

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Heads up, no Christmas Concert this year, instead, games...and Santa?

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Tim Bits and a congenial ACRD staff of 10 headed up by ACRD Planning welcomed 32 Bamfielders who attended the Bamfield OCP meeting. Attendees were given the opportunity to comment on posted queries, for example: Should the ACRD regulate private floats?. Later there was a sit down with staff and elaboration on our feelings. On two occasions our MLA, **Josie Osborne** had advised us to pay attention to our OCP as this will always be the filter our ideas must pass through to be successful. This session along with a digital questionnaire gave us ample opportunity to let our feelings be known. L. *Druehl*, photo & notes by **Heather Thomson**, ACRD



150 and counting. Initially, 75 issues were foreseen for *The New Bamfielder*. This is the 150th issue (hence 150/75). Presently, *TNB* receives over 8000 hits per month. Over the past 12.5 years, *TNB* has presented 65 obituaries and 51 profiles of Bamfielders and friends of Bamfield (an index of these, by **Rae Hopkins**, is attached to this issue). Local news, including abstracted Community Affairs minutes (unabridged minutes are available on www.bamfielder.ca) along with village miscellany and trivia are regularly provided. Back issues are available at www.bamfieldhistory.com. Donations, limited as they are, are used to supplement student opportunities. We will soldier on, damn the torpedoes. Please submit your material. *Excelsior!*

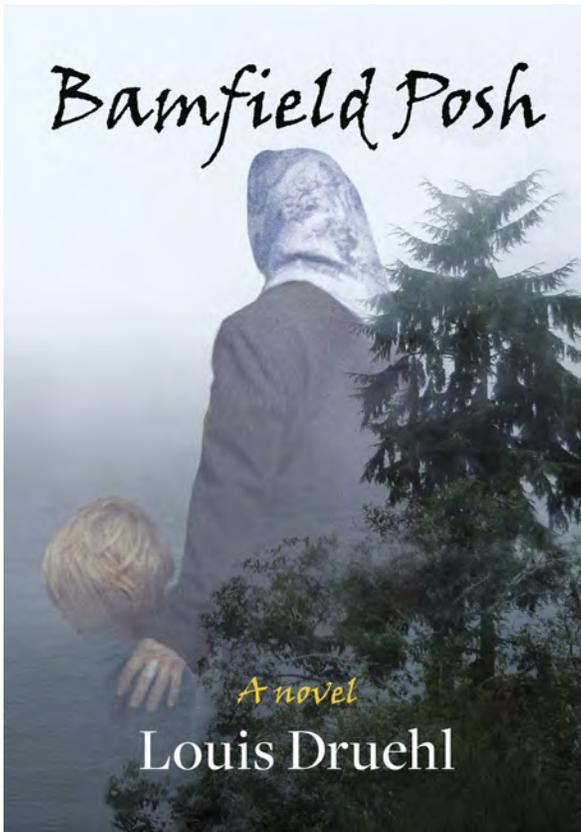
Timber Report. The Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Community Forest Society was incorporated in January 1999. Pilot Community Forest Agreement (CFA) K1E with its Management Plan 1 and an Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) of 1000 m³ was approved in September 2001 for a period of 10 years, during which only two Cutting Permits were harvested in 2006 for a total of app. 2100 m³. A 12-year hiatus in harvesting followed from October 2006 until CP-03 was obtained in August 2017 and app. 1000 m³ was harvested in December 2018 in 4 small patch cuts totalling 1 ha along the Kixiin Road. * The Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Community Forest Agreement, signed in January 2017, is an area-based (360 hectares), long-term (25-year) tenure from September 2011 to September 2035, that grants the right to harvest timber to the Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Community Forest Society (BHCFS). The BHCFA gives the BHCFS exclusive rights to harvest Crown timber in the BHCFS and the right to manage and charge fees for non-timber botanical products and any other prescribed forest products.



This CFA is replaceable every 10 years. Thus, the legal obligation and fiduciary responsibility of the BHCFS is to work in the best interest of the Society and ensure 860 m³/year is harvested until at least 2031. * In 2020, the BHCFS passed a motion to stop clearcutting and move towards selective logging practices. Also, no trees larger than 1.7 m in diameter will be cut. In 2021, the BHCFS passed another motion to adapt Ecosystem-Based Management, which prioritizes: ecological integrity, community use and economic considerations. * No harvest or salvage will occur in about 180 ha of the BHCFS which includes: old growth deferral areas, riparian areas (30 m either side of the 7 identified creeks, areas of low productivity (bog forests), marbled murrelet habitat, coastal buffer zone, areas around recreational trails, and the west side section where harvest would be cost prohibitive. *Stefan Ochman photos, too, Abridged, bamfielder.ca for complete.* * *Beyond the operational functions the Community Forest has provided lumber and funds for Bamfield Parks, and built the popular Boomer and East-West Connector trails. Future projects are rental cabins, a canopy observation platform, & a Majestic Old Growth Trail.*



Submissions are welcome. They may be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. All submissions must have the author's name. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl



Celebrate the Release of the Bamfield Limited Edition of Bamfield Posh.

This novel focused on Bamfield between WW II and the opening of the road to Port Alberni as viewed by Molly, a British war bride (modelled after our Eileen Scott). This tale explores those aspects of our chaotic Bamfield that have pleased us and plagued us since the Great Ice.

Where: Breakers Marine

When: Sunday, 10 Dec. 2-3 pm.



Ouch! Roger Demontigny receives his double dose (COVID & Influenza) at the caring hands of nurse **Pam Rardon**.

Ask your doctor if you are getting enough Kelp.



Another old timer that helped shape Bamfield. Any time you passed through Trevor Channel toward the Alberni Inlet, you went by **Nelson Dunkin's** house on Tzartus Island, known historically as Copper Island. The three-story cedar-shingled home he and his wife **Mina** built by hand is gone, but the smaller house that replaced it is still there. Nelson died 25 years ago, yet many remember the sparkle in his eye as he welcomed them at his float. **Jim Badke, Alberni Times** 23 July 2023. Duncan carved the Dancing Bear Totem next to the Eileen Scott Centennial Park office for the 1967 park opening on Canada's centennial. According to **Katharine Jennings**, another work can be seen on the Boardwalk in front of the **Wickham** residence. The Dunkin homestead accommodated **Mary Scholey's** Pentecostal summer camp.



November Community Affairs was attended by 23 and lasted 78 minutes. **Bob Beckett**, Regional Director, commented on the success of the OCP meeting. **Sean Rogers** Director BMSC, noted with regret, **Lee Webber's** illness: she will not return to the station, but her wish to see the foyer renovated will be respected. **Tom Jensen**, President, Bamfield Harbour Authority reported on the recent AGM (**J. Willock**, v.p.; **A. Klyne**, Sec.; **F. Novak**, Treas.; **B. Sills & J. Honig**, members). **Neil Wright** is the new Dock Manager. **Phil Lavoie**, Chief, Fire Department, **[report was hot!, ed.]**: 400 tickets to salmon derby; fire extinguisher workshop 13 December; \$30,000 from Community Preparedness Fund for 8 suits of turnout gear (old ones to the Ukraine); BVFD calendars locally available; new pumper truck for the westside soon; complaints re local burning and smoke to ACRD bylaw officer; and more! **Jaslyn Haberl**, Community School Association: AGM 4 December, 5 pm at school. Drop-in nights Mondays 6:30 and yoga 5:15 on Wednesdays and Friday Nite Chill on 1 December 7 pm. **Robin Schmitt**, Bamfield Community School: Instead of the usual Holiday Play **[Ouch!, ed.]** there will be games and Bingo and the auction...stay tuned. New business: **Clay Steele** presented the issue of light pollution, noting our dark sky is a natural resource. The motion "BCAS formally request ACRD investigate the limitation of light pollution as a possible by-law," passed. **Greg Willmon** addressed concerns over Cougar Pass and parts of the boardwalk not being accessible to folks with mobility issues and carriages. The BCSA November calendar was attached. *Abstracted from SMW minutes.*