



Update on the World Cafe

The first meeting on the new Bamfield Official Community Plan (OCP) was held on November 3, 2011 at the Rix Centre. Attended by more than 30 interested individuals as well as students from Vancouver Island University and staff from the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Planning Department, the meeting was a productive start to the planning project.

The purpose of this meeting was to identify issues and begin discussions on actions that could be detailed in the OCP. Issues raised at the meeting include:

- Work with Huu ay aht First Nation on shared goals
- Improve trails and extend the West Coast Trail into the community
- Build a Community Centre
- Develop year-round amenities such as restaurants
- Increase environmental awareness
- Housing – affordability, size, availability
- Deal with water and sewage issues

- The road – mixed responses on paving, but general support for improving the road
- Become a centre for more than fishing – getting the word out about Bamfield
- Be better bear aware
- Aesthetics and use of the waterfront
- Widen certain roadways in town
- Create a centre – a “downtown”
- Parking on the west side needs to be examined
- Public access to the waterfront
- Full season employment
- Create a farmer’s market or artisan’s market
- Attract families and people who will stay in Bamfield
- Diversify economic activities
- Move beyond words to actions
- Recognition of the values of Bamfield.

The full summary from the meeting is available on the ACRD website (acrd.bc.ca) or one can be sent to you by email or mail – contact Alex at the ACRD office.



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.

You are Invited...

There are several ways to participate in your Official Community Plan Review...activities over the next few months include:

- **January 2012** (date TBA) You are invited to a mapping event in the afternoon (members of the community will walk the town with students from Vancouver Island University to create a community map) and a pizza dinner and discussion in the evening.
- **February 2012** (date TBA) Community Meeting on determining direction and setting out actions.
- **March 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 anytime through the plan process by phone, email, or mail – let us know what you are thinking about your community!

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Please contact the ACRD Planning Department (Mike or Alex) to offer any comments or ideas on issues that should be addressed in the new Bamfield Official Community Plan. Phone 250.720.2700 or email adyer@acrd.bc.ca.

Students and staff from Vancouver Island University working with the Community of Bamfield on this OCP:
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The image above is from Wordle.net – we used the transcript from the World Café, and Wordle shows the words with number of times used relating to size- note that community, trails, people, and Bamfield are some of the words that stand out in the Wordle!