



## Get Involved !

Work on the Bamfield Official Community Plan update continues, by expanding on input and comments gathered at the World Café event held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at the Rix Centre as well as feedback received from the two newsletters sent out in October and December last year.

As noted in the December newsletter, there are some exciting events planned for the early part of 2012:

- **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012** You are invited to attend a mapping event at **11:00 am** at the Bamfield Community School.
- Members of the community will walk the town with students from Vancouver Island University to create a community map. This will be followed by an in-depth discussion at **1:00 pm** on the current Official Community Plan, gaps in knowledge for the new Plan, and the vision for Bamfield in 2020 (*see reverse for details*).
- **Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012** The first draft of the goals, policies will be available for community review and discussion at a community meeting.
- There will also be updates through the mail, by email, and on the ACRD website.

You are encouraged to share your ideas at anytime during the planning process by phone, email, or mail – let us know your thoughts regarding the future of your community!

Information on the Bamfield Official Community Plan is available on the ACRD website ([www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca) - look under Bamfield Official Community Plan Review) or contact Alex at the ACRD office by phone or email (below).

You can also contact your Area Director, Eric Geall at [regionaldirector@mybamfield.ca](mailto:regionaldirector@mybamfield.ca).



## What is an OCP?

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is legislated under the *Local Government Act*.

It is **official** as it will be adopted as a Bylaw by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. The **community** drives the plan and the plan must reflect the community's values. It is a **plan** in that it sets out objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management.

Decision-makers and citizens refer to the Plan in order to guide land use and development, protect coastal areas, respond to climate change, establish transportation objectives, identify infrastructure servicing requirements, and set priorities for action.

The OCP is developed by and is for the Bamfield Community, and will provide specific recommendations to plan for the future of Bamfield.

Join members of your community, staff from the ACRD, and students and staff from Vancouver Island University in drafting a new plan for the Community of Bamfield.

# Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2012

## Community Mapping Exercise

**Community mapping** is a new (and old) way of looking at the world. Citizens of a community build a map by identifying the features and attractions that are important to a community. A community map is a valuable tool when generating discussion, writing policies and drafting bylaws.

Often, government agencies are responsible for generating maps for a community, and community members have little involvement in determining the content or elements featured on the map. This is an opportunity to ensure that the Bamfield community map (and the Official Community Plan) represents the unique characteristics of Bamfield.

What might the community map contain?

- Viewpoints of interest
- Historical sites
- Great fishing sites
- Informal pathways and trails
- Things that should be valued or treasured
- The future. Your map could show “wouldn’t it be great if...”

You are invited to join students from Vancouver Island University on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> to make this map! We will begin at 11:00 am at the Bamfield Community School and will be spending about 1.5 hours in the community building our map.

We will return to the Bamfield Community School for a light lunch, where students and staff from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District will host a **Community Discussion** from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on the contents of the current Official Community Plan, gaps in knowledge for the new Plan, and asking you what your vision for Bamfield in the future looks like.

To be a part of this exercise, please call or email Alex at the ACRD office at 250.720.2700 or [adyer@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:adyer@acrd.bc.ca).

