

## Recreation, Parks and Trails

### ***Issue: Trail Maintenance***

1. Don't see anyone from Parks Canada
2. Private maintenance/unions
3. No one from Parks Canada knows what is happening in area
4. Communication is broken
5. No one in Chamber of Commerce uses the trails

### ***Action Items***

6. Hire a parks coordinator to work in the community and with Parks Canada
7. New trails in the community
8. More communication with federal government
9. Consult with the community members that actually hike the trails
10. Have someone who represents the outdoors/trails/rec on the Chamber of Commerce

### ***Issue: Community Forest***

11. Don't want to see it logged
12. Don't want to see the land given away

### ***Action Items***

13. Zone community forest as park land
14. Change it to a community park

### ***Issue: West Coast Trail***

15. Ends right before Bamfield
16. We don't benefit from this tourist opportunity
17. Bus can pick them up at Pachena Bay

### ***Action Items***

18. Trails to continue into Bamfield
19. Connect the trail to increase tourism
20. Reactivate the trail; build a bridge
21. Information Centre in Bamfield and not Pachena Bay

### ***Issue: Maintaining rec centre***

22. Not well maintained

### ***Action Items***

23. Look at grants, incentives, partnerships to go and do activities in other towns
24. Make it more affordable

### ***General***

25. Parks are generally doing a good job
26. Trail to Brody's Beach – need a boardwalk through the swamp
27. Trail improvement/maintenance
28. Trail connecting Pachena Bay to Bamfield
29. More medium length hikes
30. How are more trails being paid for?

31. More parking is needed close to trails
32. Cape Beale Trail is poorly maintained
33. Need trail maps/educational maps
34. Hire locals to maintain trails
35. Put pressure on the federal government to maintain trails
36. Extend the West Coast Trail to Bamfield- bring in more hikers to use non-maintained trails
37. Need proper signage on trails
38. Need to go to Port Alberni to swim
39. Have some sort of a public pool
40. Fitness centre/rec centre
41. Using the school for organizing activities – difficult to find enough people for activities
42. No playground on west side right now
43. Upgrade Centennial Park
44. Outdoor workout equipment
45. Roads in Bamfield lead nowhere
46. Lack of bike trails
47. No follow through from 2000 OCP
48. There has been a negative impact on tourism
49. Move from eco-extraction to tourism
50. Family oriented – needs to be protected
51. How well do we all co-exist in this naturally beautiful place/
52. West Coast Trail- movement, infrastructure likely not feasible
53. Connecting Westminster Avenue and others give access to the beach
54. Wonderful showcase of local forests
55. Better marking of trails
56. Lack of basis for families to move here
57. School provides fitness needs
58. Community hall placement
59. Outdoor fitness equipment
60. Have associated services for West Coast Trail in Bamfield
61. Lack of marketing
62. Lack of higher end locations for tourists
63. Work jointly with local First Nations (split the costs)

## **Economic Development and Tourism**

### ***General***

64. Define who Bamfield is – what opportunities are there?
65. Provide amenities to promote use of parks and trails – like campgrounds
66. Work in tandem with HFN
67. Amenities that reflect the needs of tourists – restaurants
68. Later hours for pubs and restaurants
69. Lack of an art gallery/facility. No one to run an art gallery
70. Would like to include HFN in planning process
71. Costs associated with renting a facility for the art gallery was too great
72. West side park- could have a community building accessible by boat
73. Farmer's Market (make sustainable/stable location)
74. Cafe, bistro
75. Need a place to eat – places are closed or not open too often
76. Community has apathy – stuck in one place
77. Need a restaurant that is open year round
78. No franchises

79. Ma and Pa place – open year round to meet, eat – be open Thursday and Friday nights
80. People meet and gather at the General Store because there is no other location
81. Bamfield is in a great location
82. Interested in attracting tourism
83. Interested in building for residents
84. Commercial property – getting here, staying, eating is difficult
85. Type of accommodation – lacks high end “star” resort- this is a complaint that visitors make
86. Pachena may be a good location for a place like Black Rock or the Wickaninnish
87. Business idea scares people off, may need government investment to assist so investor risk is less
88. Lady Rose – delay boat for a few hours (leave at 11 instead of 8 am) to increase visitor numbers (but it is not an everyday journey)
89. Vision - more like Ukee than Tofino
90. Do not want: casino, high rises, franchises, non-functional spaces
91. School is underused
92. Community hall – people think they need to build this ASAP – but maybe we don’t need a community hall right now
93. Lost main wharf
94. No place for boats to dock on the west side
95. Trying to add moorage space
96. What is reasonable growth?
97. Focus is on advertising fishing – instead advertise for more of a destination spot. Not just fishing.
98. Advertise kayaking, hiking, trips to islands, diving
99. Advertise Bamfield as the destination
100. Economy more diversified – not just fishing
101. International destination
102. Scuba diving should be advertised more
103. Perhaps small cultural centre – want to see/be informed about First Nation history etc
104. Expand campground in Centennial Park
105. Parkland on S. Bamfield Road- develop for family use/kayak access. Unsure who owns this
106. More family oriented attractions
107. Sport fisherman presence not entirely a wholesome atmosphere
108. Zoning cut off the West Coast Trail
109. Technology based
110. Disappearing arts community- this is an art destination. No managing body for arts
111. Reiteration of need for constantly open amenities- accommodations that offer meals, have a restaurant
112. First Nations are developing economically – want to see more interaction so Bamfield can develop in the same way
113. Have a national historic site at Bamfield and provide accommodation
114. Derelict properties should be considered for redevelopment potential

## **Wild Card**

### **General**

115. New community hall
116. Casino, milling
117. Employment
118. Community relies on bringing people in
119. Shorter tourism season affecting jobs
120. Bamfield needs draw from outer communities
121. Business out: heavy industry
122. Issue of resource exploitation in Bamfield with money and investment going to Port Alberni
123. Cashing in on the beauty of Bamfield

124. Many artisans in Bamfield without the market to sell it
125. New community hall
126. Art shows, museums, galleries
127. In need of a constant year round draw
128. Successful communities – Ucluelet, Tofino – look at them
129. Paving the road
130. Extension of boardwalk in front of the store with overhang – make it a local hangout
131. Market along boardwalk or pier
132. Restaurants, culinary
133. Paving of road is key
134. RCMP
135. What we want – outline the process in the next newsletter
136. Pizza meeting – “Is this what you want?”
137. ACRD is the enemy – this is how Bamfield feels
138. Paved road – road crosses First Nation lands
139. Grim future for the town
140. Walking/bike trail joining East and West Side and HFN
141. Quality hike- extend the West Coast Trail (~3 km and 20 acres to cross)
142. Unite east, west, and HFN so all the communities are working together
143. Economics: land price was inflated and is now coming down
144. Change commercial fishing to sport fishing
145. The way to make money is to stop logging and fishing
146. Float homes
147. Parents not planning on staying – no facilities, no other kids to socialize with, no day care, not enough kids
148. Attract and maintain families
149. Indoor swimming pool! Beside fire hall and community hall
150. Community Hall – too many cooks in the kitchen
151. Downtown core – new fire hall, pool, easy to add on to, East Bamfield!
152. Kids programs currently are not for 0-5 year age group
153. More kids – baby boom
154. Not enough families
155. Hard to buy/rent
156. No cabin zoning
157. Nowhere to stay for international researchers- get bounced around
158. West Coast trail connection

## **Mix of Land Uses**

### ***General***

159. Reflect the changes drawn on the map
160. New development near Anacla – what does that mean for the community?
161. Parks Canada – what will become of reclaimed lands?
162. Dialogue between neighbours
163. Need to redefine the map – get GIS intern
164. The park at the south end and lands at south end (bottom corner of inlet) redesignate as mixed use commercial for lodges
165. Same with Port Desire
166. Airport – institutionally zoned and should be commercial
167. Use of land and water for water reservoirs for the west side (maybe public lands?)
168. Recognize zoning, authenticate the maps and maintain the changes
169. Changes to building bylaws- size of houses. Want smaller houses, not city sized buildings

- 170. Lodging for seasonal workers?
- 171. Low density is being used as mixed use
- 172. 2 units sold that were previously owned by the province – sold to whom?
- 173. West side- trails aren't on road allowance, Winston and Westminster do not have trails
- 174. Location of possible connection to West Coast Trail- upgrade the current trail that connects to the West Coast Trail
- 175. Brady's Beach – above the beach is currently private, pockets of residential development
- 176. Community forest should be park if it ever stops being a community forest
- 177. Medium density – allow duplexes, more affordable, smaller buildings, secondary suites, more options
- 178. Not paying residential taxes in certain zones – institutional, rural resource, United Church property
- 179. Mix use – major rezoning needed
- 180. Change zoning to accommodate medium to low densities
- 181. No enforcement? People enforce themselves
- 182. It will cost \$30K for tertiary treatment
- 183. Gas station is not accessible
- 184. Broken – fix it
- 185. 1972 – Last time zoning was revised. Should be revised in 1-2 years. Mixed zoning for more than one thing on property, although this is limited by septic
- 186. Need public access to beaches

## **Transportation and Infrastructure/Utilities**

### ***General***

- 187. Widen roads sufficiently for safety
- 188. Accommodate traffic which includes a walk/bike path and a bike trail
- 189. Tourism idea: underwater Plexiglas tunnel station and island
- 190. Water infrastructure/sewer/power – need to update and upgrade
- 191. West side needs a water holding tank/tower
- 192. Develop an aquatic centre and/or recreation centre
- 193. Not so much for paving, but better maintained road and widened road
- 194. Better highway signage
- 195. Docks – need more docks added, extended, maintained
- 196. Barge ramp needed on West Side
- 197. Liquid Waste Management Policy – increase in water bill
- 198. Sewer and septic are not growing
- 199. Separate grey water and black water
- 200. Was in last OCP but nothing has been done
- 201. Grey water can be used for watering
- 202. Signs for waste is an issue on docks
- 203. Is watershed protected?
- 204. Raw sewage is going in the ocean
- 205. HFN wants sewer line to go to the Marine Station
- 206. Road to Bamfield – some of it is private and it cannot be paved
- 207. Need a user toll for the road
- 208. Logging trucks can't run on paved roads
- 209. Without paving, tourists won't come
- 210. Parking: people on West Side are parking a car on the East Side
- 211. Parking is a concern and will start backing up
- 212. Need to improve road infrastructure
- 213. Water system upgrades and updating
- 214. Need fiber optic lines
- 215. Safety of roads for pedestrians

216. Water line maintenance and condition
217. Underwater path connecting east and west sides
218. Roads need improvement
219. Paving would be nice – divided opinions on this
220. Without a way to get here, no tourists will come
221. Port Alberni boat to Bamfield could leave at 11 am in summer instead of 8 am- encourages tourism
222. Round trip is costly and inconvenient
223. Road should be well maintained but not paved
224. Pavement might not be reasonable
225. Pavement is incongruent with west coast feel that people come here for
226. Road used to be well maintained
227. More money to maintain it now
228. Maintenance is needed when logging is not on
229. Tahsis and Zebellos – have good roads
230. Bamfield's road was downgraded to a wilderness road, which impacts how the road is maintained
231. Ferry service to Ucluelet/Bamfield didn't work before for people from Bamfield
232. Water – leaks, maintenance for the system is needed, more financial help in doing so
233. Ferry service expensive, not tuned for Bamfibians
234. Less cruise style ferries, need ones focused on transport
235. Fiber optic cable would be great
236. Flights may be interesting but might not be cost effective
237. Internet – faster internet would help people live and work in Bamfield
238. Sewer system is cost prohibitive
239. Community roads
240. Roads on the west side should be surveyed – last survey 1901?
241. Roads on properties
242. Vehicle roads should be maintained
243. Stupid brush cutters cut down berries
244. Timing – do not cut in berry season
245. Ministry of Transport didn't know there were roads in West Bamfield
246. More assistance needed for road building
247. Hoping the Coast Guard will improve them
248. Not interested in two lane roads, but 1.5 lanes would be nice – enough room to pull over

## **Waterfront**

### ***General***

249. Septic and sewage systems – limit economic activity
250. Lot size cannot accommodate
251. Derelict properties and aesthetics
252. Diversity on waterfront – coffee shops, restaurants
253. Welcoming centre, storm watch
254. Accommodate tourism- need something to promote
255. Septic systems – limits waterfront development
256. General aesthetic concerns
257. Bamfield has all necessary amenities but needs upkeep to improve aesthetic quality
258. No rhyme or reason for planning
259. No permits for docks – creates unorganized waterfront
260. Follow a certain theme in waterfront properties – similar to Whistler, more structure
261. More appealing visually. Develop as a tourist destination while still keeping Bamfield character
262. More of a recreational environment. Open to commercial development but appropriate to the character of Bamfield

- 263. Increasing the economy
- 264. General aesthetics – consistency
- 265. Increasing tourist destination- recreation
- 266. Coast guard building
- 267. Make people think that property is worth more than it is – boat fixings
- 268. Roads lead to nowhere on the west end

## **Environment**

### ***General***

- 269. Sewage in water, need for more testing
- 270. Signs of negative effluence
- 271. Unable to swim, poor environment, aesthetics – not welcoming
- 272. Signs justified?
- 273. Sewage treatment plant – move toward tertiary treatment
- 274. Septic systems cannot handle scale
- 275. Composting toilet laws
- 276. No connection to VIHA
- 277. What is reasonable, economic?
- 278. Drinking water need further investigation
- 279. Available ground water
- 280. Salmon fishing, commercial sport fishing
- 281. Need more monitoring of water
- 282. Lack of funding for local university
- 283. Nonexistent environment section so far
- 284. Shoreline/backshore development
- 285. Fish habitat
- 286. Ramona has written and submitted a new environment plan
- 287. Environment defines Bamfield
- 288. Preserving old growth including patches in town
- 289. More trails, especially circle routes and boardwalks
- 290. Emphasizing bog
- 291. Unpermitted docks – registration system is a pain
- 292. Building docks better – green docks, dock sharing
- 293. Eelgrass protection- is mapped, needs enforcement
- 294. Bear/cougar awareness
- 295. Wildlife interaction awareness
- 296. Tourists need education
- 297. Pub dumpster – please bear proof
- 298. Beach access in west Bamfield
- 299. Camping areas would help for people trying to camp on the beach
- 300. Camping suggestion – south Bamfield Road on Parks Canada lands, west park above Coast Guard
- 301. Preserve the integrity here
- 302. Strong bylaws for tourists to know
- 303. Like the heritage feel of the old OCP- small, unique, village feel
- 304. Ramona has heaps of knowledge
- 305. Need dock
- 306. Not good with taking care of the ocean- there are boats and propane and garbage. People have to be more aware and don't just let them stand there
- 307. Education and enforcement to clean up their stuff. Abandonment. Garbage dumping
- 308. A letter or something to the district government to have enforcement in order to get something done
- 309. Sewage- keep out of the inlet

- 310. Unclear what is going on with sewage, upgrading of system
- 311. University and First Nations and Bamfield have to pay together
- 312. University should come up with a solution to sewage
- 313. They are dumping crap in the water
- 314. Many good systems – there is a solution
- 315. Don't know how much damage there is, but it is going in the ocean and damaging the environment
- 316. Burning on the beach
- 317. A waterfront park would be nice- there is a place to build this!
- 318. Some houses that discharge directly, but not a lot any more
- 319. Road is fine – that is the reason we live here
- 320. No big development.

**Comment sheets:**

- 321. What does Bamfield look like 10 years from now? Developed recreational community
- 322. It would be great for Bamfield if \_\_\_\_ happened. A highway
- 323. What is missing? Trails, fresh and salt water recreation facilities, casino?, campgrounds
- 324. What is the greatest thing about Bamfield? Peace and natural beauty, like-minded people
- 325. Any comments on adding new text on sustainability to the OCP? Empowerment, autonomy.
- 326. What mechanism is available to Bamfield (Electoral Area A) to introduce or compel the ACRD to act on our OCP concerns?
- 327. More families
- 328. More trails advertised
- 329. Eco-tourism needs a push
- 330. Smaller houses to incorporate environmental needs and desires including composting toilets for zoning to OK. Reflect the needs of families and affordable housing
- 331. If the road was paved and logging stopped!
- 332. Camping on the west side
- 333. Greatest thing is living with a small footprint- west side living keeps driving to a minimum
- 334. Greatest thing is raising a family here
- 335. Is enjoyable to live in a “university town”
- 336. Change building code to allow for small houses (minimum house size reduced to 200 sq ft – yes, 200 sq ft!)
- 337. Bylaws to address derelict businesses and buildings
- 338. Expand the light industrial area behind old hydro site.