

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

**ADD TO POWER OUTAGES (COMMON), ROAD DETOURS (SEASONAL), LAND-LINE, CELLULAR, INTERNET & FERRY DOWNGRADE (SOMETIMES), OLD FAITHFUL: POSTAL SERVICE (COMPUTER PROBLEMS). "BUT BACK EARLY IN FEBRUARY" ROSE J.**

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## SOME MAJOR BAMFIELD EVENTS IN 2022

The HFN Waste Water Treatment Plant Opening.

New Upper Anacla residences.

Breaking ground for new Community Hall.

A quiet 50th for the Bamfield Marine Station.

Boardwalk property sells for \$1 million plus.

Leap in schools enrollment to 45 from low of 9.

Creation of the Boomer Trail in Community Forest.

Sale and Rescue of the *Frances Barkley*.

The new Wreckage, an eatery & entertainment café.

Funding secured for West Park Pavilion.

Installation of George Nookemus' totem near motel.

Virtual demise of in-person meetings by Zoom.

Creation of 72 km detour for Bamfield Main work.

Community Forest lumber gifts for parks & new Hall.

Bamfield celebrates Eileen Scott's 100th.

New moorage float, Eileen Scott Centennial Park.

And one could add that King Tides did not wipe out the boardwalk, and Wildfire did not incinerate the village, and that the Atmospheric River did not destroy Bamfield Main.

**3-meatball lunch** (& Greek salad & roast potatoes. Thanks **Charlene!**) fed about 75 at the year's first Community School Lunch. Great food, great to see friends .

**January Zoom Affairs** (23 attendees). Road report, **Kevin Gordon**: Of the 250,00 cubic meters gravel stored, only 60,000 remains to be applied. Graveling should be completed by March. "Yes, the road will be completed by, maybe, this fall." Our ACRD Director, Bob Beckett (recently back from Ukraine) outlined processes for completion of the Bamfield Community Plan. He noted that there are parties interested in taking over the West Dock and the ACRD is aware of the strategic importance of the dock to the community. **Bob Schmitt** reported on Emergency Preparedness: Our Health clinic is checking on medical supplies on the east and west side. **Robin Schmitt**, Community School: Kindergarten registration starts in February. There are now 43 students and 64 children in Anacla/Bamfield. Bamfield Community School Association (**Jaslyn Haberl**), read by **Julie Bradley**: Many activities for all ages, see web site. An Assistant Coordinator is being sought. Bamfield Parks (Sheryl Mass). A pipe froze in the Information Centre, closing the only east side public washrooms...all is well now. The ACRD approved the West Park Pavilion. Community Forest (**Stefan Ochman**). Trees felled on the Kiixin road for lumber for east and west side pavilions and the new community hall. Total falling and hauling costs \$5300. Salvage logging in the community forest to be considered. A new east side trail is being considered. West Park Pavilion (**Jan Teversham**):The pavilion frame was erected in November, the transparent roof is up with finishings to be added. The project should be completed by 31 March 2023. Meeting adjourned after a record 58 minutes! *Abstract from J. Teversham minutes.*

THE SKY IS  
FALLING!!



Maybe Chicken Little got it right this time: Atmospheric Rivers, Cyclone Bombs, King Tides, Heat Domes, Floods, Wild Fires, Ice Storms, Massive Snow Fall, Artic Vortex...Climatic Armageddon.



**Fight Food Inflation.** A BC family of 4 will spend \$1065 more for food in 2023 (Canada's Food Price Report). Grow your own in our Community Gardens.. Plots are available: contact **Andrea** west side (andreabutler60@gmail.com), **Rae** east side (250-728-3297) , **Stefan** Anacla (250-728-3677). All you need are seeds, sweat and camaraderie. Ah, sweet peas...freshly plucked! *L. Druehl*

**Participate in resolving moorage issues.** Bamfield Harbour Authority Membership Applications will be available to Bamfield residents & Bamfield property owners. To inquire contact the BHA Dock Managers: bhaddockmanager@gmail.com .. *R. Hopkins*

**BAMFIELD MAIN NEWS**



Guardrails installed. Now imagine pavement...and a line painted down the cen-



Robot Flaggers replace human workers on Bamfield Main

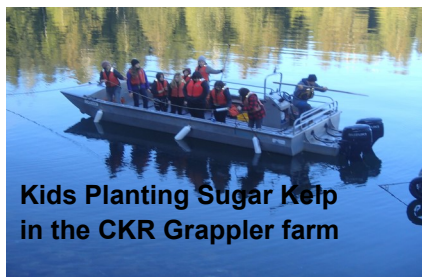
**OCEAN LEARNING**



Kids grappling for Kelp



Kids making Kelp Seed at BMSC



Kids Planting Sugar Kelp in the CKR Grappler farm

**Future Farmers!Of the sea?** The School Association has initiated the **Bamfield Aquaculture Club** for kids. , The Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, Canadian Kelp (CKR), Nova Harvest and the Community School are initial partners. The initial project, Kelp Farming, is guided by CKR.

**Serendipity Rules.** Myriam Preker, then a SFU student, encountered **John Boom** (Boomer Trail) on campus. "He suggested I join the LIP (Local Initiative Project) in Bamfield, clearing brush for the future marine station housing." Myriam had a strong background in invertebrate taxonomy, gained in **Bill Austin's** lab (Bill was responsible for designing the marine station labs). When casual researchers showed up, Myriam was the person to help them (she knew what they were talking about and could find the critters for them). On one occasion a school group showed up and needed advice on what they could do. She drew up a program, and the third leg of marine station activities was born (Research and University Instruction being the other two). She prevailed at the station, camping on the site of the now de-commissioned Director's house, surviving on short-term contracts, i.e. organizing stores , etc.



and attending a teachers conference that open the door. "The teachers saw they could bring their students to Bamfield and a comprehensive marine introduction, which they could not provide." Finally, during **John McInerney's** first term as first director, she was put in charge of the Fieldtrip Program (now, the prize winning Bamfield Public Education Program) as the first Fieldtrip Coordinator. Quickly, **Brian Wilson**, (SFT V.P Academic, who became President of the University of Queensland, Australia) kidnapped her, making her coordinator of the Herron Island Labs (Great Barrier Reef) educational program. When asked about other interests, she replied, "Lou, my only passion is marine biology." Myriam spends half the year at her Burlo Island home. *L. Druehl* Photos. Right. Myriam, on the right, holding/explaining a sun starfish (now practically extinct) at the Bamfield Marine Station, 1973 . Left. Myriam in Port Desire, 2023.



**Robbie Burns** (1759—1796) Day may have been quiet in Bamfield, but it was celebrated properly n Port Desire. Photo of **Eileen Scott** by **S. Hogarth**, tweaked by **J. McInerney**.



**Quick from its conception** to framed up, the West Park pavilion dramatically improves the park's profile. Photo of **Les and Andrea Butler** (Project champion).

**Food for Body and Mind.** The BCSA thanks those that came to our Community Lunch of a delicious Greek feast prepared by **Charlene**, and to the inaugural Books and Brunch for waffles and story time. We fundraised over \$400 for new library books! The BCSA is hosting WorkBC for employment workshops:February 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-6:30pm join us for "Rock Your Resume", and on February 8th from 5-6:30pm, you are invited to "Impressive Interviews". Drop-ins are welcome, but free pizza and drinks will be provided to those who register - please email [bcacoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:bcacoordinator@gmail.com). *Jaslyn Haber, BCSA Coordinator*

**In Lasting Memorial.** **Louise and David Sidley** congratulate three BMSC Fall Program students who received the **River Timothy Memorial Award**, totalling fourteen recipients since 2015. 2022 marks the inaugural year of University of Calgary's award. Photo: The Sidleys and the 2022 Fall Program recipients.

