

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Wildfire Season Is Coming, Keep Anacla & Bamfield Green!

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BVFD received delivery of their new fire truck; a 2023 Ford F550 with 300 gallon tank, 6 hose connectors, top mounted water cannon, and compressed air foam system. It was put into service on the westside to replace the aged 1980 Chevrolet Camper Special. It's quite shiny and new and we're looking forward to becoming proficient with all it has to offer! The old truck is for sale and posted on the ACRD's website: acrd.bc.ca/announcements. *Phil Lavoie*

Who is in charge of our essential Government wharf?



Float before repair

Photo, 13 Jan., by Brian Baird



Westside's \$366,900. Baby!

According to **Roger Démonigny's** interview with the driver, she handled well at 130 km/hr and her trip here is probably longer than the mileage she'll get before being aged out.



Float after repaired by a volunteer.

Photo by Rae Hopkins

Community Potluck Dinners
2024 Schedule
@ 5PM @ HOH
Jan. 14th "New Year"
Feb. 18th "Family Day"
Mar. 10th "Spring"
Apr. (Mar. 31st) "Easter"
(this is not an April Fool joke)
May 12th "Mother's Day"
June 16th "Father's Day"
---July, Aug, Sept--- No Potluck
Oct. 13th "Thanksgiving Day"
Nov. 10th "Remembrance Day"
Dec. 15th "Christmas"

Leap Year February Affairs, attended by 23 folks and lasting 1 hour, 14 minutes, was highlighted by **Teri Fong's** ACRD Financial Plan 2024-2038 (www.bamfielder.ca for full report): Total ACRD 2024 budget = \$11.8 Mil., an increase of 10% over 2023. ACRD is preparing for a local referendum to finance the westside firehall (\$500 K). Some 2024 budget items: Building Inspection \$13 K, 100% increase, Bamfield Emergency \$21 K, 29 % decrease, total Bamfield budget \$794 K, increase of 18%. Regional Director, **Bob Beckett**: EV charging stations are being considered by BMSC, HFN, other. ACRD was unable to get 100% funding for ACRD operation. Bob is chairing a ACRD Transportation Advisory Committee, main focus on emergency routes. He congratulated **Sheryl Mass** on her achievements as chair of Parks Bamfield. **Sheryl Mass**, Chair Bamfield Parks is stepping down; they need a manager, and funding for rebuilding off park information center not forthcoming. Community Hall, **Louis Druehl**, noted groups interested in space, e.g. library or other should contact **JP Hasings**. **Robin Schmitt** Community School is now registering for Kindergarten. School kids are aware of online predators. **Phil Lavoie**, Fire Hall, 1 new recruit for First Responder, 2 firefighters for a total of 23 volunteers. New westside truck coming, old truck for sale. Taring needed for ev-cars. School Association, **Julie Bradley**, BCSA: program guide available at school and Post Office. Abstracted from *JMT* draft minutes.

Missed you at the last HFN/Bamfield Community Potluck because:
1. don't like free turkey/ham dinners, 2. I don't have a sweet tooth, 3. I might miss **Jeopardy?**
Join good company and advance reconciliation.



Photo, Stella Peters

Getting the job done. The float associated with the westside Government wharf had disintegrated to being unsafe. Repairs were made, but by whom? According to a local mariner, a visiting volunteer did the deed. Our Regional Director, **Bob Beckett** kindly explored the source of this repair, along with the status of the wharf. He discovered that a **Glen Hafey**, who had been working on another job saw the float problem and fixed it. Thanks, Glen! The status of the Transport Canada wharf is being actively pursued with four options for transfer from TC: No transfer. Transfer to private concern, to ACRD, to private + ACRD. See www.bamfielder.ca for the complete Beckett notes. *L. Druehl*

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**

BAMFIELD'S CZAR OF ZOOM!



An Ode for James Willock

On the auspicious occasion of his n+1 Birthday

Dear Jamie,

The Bamfield Mayor-in-waiting, albeit reluctant.

The Czar of Zoom,

Surveying his Affairs flock.

As they wrestle with worldly issues

Like culverts, trails, kayak parking, but not stray cats.

As they surreptitiously sip wines, take TV peeks, snooze.

Next follow the reports:

The School very short and the School Association very long,

The Hall full of promise, Stefan with passion.

But the Czar's appetite needs wetting,

Harbour Authority Commissioner, has a nice ring,

But beyond the lens, the man, his passions.

Tall and slender, a forceful stride, an easy smile, firm handshake,

The wooer of or the wooed by the lovely Real Mac-n-Cheese

Clambering over leaky roof, under leaky sink,

Missing helping on the open sea,

Wondering where is the authority in Harbour Authority?

But always there for his Bamfield flock, albeit not reluctantly.

Happy Birthday, Jamie and Many Happy Returns.

Excelsior!

Louis Druehl, Port Desire, 4 February 2024

Photo by Amy McConnell

Potential Mayoralty material, indeed.

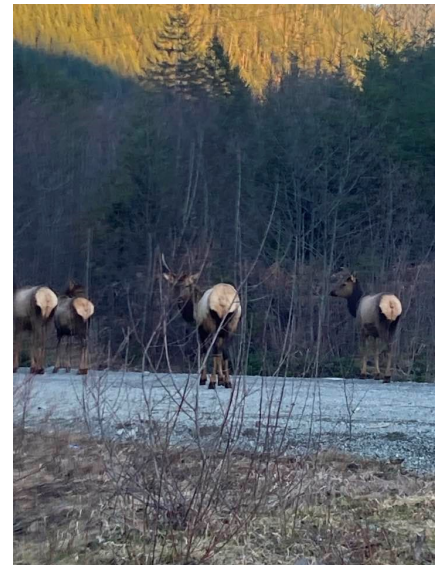
A New Smoke-free Incentive.

A provincial program that provides incentives to people replacing wood stoves with cleaner heating options. The new savings, between the rebate and the discount offered by the participating retailers, equate to a savings ranging from \$600 to \$2,000, depending on what type of heating you are switching to. For people living on First Nation land, these savings are higher, ranging from \$1,200 to \$3,000. For more information, contact **Heather Thomson**, Communications Coordinator 250-206-5162 - hthomson@acrd.bc.ca

FireSmart Home Partners Program.

The Home Partners Program is designed to engage homeowners in voluntary wildfire mitigation activities by offering a free professional home assessment with property-specific recommendations. The assessment process evaluates the exterior of the home and property for wildfire exposure, identifying mitigation actions unique to the property. Upon completion of recommended mitigation actions and a successful follow-up site review, the property owner can receive a FireSmart Certificate. This certificate may be shared with participating insurance providers and could be eligible for incentives or discounts. If you are interested in scheduling a free assessment can visit: FireSmart Home Partners Property Assessment Application (firesmart@acrd.bc.ca or 250-720-2700)

Support The New Bamfielder youths activities program, giving more depth to their WCVI lives. .



Another Bamfield Main road attraction. Photo from Clifford Nookemus, Facebook.



News Bits from the Marine Station.

After 25 years of excel spreadsheets the BMSC is moving to a state-of-the-art property management system. It will allow for proper resource management. #The once old and falling down Pearl Lab (dedicated to research on blister-pearls by abalone) that hangs off the front of the property is being renovated to welcome another set of researchers. # No dog policy is well received. # Four new Copes replacing the 30-year old ones. # New under ground drainage underway to replace a 50-year old infrastructure. *JM Ledet*, BMSC, Educational Services

Zelta Clappis' melon. Get a plot at your community garden

