

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

*There is no place like home...between Bamfield power outages*

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**Bamfield's west side frosted** in by sub-zero temperatures. Image captured by **Marc Philips** from Bamfield Historical Society Cam recorder mounted at the Marine Station ([www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for web scan access).

**January Affairs enjoyed by 26 zoomer** lasted 50 minutes. **Bob Beckett** (ACRD Director) noted a January 28 meeting regarding sewer hook up; that he had thanked BC Hydro for excessive repair service. And he thanked **Rose Janelle** for helping with fund raising for Ukraine funds. **Sean Rogers** (Director BMSC): a third web cam will be installed, maybe, on the Huu-ay-aht wharf (access available [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca)). A consultant has reviewed the station re new housing potential. **Sheryl Mass** (Chair, Bamfield Parks): apologized for the east side public toilet shut down due to extreme cold temperatures. Parks is seeking a new manager. **PJ Hastey** (Chair Bamfield Community Hall). New Hall plans are complete and will be submitted for building permit after directors review. A team of 30 of Timber Framers Guild will work 10-14 days framing the new Hall. Volunteers will be welcome to learn timber frame construction. **Tom Jensen** (Harbour Authority, Chair) noted most local moorage has been met for the summer, leaving little for visitors. **Neil Wright** is the new dock manager. **Jaslyn Harbel** (Coordinator, Community School Association) Lots of cool stuff, including Little Buddy meetings, Friday Nights Chill, Wilderness First aid Feb. 12-16, Huu-ay-aht /Bamfield potluck Feb. 18, the launch of a Sexual Assault Response program. Welcome businesses and individual willing to share skills that could be of interest to school kids, to check with Jaslyn. Also, check website for details. **Old business:** Cougar Pass needs bridge crew assessment. Dark Skies (**J. Willock**). The Dark Sky policy does not apply to residences. **New business:** The BMSC woman crew rowing across the Atlantic have 500 miles to go. They are raising funds for science students. Abstracted from **Jan Teversham's** unofficial minutes.



**West side prolonged power outaged** resolved by a Port Alberni barge ferrying two humongous Hydro trucks and power poles to the west side. Also, a helicopter helped clear power lines on Burlo Island. This is called going the extra mile. **Bob Beckett** officially thanked the crews of BC Hydro at an ACRD meeting. Perhaps we could do something more personal. Photo, barged Hydro trucks, *R. Hopkins*

**No breaks here.** Port Alberni Budget Car Rental is sticking with their policy of renting only heavy duty vehicles for Bamfield Main, in spite of improved road conditions.

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

**Bamfield's 37<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas bird count** started on a stormy January 05, 2024 morning. Twenty-four birders observed nearly 1700 birds representing 59 species in the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Hahuuli. The data contributes to the oldest and largest citizen science project in the world. View the worldwide trends here: <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/where-have-all-birds-gone> and if you're interest is piqued, join us next year! Thank you to the Canadian Coast Guard, Bamfield Marine



Science Center, Breakers Marine, Inlet Express Water Taxi, and **Jamie Gilkison** who contributed transportation for the count which would have been impossible without the guidance of **Anne Stewart**. Bird highlights include pied-billed grebes, an American Dipper, 8 Trumpeter Swan, and ZERO geese. Due to the heavy weather with big swells, strong winds, and intense hail, the weather created the most memorable stories. Thank you to the birders who travelled from Victoria to assist in the challenging conditions. The experts from Rocky Point Bird Observatory and UVIC Birders club shared many identification lessons during an evening debrief. *Daniel Zayonc*

**School's Christmas.** On Tuesday December 19th, Bamfield Community School staff hosted a Christmas Extravaganza for students, families, and community members. This event was a departure from the performance based events in the past, and instead focussed on providing an opportunity for community members to interact with our students directly while playing games, completing challenges, and making crafts. A silent auction of student paintings took place throughout the evening which raised almost \$900 for extracurricular activities and classroom supplies. **Santa Claus** visited with gifts for all of the children, supported by his elves at the Bamfield Community Hall Society. Treats and warm beverages were generously provided by the BCSA. Thank you Bamfield and Anacela community members for your continued support of our students! *Julie Bradly*

**Bamfield Health Clinic news.** Presently there are no known cases of Staphylococcus A, Influence and COVID-19 are present but not at high levels. This may reflect the high percentage of our population that is vaccinated. Bamfield Health Centre welcomes 3 new regular part-time nurses to the community. **Karl Delling, Ede Russett and Fraser Macpherson** join **Jane Trussler** as RNs in the clinic, working as pairs on three week rotations. **Sarah Logan** and **Samantha Kranz** hold the anchor in the office.

**Support your community gardens, your food budget, and dig in.**



West Park, **Andrea Butler**



Anacela, **Zelta Clappis, Stefan Ochman**



Eileen Scott Centennial Park, **Rae Hopkins**

**Marine Station Dog (Llama?) Advisories**



**Earlier**



**Now**



**\$\$\$\$ Opportunity.** Bamfield recycle bins full of refundable bottles. One Vancouver Island School uses this resource to support its swim club and purchase additional school supplies. Parents?!

**Victoria's Beach Club**  
**BAMFIELD KELP SALAD:**  
 bull & macro kelp, glass noodle, chili, ginger, lime, cilantro, furikake, kelp aioli, wonton crisp  
*Marc Phillips*



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*R. Hopkins*

**Some Grapppler Rain**

Jan. 27-28	25 mm
Jan. 28-29	86 mm
Jan. 29-30	19 mm
Jan. 30-31	32 mm
<b>Total</b>	<b>162 mm</b>