

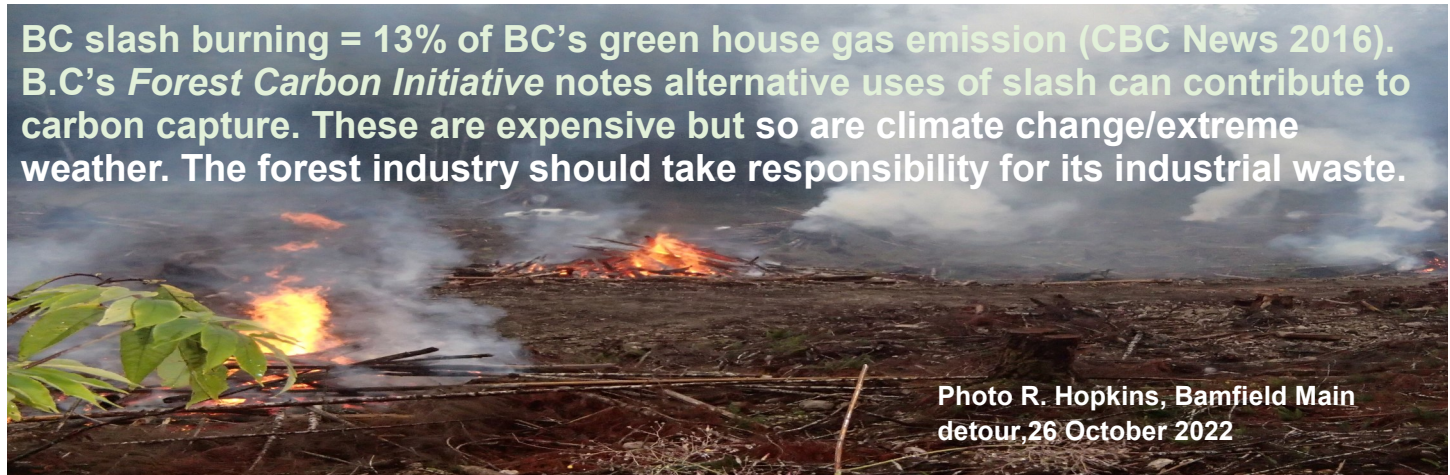
THE NEW BAMFIELDER

BAMFIELDERS & FRIENDS, MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
See you at the Christmas Craft Fair, Marine Station 10/12, & School Christmas Concert 13/12 & the Holiday pot-luck at the House of HUU-ay-aht 18/12

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BC slash burning = 13% of BC's green house gas emission (CBC News 2016). B.C's *Forest Carbon Initiative* notes alternative uses of slash can contribute to carbon capture. These are expensive but so are climate change/extreme weather. The forest industry should take responsibility for its industrial waste.

Photo R. Hopkins, Bamfield Main detour, 26 October 2022

Up from Brady's Beach, where **Jaslyn Haberl**, our new Community School Association Coordinator, spent her first two weeks in March 2020, launched her Bamfield life. From Squamish with stints in Montreal and Vancouver, A BA in Decolonization Studies at UBC (involving time in Istanbul). Earlier employment: Animation Production for the film *Dune* (won an Academy Award for animation), Kid's



Books in Vancouver... "I love reading kids books.", and Harm Reduction Education at the Eastside Woman's Centre. Her hobbies: mountain climbing (Oops!), kayaking (Sigh!), reading

(A given!) and piano (Okay!). When asked, what are some of your present activities as



coordinator, she replied, two after school clubs, hustling for books, Friday Nights for older kids, and Little Buddies Playtime (Exploring the Forest, see upper photo).

Likes about Bamfield: Helpful & Friendly... "Showing up with casserole and their fridge is full." And long term Bamfield plans depends on long term housing. *L. Druehl*

An incomplete Community Affairs reporting (minutes not available). 35 zoomed. ACRD discussed new/revised Development Cost Change bylaws. **Julie Bradley** noted budget issue with water system: The water pipe servicing Grappler is too small to allow for addition. A developer wishing to hook up would have to pay for waterline upgrade = \$500K. **Bamfield Lodge** presented its case to increase its moorage in terms of its business and general westside moorage issues. In essence they are stymied by virtue that they are on a government lease (see Westside moorage below) The Bamfield Community Hall Society noted it is in discussion with **Bob Schmitt**, (Bamford Community Emergency Program) on the possibility of housing emergency gear in the new Hall; also, the Hall noted it would be accommodating the Bamfield historical archives. *L. Druehl, based on vague zoom memory.*

Westside moorage issues magnified. At the November Bamfield Harbour Authority AGM (attendance 16, last year 13) Chair **Keith Wyton** reminded us that the westside Fishermen's Wharf is, by contract, primarily responsible for commercial fisheries vessels. Presently, there are about 35 tie-ups used by locals, a few spaces for short time visitors and little for commercial boats. The government will pay major repairs but not for expansion of facilities, even if we put up the money. Rae Hopkins gave the financial report for 2021/2020: Income \$42K/\$32K, Expenses \$26K/\$currently in the bank \$164K. AGM elections resulted with the same directors continuing on. Zoom assisted by Zoom guru Jamie Willock. *L. Druehl*

Your Voice, next issue, submit in 10 words or less, what in your opinion was the high-light or low-light of Bamfield activities/situations in 2022 to ldruehl@island.net before Jan. 26

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

Spooks do good and have fun.

After the sun had set and all the west side candy distributed, casual and serious boardwalk strollers of all ages set about judging the annual **Bamfield Mercantile and**



Marine Pumpkin Carving Competition and Fundraiser. **Chelsea Locke** claimed first with her meticu-

lously presented beach diorama and **Ange Waters** placed second with her "grinning" pumpkin. Thirty-two more pumpkins were oggled and hotly debated by spectators and nearly \$400 for the Children's Hospital Foundation was raised. Congratulations to all!
Joya Carson-Austin



Pachena Road/Trail blocked.

Further "development" of the corner lot of Bamfield Main and Grappler Road disrupts passage. It is recommended the teachers using this route rope up before traversing this section of the trail. *L. Druehl*

Sea Palm Kelp exploits

ocean warming. *Postelsia palmaeformis* (named after **Postels**, a botanist employed by the Czar of Russia to catalogue seaweeds along our coast is a striking plant found only where ocean waves are strongest (e.g. Cape Beale). The photographed kelp is larger than earlier recorded, perhaps reflecting the warming sea. *L. Druehl*



A Gold Plated Bamfield Transportation Network

Proposal was zoomed to 20 folks ("A" is assumed to be a person), presented by UBC architecture students. Involved were kayak/canoe launch/storage pads, one at Nuthatch and the other at the old school dock area, and a trail through the westside marsh. Everyone appreciated their effort and most liked the proposal. Concern was expressed: would this project limit Community Hall access at Nuthatch?; would zig-zags in the trail obscure bears? Should there be lighting? Should structure design reflect Huu-ay-aht culture? Wouldn't the tides cover the westside staircase? and other. Jamie Willock summarized the proposal, noting the next steps would be to gain access rights and explore financing. *L. Druehl*

Local shake up. A 4.9 earthquake, 33 km offshore from Tofino at a depth of 20 km occurred at 8 pm, 25 November. This quake was widely felt (Really?). Why does Tofino get all the news? *L. Druehl, from various media.*

Pick your disaster. "A national climate adaptation strategy released 25 November includes \$1.6 billion in new spending to help communities faced with risks ranging from deadly heat waves and wildfires to floods and storms." *National News release.* I'd put my money on wildfire for Bamfield. *L. Druehl*

An environmental question: Why when the price of gas has never been higher and the contribution of motor vehicles to climate changing/extreme weather conditions never been greater do automobile manufacturers promote their products as luxurious, sexy and exciting, making no mention of fuel efficiency as they did earlier?

Some local Christmas Gift Suggestions & visit the Bamfield Christmas Craft Fair, (10 Dec. BMSC). Gift Sources: Judith's Saga (bamfieldhistory.com), Hedy's Pottery (250-728-3355), Zelta's Jams & Pies (250-728-3812, Dane's Coffee (bamfieldcoffeecompany@gmail.com), Louis' Bamfield Novel (canadiankelp.com.).

