freezers. Some bears have figured out how to open car doors, so lock your door and keep windows up. Freeze smelly food waste until garbage day and take garbage out frequently. If you are using a public garbage bin, make sure the bear-bar is in the upright position and secured with a carabiner. Remember bears are hungry, strong and can smell food up to 1km away. For info about subsidized bear-resistant products or making your shed bear-resistant please contact **Mandy Ross**.  
bamfield@wildsafebc.com

**Road News.** Two detours have lengthened the trip to Port Alberni: 1. From Between the Lakes and Franklin Camp (47 km) and 2. By-passing the Head Quarters Bay bridge (3 km) for a total of 98 km. The detours are well marked and interesting (the first time). The price of progress. *L. Druehl*

**The power outage** of 19 September, 4:03 to 7 pm, was the result of a dump truck/power pole encounter.

**West Park's new swing-set delights**

**locals:** "It's fun. Finally, something to do on the west side without asking our mom to go to the east side." **Bella Locke**. "I really like the swing set because it is so fun." **Sienna Locke**. Photo & intervals by *Joya Carson-Austin*



**Trash Talk.** "Dear West Bamfielders, if the dock dumpsters are full, please take your trash home...the containers will soon be empty. Trash left on the dock is not a welcoming sight for our visitors. But, the birds love it." **A Concerned Westsider**. And from the Recycle Depot, "Friends, please collapse your cardboard boxes before squashing them into the dumpster. This allows for more efficient use of this expensive system," **A Concerned Eastsider**.

**Bamfield captured in oils.** 20 Canadian Artists, of the Canadian Federation of Artists visited Bamfield.. Photo *Marc Phillips*



Check out the new hall's building site, next to the Firehall—free firewood nearby

**Community Hall AGM.** (L to R) **Tory Gilmour** (Project Coordinator), **Angela Fortune**, **Wayne Wenstob** (Project Designer), **JM Ledet**, **Rae Hopkins**, **Louis Druehl**, **Rose Janelle**, **JP Hastey**, **Rhiannon Richards**, **Suzanne Jennings** photo *Joya Carson-Austin*. \* denotes board members, not shown: **Kyle Lindsay**, **Brian** \* and **Melanie McKay**\*not present..

The 2022 Bamfield Community Hall Society held its AGM on the Firehall driveway, followed by a tour of the new hall building site. Follow development of the new hall: [www.bamfieldhall.ca](http://www.bamfieldhall.ca)