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Resucitated three times STUART MCKIRDY LIVES

By ANDRU MCCRACKEN

Against the odds, Stuart McKirdy is alive.

McKirdy was found in an alley behind Cranberry Place, his body black and blue and his face unrecognizable on July 10th. Police attended the scene and an investigation is underway.

McKirdy has no memory of what

happened to him.

"I don't have a clue. I woke up dead," he said.

McKirdy said he was resuscitated three times, a claim backed up by officials.

"I guess I died three times," he said.

McKirdy believes he was intentionally beaten and left for dead, but has no memory of a

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fight or altercation.

What we know for sure is that McKirdy was in a terrible accident in the weeks before.

He was passing another vehicle around a corner and he flipped his van upside down in the middle of the road. He did not go to the hospital after the incident. He said he's walked away from worse.

Days later he was found in an alley in Cranberry Place by his brother and a neighbour and shipped to the hospital.

"It was about a week, week and a half before I even realized I was in a hospital," he said.

He has had a number of skin grafts done and has been on dialysis for kidney failure.

He said it will be some time before he can come home.

"It will be another 2 weeks. I can lift my left leg, but I can't sit up," he said.

McKirdy is a year away from retiring.

When asked what has kept him alive, he was quick to answer:

"I've got five grandchildren. Thank god for my mom and my brothers and sisters," he said.

"I'm alive and kicking, and I'll be back."

Stuart McKirdy is conscious, online and reaching out to his friends in Valemount after a life and death ordeal.
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Back-to-school: the new health and safety protocols

By FRAN YANOR / LEGISLATIVE REPORTER

Students will have new health and safety protocols to embrace when they return to school in September, but Robson Valley high school students will face less change than their peers elsewhere in the district, said Prince George School District Superintendent Anita Richardson.

Most other high schools in SD57 will shift from two semesters a year to four, with only two classes per semester, but McBride and Valemount high schools will keep the two-semester structure.

“The two high schools will have a regular semester timetable,” said Richardson following the release of the SD57 guidelines last week. “It’ll look like a regular school year.”

Learning Groups (Cohorts)

Under the Ministry of Education back to school plan, students and teachers will belong to learning groups and primarily interact with each other for the semester or year. Learning groups limit interactions to the same people every day, allow students greater freedom with those in their group, and give public health fewer close contacts to trace should someone in the group test positive for COVID-19.

Elementary school learning groups will be limited to a maximum of 60 people. Students in the same class will belong to the same cohort, and may spend lunch and recess with another class within the same learning group. High school learning groups will have a maximum of 120 people. At McBride and Valemount secondary schools where the total enrolment is less than 120, the whole school will make up a single cohort.

Within a learning group, social distancing won’t be required, although physical contact will be minimized. Hand-washing hygiene, high-touch surface disinfection, and contact tracing will be maintained.

“That’s our best line of defense in the really young children,” said Dr. Rakel Kling, medical health officer with Northern Health during a Prince George District Parent Advisory Council webinar. “But we’re definitely advising that the older kids, especially the teenage level... to still maintain that six feet of distance.”

Masks

Little kids are less able to distance than adults and teenagers, and they’re less likely to wear masks appropriately. Under the new school protocols, elementary school students won’t be expected to do either within their learning groups.

There’s nothing wrong with wearing masks, but they are usually the last line of defense in terms of preventing the spread of COVID, said Dr. Rakel Kling, medical health officer with Northern Health.

Masks will be required for middle school and high school students in situations where it’s not possible to maintain physical distance, such as on buses, and in hallways. Elementary students will not be required to wear a mask.

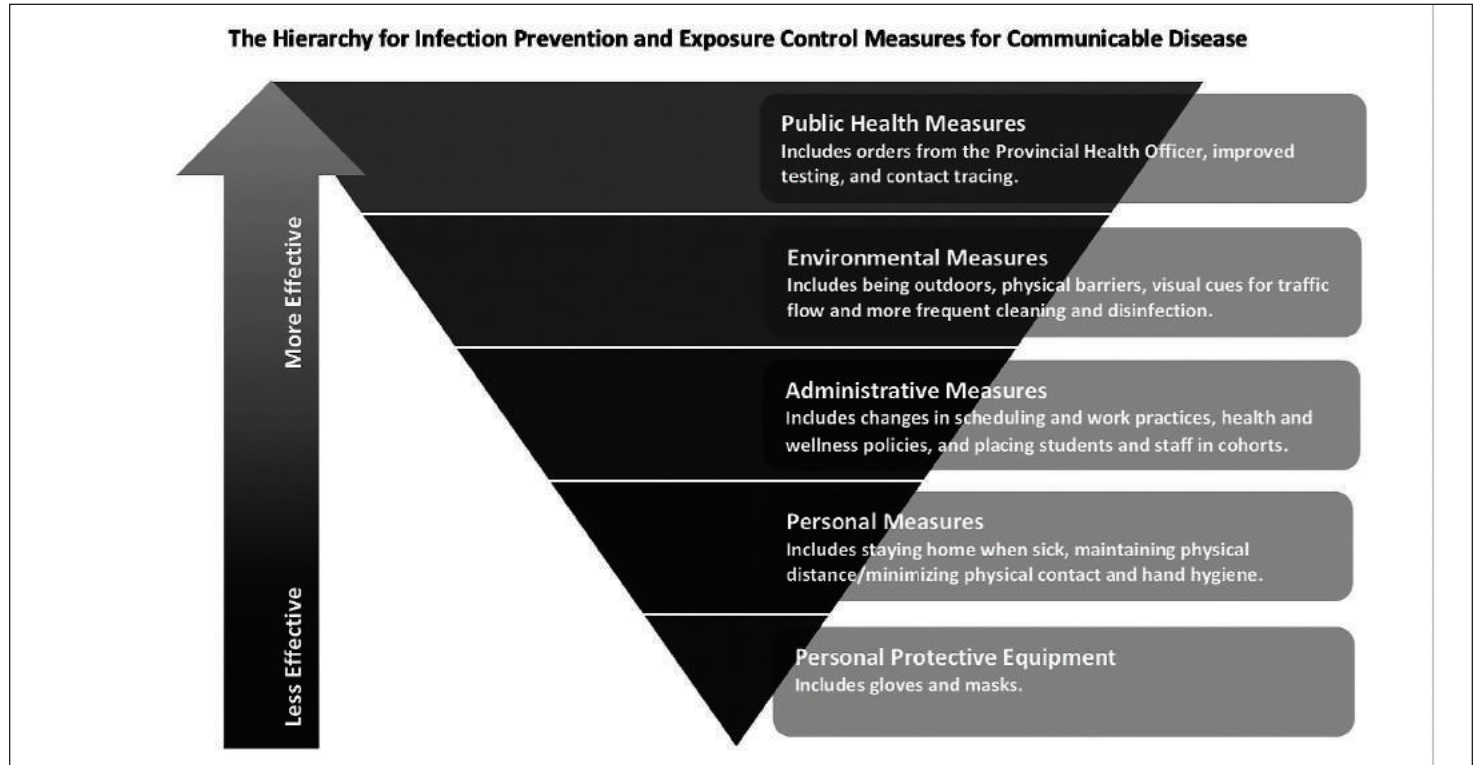
“It’s ultimately a choice if students want to wear masks more than those minimum requirements,” said Kling.

Hand hygiene

Hand washing or hand sanitizing stations will be available at school entrances, in hallways and classrooms. Additional stations will be added throughout schools as needed.

Sharing school supplies

No more group party food treats or



Implementing a combination of measures at each level will reduce the risk of COVID-19, according to COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings. Graphic courtesy of BCCDC

swapping snacks with each other at lunch hour. Students can share school supplies that can be sanitized, and textbooks should be fine for sharing, said Kling. “There’s absolutely no evidence that COVID is spread via paper books.”

Symptoms

Families should go through a daily health assessment to check for flu or COVID-19 symptoms with their children prior to attending school each day. If a student is symptomatic, they should isolate and not go to school.

If symptoms are unclear, parents can contact the school nurse or call the public health COVID information line for advice.

If a student begins showing symptoms of COVID at school, the protocol will be to remove her or him from the school or classroom setting, and call home to have the student picked up.

“Ultimately, we recommend, whether the child has COVID or not, they should be at home when they’re sick,” said Kling.

Testing

All students and educators who develop symptoms should consider getting tested. Knowing if someone has tested positive helps prevent the virus spread, particularly in schools. That said, testing is not mandatory; it’s a choice.

For those who test positive and are well enough to recuperate at home, quarantine usually lasts 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Most can return to work or school even if minor symptoms persist past the 10 days.

Public health officials will monitor each case and decide when an individual can come out of isolation.

Home schooling or remote learning

Parents with concerns about returning their children to in-class learning should contact their school administrators directly.

Keeping perspective

“We need to be prepared to expect this in our schools,” said Kling.


Every fall and winter, public health officials implement protocols to reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses and communicable diseases – measles, pertussis, gastrointestinal diseases, chicken pox, influenza, and now, COVID.

“It’s at the point in BC and Canada now where we can’t keep every person

COVID-free,” said Kling. “I think it’s important that we normalize that.”

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Editorial



ANDRU MCCrackEN, EDITOR

I’ve pretty much given up on social media as a sort of vehicle that, by its very existence would somehow help humanity. As it turns out, it’s mostly just a massive timesuck eating away at what is real, and devouring what’s most precious: time. Social media is an endless well of half-truths and flat out lies we like to tell ourselves, a dangerous way to organize ourselves into bubbles, classes, marketing segments. Our

profiles there are a projection of the life we really wish we were living. In reality we are glued to our devices losing much of our connection to reality. If the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche was made to suffer through this age, he would have probably ranked social media lower than religion... and he didn’t like religion very much.

But recently, with the help of a friend I stumbled across one teensy little light on the internet: the BC Whiskey Wizards. There I found grown men sharing their fear, anguish, rage and helplessness.

If there is one thing that is notably missing in the boundaryless age of social media it is actual sharing.

The BC Whiskey Wizards’ feed on Facebook puts a new twist on something as old as time.

Here, men post the things that have got them down, what’s got them worried, what they are struggling with, what they’ve done about it, and sometimes how their actions have failed.

Sometimes they are just venting, wanting to be heard. Sometimes they are asking for advice. Sometimes they are just grieving a loss or a partner or a friendship.

What unites all of these things in the weird little world of wizards is this: None of these things are supposed to be talked about.

Most of us guys are counselled hard from an early age never to talk about what’s weighing on them, our fears, or our weaknesses.

But, maybe in the same way we can type such awful comments on the most mundane things without considering other people’s feelings, social media allows some guys to type out what is actually on their minds and hearts without a filter.

It’s not that this is the first time someone has ever attempted to provide solace to guys or to get them to talk. There are lots of programs (in bigger places) to help guys work out their feelings and understand themselves, but what Tommy Gunn-Smith and his friend Ron Tuck have going on in spades is that they’re just two dudes that like whiskey.

Tommy demolishes stuff and ties rebar for a living. He’s not a white collar program manager with a fist full of degrees in psychology. He’s a blue collar dad and step dad trying to keep the peace at home, trying his best not to fight with his wife. And as he’s setting up an anonymous whiskey gift service for people down on their luck and going crazy with COVID-19, he happens to notice other men in his position.

He and his friend accidentally built something really big. As big as a hot tub time machine.

Every once in a while, the internet spits out another gamechanger. Wikipedia was one in my books (hey it’s not perfect, but it’s pretty damn good). This is another.

The fact that the program got started by guys who thought it would be cool to have a bottle of whiskey and a couple joints show up on their doorstep once in a while is a big reason the project has merit.

Getting answers

Like anything, your mileage will vary. There is an awful lot of, emmm, un-professional advice. The answers on ‘how do I get to sleep’ range from ‘read a book’ to ‘get stoned and drunk before bed.’

One dad of a four year old asked how if the “F” could he get his four year old to sleep and I was in the middle of typing an answer (I also have a four year old at home) and I suddenly realized, I don’t have a bleeping clue.

Mansplaining here comes with the territory. But even though all the answers aren’t genius, the fact that men of my generation are getting the opportunity to say what it is that is grinding on them? That’s new.

If Nietzsche were alive for this one, I’m thinking he’d be getting a lot of relationship advice and even better I’ll bet some dudes would drop off a basket of whiskey and weed.

Whiskey and weed really won’t solve anything, mostly they just complicate issues that are complicated enough, but having a chance to talk about the issues that are weighing you down with people that will listen, that’s really good. And even in this connected age, it’s hard to find.

Nietzsche and his wizards

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Trudeau says he was ‘not in a position of conflict of interest’— In fact, he was

By: ARTHUR SCHAFER

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Our Prime Minister denies a conflict-of-interest situation in the award of a multimillion dollar untendered contract to WE Charity. His Minister of Finance, Bill Morneau, offers a similar denial. Both concede, however, that they ought to have recused themselves from the decision-making process because, as they now acknowledge, there was the appearance of a conflict.

So, Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Morneau admit that things look bad; but both claim that this is mere appearance. Notwithstanding that Mr. Trudeau’s family were paid hundreds of thousands of dollars by WE, and notwithstanding that Mr. Morneau’s daughter is employed by WE and his family were treated to expensive overseas travel, both the Prime Minister and his Minister of Finance insist that there was no real conflict of interest.

That they deny what is patently obvious to most Canadians indicates that neither understands what it is to be in a conflict of interest.

Time to go back to basics.
What does it mean to be in a real, as opposed to a merely perceived, conflict of interest?
Imagine this scene in an Ottawa courtroom. Arthur,

the plaintiff in a lawsuit, claims millions of dollars in damages from the defendants, Justin and Bill. As the trial opens it emerges that the presiding judge, Madam Justice Portia, has recently enjoyed a luxurious family vacation in Africa, paid for by Arthur. Moreover, Portia’s daughter is employed by Arthur, while Portia’s mother and brother have received hundreds of thousands of dollars for giving inspirational talks to Arthur’s clients.

The lawyer representing Justin and Bill rises to his feet demanding that, in light of her past financial relationships with Arthur, Portia must recuse herself. Madam Justice Portia indignantly rejects the demand to step aside, insisting that her judgment will be influenced neither by her personal ties to the plaintiff nor by the financial benefits she and her family have received. “I am an independently wealthy woman,” she insists. “I can’t be bought for a few hundred thousand dollars. I am, moreover, a person of great integrity whose judgment will not in any way be influenced by my relationship to the plaintiff.”

Neither Justin, nor Bill, nor any other reasonable person is going to be satisfied with this reassurance. Even if they accept Portia’s declaration that she is a person of integrity, they are going to worry that when she weighs the evidence her judgment will be biased by the benefits she and her family have received from Arthur – if not consciously, then perhaps subconsciously. She’s a wealthy person but she cannot help but be grateful to Arthur. Portia may well feel a need to reciprocate for the favours he’s done for her. Reciprocity is a deep human need we all experience

(psychopaths excepted).
Some important lessons can be learned from the above scenario. First, potential conflicts of interest arise when an official is required to exercise discretion and is obligated to do so without bias. Public officials, whether judges or cabinet ministers, are ethically required to be “disinterested” with respect to the decisions they make. That doesn’t mean that they don’t care about the issues. It means that they have no vested (or personal) interest that might bias their judgment.

Conflict of interest does not require that bias actually occur, only that there is reason to fear that bias may be present. The risk of bias, not the exercise of bias, is what makes both our imaginary scenario and the WE Charity imbroglio real conflicts of interest.

Even if Portia ultimately rules against Arthur and in favour of Justin and Bill, this would not show that she is innocent of conflict of interest. Nor would it matter if, in her heart of hearts, she was unaffected by Arthur’s beneficence. It was ethically impermissible for Portia to hear the case because the benefits she had received from Arthur were a risk factor for bias. Cabinet ministers, like judges, are required by law, as well as ethics, to avoid such situations.

Thus, even if an independent inquiry establishes the truth of Prime Minister Trudeau’s claim that “WE Charity received no preferential treatment, not from me, not from anyone else,” it will still be the case that Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Morneau were guilty of conflict of interest. It’s time that cabinet members and those who advise them figured this out.

Global Thoughts

BY GWYNNE DYER

Erdoğan At Bay

Gwynne Dyer is a Canadian-born independent journalist whose column is published in more than 175 papers in 45 countries.



There are eight Turks for every Greek, so you might think the Greeks have to fold. But Greece has the backing of France, Italy, Israel, Egypt, and practically every other country in the eastern Mediterranean and the Arab world, as well as the entire European Union, so it has just called the bet and raised it.

This poker game is all about rival claims to seabed territory with promising gas reserves in the eastern Mediterranean. Turkey’s strongman president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, has been throwing his weight around – or maybe he’s just bluffing, but how much is Greece willing to risk to find out? Especially since Athens can’t be sure which way its friends will jump if the shooting starts.

The quarrel between Greece and Turkey is mainly about control over the waters and seabed of the Aegean Sea that separates them. The Aegean is only an average of 200 km. wide, and it would be easy just to run a line down the middle – except that a chain of Greek islands runs down Turkey’s west coast, often within sight of the mainland. Almost all the other islands in the sea are Greek too.

So it’s a Greek sea, really – but Turkey refuses to accept that. In defiance of both traditional maritime law and the 1982 United Nations Convention for the Law of the Sea, Ankara insists that the Greek islands do not generate their own seabed rights. It claims half the Aegean Sea as its own, and a big chunk of the Mediterranean too.

You can see why Turkey feels cheated by geography, but the law is the law for every country, and by and large Turkey abided by it – until the prospect of undersea gas wealth and the pressures of populist politics spurred it to push its spurious claims very hard.

Since last year Turkish seismic exploration and drilling ships, escorted by warships, have been searching for gas in waters off Crete and Cyprus that no other country in the world regards as Turkish. In reply, French and Italian warships and fighter aircraft from the United Arab Emirates have taken part in joint exercises with Greek and Cypriot forces.

The European Union has given Turkey until late September to stop its “illegal activities” in the eastern Mediterranean, after which sanctions may be imposed.

And last Thursday Greece declared that it was going to extend its territorial waters in the Ionian Sea from six nautical miles to the maximum permitted twelve miles.

That’s the Ionian Sea, between western Greece and Italy, not the Aegean, between eastern Greece and Turkey. In the Aegean both Greece and Turkey still observe the old six-mile limit in practice, although it is unclear whether Turkey officially accepts it in theory. But Greece is signalling that it might go to twelve miles in the Aegean too, which would pretty well turn it into a Greek lake.

Both Greece and Turkey joined NATO during the Cold War, and the other NATO members are now trying hard to ward off a conflict that could break the alliance. But it’s an uphill struggle, because the two countries have been enemies for a long time.

There have been a number of Greek-Turkish crises since the Cyprus unpleasantness of 1973, none of which ended in war. This one probably won’t either, but it’s going to come closer than any of the others did. Erdoğan sees his power slipping away, and he’s getting desperate.



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A satellite dish planted on the Dore River gives a sense of just how much the river has changed its course. The map has been redrawn west of McBride and it continues to change as locals ask for help from the authorities to limit further erosion. /COLLEEN SHAWARA

BY ANDRU MCCrackEN

Colleen Shawara is happy that she only lost half an acre to the Dore River flood on June 23rd. When the high water swept down the Dore River, it changed the river's course and swept away her well. "That one day it just took it all away," she said. Now she and her husband are getting water from a next door neighbor through a water hose and they've been buying drinking water from the Home Hardware in town. Thankfully the river is no longer cutting through her yard. "It brought in a lot of gravel and a lot of big trees," she said. Shawara said that officials from the

Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations - Water Stewardship Division have been monitoring the river's new course with a drone. It's not the first flood on the Dore River of course. She was present for a big flood that took place in 1986. She wants to know whether the provincial or federal government can help them stabilize the banks to stop erosion. "We don't want our land back, although there is enough gravel," she said. Residents are concerned with log jams higher up on the Dore that haven't yet broken free. "It's not only the water we've worried about. Over the years we have had ice jams as well," she said. "It's frightening."

Whiskey Wizards

BY ANDRU MCCrackEN

When Tommy Gunn-Smith started thinking about a men's version of Wine Ninjas or Wine Fairies, he was really just hoping to copy the program. The idea of someone anonymously dropping off a bottle of whiskey at his door during COVID-19 seemed like a great thing, but it didn't take long for the idea to blossom into something completely different. "There was something more needed there than just a whiskey basket. People actually needed help," said Gunn-Smith. Soon they were helping other men find work and fill people's homes with groceries. What no one saw coming is how the BC Whiskey Wizards created a space for what many men have been told never to do: to ask for help. "It's a place where brothers reach out and help each other out," he says. "People post about their problems." He says it's sometimes it's hard to express yourself without fear of judgment. "It's hard being a man sometimes ... society expects strength." During the day time, Gunn-Smith is a rod buster or rebar worker for Ironworkers Local 97 and he recently opened up his own demolition company. He's married with four kids, three from his wife's previous marriage and he has another on the way. "I was raised like any other man.

Don't whine. Don't cry. Don't ask for help. Just like thousands of men needed a group, so did I," he said. Gunn-Smith said he'd often get into yelling matches with his wife. "We hold our emotions until it's time to break, I would just sit outside by myself until I blew up with all the feelings." Now he, and others like him, are posting what they're going through. The problems range from quitting smoking to anxiety, many men post about unhappy or unfulfilling relationships, being dumped. Some of the time they seek advice, and at other times, they simply vent. Gunn-Smith and others moderate the forum, they don't allow members to get down on each other. When someone posts something about an issue they are going through, lots of people post to say that they've been there and what they have done to cope, or even what hasn't worked for them. Gunn-Smith said he isn't sure how far the group will go, but they are considering setting up a foundation to create a space for men, especially single fathers who find themselves without a place to be. In terms of numbers, it continues to grow. It currently sits at about 4,000. "Everyday I got people joining, left, right and centre," he said.

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Valemount Planning Week

Join us for Planning Week September 14-16 as part of the update process for our Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws. Events will be held as follows:

- **September 14 – Lunch Stroll (12:00 – 1:00 pm).** Take a walk on 5th Avenue with the OCP team to discuss Valemount's downtown. Meet in front of Home Hardware.
- **September 15 – Outdoor Workshop (7:00 – 8:30pm).** Put your vision for Valemount on the map! Meet at Centennial Park for an interactive visioning session.
- **September 16 – Big Ideas Reveal (5:00 – 6:00 pm).** The OCP team will present and discuss early ideas, maps, and illustrations. Meet outside Rocky Mountain Goat News.

You may RSVP to these events, although it is not necessary. If you wish to RSVP please email OCP@valemount.ca. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to sign up for project updates via email, please email OCP@valemount.ca

Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Program

- The Village would like to remind the non-profit organizations within the community that the 2021 CBT CIP/AAP intake is approaching. If you have a project that requires funding, please begin developing your project now to be ready when the application intake opens.
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You can register with BC Bid for notifications via e-mail of bid opportunities in the commodity groups and/or locations that you select when registering.

Salmon Have Arrived!

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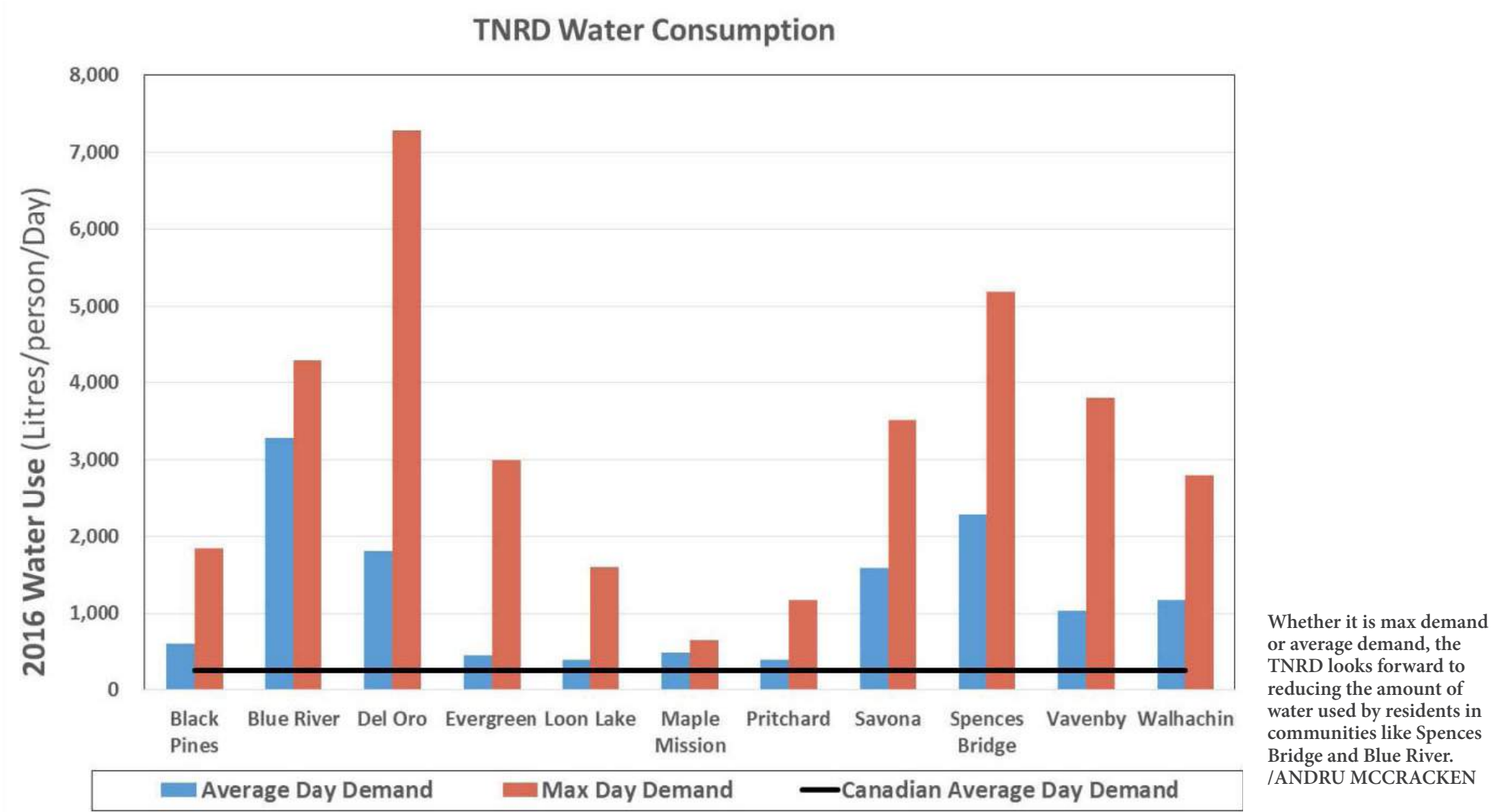
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Blue River — and TNRD — get water meters



By Goat Staff

Water meters are currently being installed in homes in Blue River. According to the Thompson Nicola Regional District website there is a lot to be gained by switching to water meters. Overall, they say homes that are metered use 39% less than those that are not metered.

“When people become more aware of their water usage, they tend not to waste it, thereby reducing their overall water consumption,” according to the district

website. “Water metering will also assist in identifying and isolating system leaks for repair. Leaks can constitute a significant portion of a community’s water consumption.”

High consumption shortens the operating life cycle of equipment and increases operating and replacement costs.

The Regional District reports that despite system improvements, water conservation efforts and public education initiatives, the consumption of water

has remained high. Metering will keep residents accountable, but they will also aid in detecting underground leaks.

“Expensive filtration systems will soon be required for systems served by surface water, and keeping consumption down will keep those costs down, too.”

“This is in keeping with the TNRD’s mandate to meet Canadian Drinking Quality guidelines and Interior Health Authority standards for drinking water, and to keep costs down for water system customers.”



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Land clearing for new apartment



Land clearing progressed this week at the site of the planned 13-unit apartment complex on Juniper St., a project spearheaded by the Valemount Affordable Rentals Society (VARS). VARS board member Riette Kenkel said BC Housing would have an update on Sept 7th and until then she could not comment. /LAURA KEIL

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A new home for the MacKinnons



Moving a trailer is a lot of work, hooking up the utilities, getting it ready to occupy, the skirting the roofing, the out buildings but, principal by day Derek Shaw is up for the task. Lil frequently comments on just how hard he's working.

Above, the new trailer is lowered into position by the experts at Blue Mountain Transport. As expected it goes off without a hitch, with room below for Shaw to connect the services. Levelling the ground below the new trailer took 10 loads of gravel.

During their first walk through, Ike is mostly silent. It's a lot to take in. Lil is upbeat, "It'll take a while to get used to it, but we'll sort it."

/ANDRU MCCRACKEN



By ANDRU MCCRACKEN

An elderly couple in Dunster have a new home thanks to the generosity and kindness of a huge swath of people in the valley and beyond. Ike and Lil MacKinnon have been married for 72 years and they lived in the same Glendale mobile home since the 1970s. It was damaged when they bought it, but they got it for a good price. It's been a solid home for many years, but lately it was showing its age. Derrick Shaw, a neighbour, was over for tea one day and noticed the years of water damage on parts of the trailer. "It was in terrible shape," said Shaw. Shaw is no stranger to getting the community engaged and working productively to help people out— he's led many trips of high school students

to Mexico to build homes for families there. This project was closer to home. Shaw set to work raising funds to get the MacKinnon's a new home and people pitched in from far and wide. Ultimately he found a replacement at a good price from Jason Wiltsie on Mountain View Road in McBride. Blue Mountain Transport set the trailer in place. The trailer is in position, and the ground has been brought up level and dry (an old underground cold room needed to be removed from the trailer pad first). As of Thursday there was still a lot of work to do, including a fresh coat of paint on the inside, hooking up the plumbing, electrical, installing the skirting and attaching the outbuildings. When Lillian walked into the trailer for the first

time, she noticed the difference in width. "That's a lot more cupboard space than I had in the other one," she said in the bright airy kitchen. "It'll take a while to get used to it, but we'll sort it." Lil said that Shaw has worked very hard and is very grateful to him. As they were outside the trailer she told him, "If I win the lottery, you'll get half." Shaw's been happy with the support. "It has been an incredible experience to see how many people came together in such a short time to make this project happen for the MacKinnons," he said. If you didn't have a chance to contribute there are still some outstanding expenses that have come up since the fundraiser closed, including a new electrical service and re-shingling the roof.



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Education a ‘must’ for all children, says minister

WE CAN’T LIVE IN FEAR UNTIL A VACCINE COMES, SAYS LOCAL PARENT



“Our kids are completely stable children and they will still do better in school (than at home),” said Janine Jensen, a registered nurse and Chair of the Valemount Parent Advisory Committee. Jensen is pictured with son Austin.

By FRAN YANOR / LEGISLATIVE REPORTER

Education is a ‘vital service,’ essential for children’s development and success in life, and the Province is relying on the best science and public health advice to return students to the classrooms in September, said B.C.’s Education Minister Rob Fleming.

“Education is one of those vital services in our province,” Fleming said at an Aug. 26 press conference announcing B.C.’s back to school plan for September. “It is a must for all children, and it must be delivered in the best and safest way possible.”

All Kindergarten-to-grade 12 students will return to full-time, in-class learning starting with orientation on Sept. 10.

The in-school return garnered support in some quarters and resistance from others.

As of Aug. 30, an online petition advocating for optional in-class schooling had garnered more than 40,000 signatures.

“I think a lot of people are living in more fear than maybe we need to,” said Janine Jensen, Chair of the Valemount Parent Advisory Committee and mother of a toddler and two school-aged children. “Because the word pandemic has such a negative connotation with it.”

A registered nurse, Jensen has spent her career practicing health and safety protocols to protect vulnerable populations from viruses and communicable diseases. Every year, the flu wipes people out, and years ago, swine flu decimated the aged populations, Jensen said. “Yet, we were able to contain it.”

Jensen is perplexed at the resistance to in-class instruction. Most people are back to work, they go grocery shopping, they stay in hotels, and they’ve travelled out-of-town over the summer. “The world hasn’t shut down,” said Jensen. “We can’t just live in fear for the next year until a vaccine comes.”

Schools are a very controlled environment and we have good solid plans in place, said Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry. “They are well thought out with each community in mind.”

The BC teachers Federation is calling for reduced class sizes, mandatory masks where distancing isn’t possible, and enhanced ventilation, among other things.

Prince George Teachers Federation president Joanne Hapke said teachers want to reunite with students in the classroom but the new guidelines aren’t safe for them.

“The physical distancing measures will not work within a classroom,” Hapke said. “There’s no way we can keep six feet apart from everyone.”

Under the new safety protocols, minimal contact will be recommended in classrooms, but neither masks nor physical distancing will be required. Students and staff will belong to learning groups of 60 people at the elementary level, and 120 people for high schools. Learning groups will limit interactions to the same people over a semester or year while giving students (particularly young children) more freedom to interact within those groups.

The limited group numbers will allow public health to trace close contacts quickly if someone tests positive.

The guidelines incorporate the best science-based, public health advice to have as many children as possible back in classrooms , Fleming said.

In June, 200,000 B.C. students returned to part-time, in-class instruction in the province. During that time, two educators were diagnosed with COVID-19. Both were exposed to the virus in the community and not believed to have passed it on to anyone in schools. No students were diagnosed with the disease.

“We were able to manage it,” said Henry. “And we managed it quickly and efficiently without transmissions.”

The provincial health officer has the most up-to-date research and knowledge of COVID, said Prince George School District Superintendent Anita Richardson, who expressed confidence in the Ministry of Education’s guidelines and encouraged parents to make decisions based on what the most knowledgeable experts were saying.

Despite the new cases over the summer, B.C. continues to have among the lowest rates of COVID and new cases per capita relative to other jurisdictions worldwide, said Henry.

“We have very low level of spread, or no spread, in most communities here in BC,” said Henry. “And we expect to see that in our schools.”

We can’t wait for zero risk, said Richardson. “At some point, we have to realize it isn’t zero risk for anything.”

Few children have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the province and most had none, to mild, symptoms. As of Aug. 27, 375 people under 20 years old had tested positive for the disease in B.C. and only 4 had been hospitalized for it. Despite representing 19 per cent of the province’s population, only seven per cent of the 5,319 total cases were children and youths.

“It’s the children passing it to the adult piece that is concerning me,” said Hapke. “Our concern is keeping those adults safe.”

Teachers should wear full protective gear if that will make them feel safer, said Jensen, adding students will adjust whatever the protocols. “The impact on them mentally and emotionally of not having school... is far worse then trying to figure out the gloves and the masks and whatever.”

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VALLEY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

ReOpens



These cabinets, pieces of valley history themselves, came from Oscars Museum. They now house some of the artifacts that previously have been out in the open, however have had to be put behind glass due to covid regulations./ANDREA ARNOLD



CENTER: New Curator Bridget Uhl shows off one of the bigger items procured from Oscars Museum. /ANDREA ARNOLD



RIGHT: The McBride and District Hospital has provided the Valley Museum and Archives several items from their past to tell their story./ANDREA ARNOLD

By ANDREA ARNOLD

The Valley Museum and Archives reopened their doors on Tuesday August 18, 2020 for the first time in several months. Newly appointed curator Bridget Uhl was pleased with the 25 or so people who visited the first day. During the temporary COVID-19 closure, a lot of work went on to fill the space previously used as storage/work space with artifacts and COVID-19 compliant display cabinets. The cabinets and some of the items on display in the area were acquired from Oscars Wildlife Museum earlier this spring. Board members, along with summer student Jael Reimer worked tirelessly to make changes that would allow the doors to reopen while following new COVID-19 protocols. For example, they are not able to sell the specialty coffees they have in the past, and the gift shop items are in a display cabinet behind glass. Recently, Uhl and I Reimer created the new exhibit “Behind the Curtain of a Rural Hospital.” Many items

were provided by the McBride and District Hospital. Locals may remember seeing their children laying in that crib or being weighed on that scale. Photos of previous hospital employees are scattered around the walls.

The other half of the inside space currently houses stories and artifacts documenting the logging history in the valley. On September 24th, this will be replaced by an art display from Two Rivers Gallery.

Uhl has a few ideas for future displays but wants to keep a few surprises up her sleeve.

She confirmed that New Horizon Funding has come through to reboot the task of collecting oral histories in “Voices from the Past.”

The Valley Museum and Archives is currently open Tuesday - Friday 11-4. “I look forward to engaging with the community and collecting stories,” said Uhl. “I look forward to people popping in with feedback and ideas. I’m collecting ideas as much as I’m collecting stories.”

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Gardening with Pete

Preparing to Plant Garlic

Although the first week of September is not a good time to plant garlic, it is a great time to begin thinking about it. Most growers have harvested this year’s crop around the first of August and have had it curing for the past few weeks. Now is the time to get in your order for “seed garlic” if you want to plant some this year.

When we say “garlic seed” we do not actually mean “seeds” but rather heads of garlic that will be used for planting. When you are buying heads to be used as seed, be sure to look closely for any signs of green mould or softness of any cloves or the basal plate. The basal plate is the bottom of the head from which the roots grow. If you buy diseased garlic, you will have a problem in your garden soil for years with your garlic, onions, chives and leeks. Look for medium to large firm heads with good clove development and firm “papers” – the papery skins that cover the heads. If you plant in beds of 3’(1m) width, you will need about 4 heads per foot (30cm) of bed using 6”(12.5cm) spacing between plants. If you get extra, you can always eat it!

Once you have secured enough heads for seed, store them in a warm, dry place until planting time around the middle of October. If you want to plant by the moon, garlic is best planted on the full moon or the week after (the wane of the moon).

The majority of home gardeners prefer the “hard neck” (Racambole) strains of garlic. They have four to six large

cloves around a hard neck that grows up through the center and forms “scapes” next summer. However, some plant the “soft neck” (also called Italian or Artichoke garlic). These have many small cloves in the middle with larger ones around the outer part of the bulb. They are the most common commercial variety. A few people grow the “elephant” (or Porcelain) garlic that grows to 6’ (2M) and has only four or five monster cloves per head. If you can get your seed from a local grower, you will have a better chance at success as that variety has been grown in our area already and has done well.

If you have harvested a part of the garden and now have time to work in lots of manure and compost, this would be a great time to prepare your garlic bed so you will not have so much to do in mid October. Try to plant garlic in a part of the garden that has not grown any garlic, onion, leeks, etc for the past few years. Add three to four inches (8-10cm) of compost and old manure on the bed and till or dig it in well. I then raise the bed about 4-6” (10-12cm) to insure good drainage and level off the top so it is about 3”(1M) wide. When it comes time to plant, I use an offset pattern of 5 in one row across the bed and then 4 in the next and so on. Others make three trenches down the length of the bed about 10-12” (25-30cm) apart and about 4-5”(10cm) deep in which to plant the cloves. You may want to try some of each method.



Pete Amyoony has lived, worked & gardened in the Dunster area for 35 years. He tries to deal with the “down to earth nuts and bolts of organic gardening” in his columns.



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Moon Full of Feeling

When asking for what you need in relationships, it helps to know what that is. But if you don't have a clue, then count yourself among the multitudes and ask anyway. Such is the advice of the full moon in the feeling realm of Pisces. Ask for what you want. Ask for what you saw once on a television show. Or ask for whatever pops into your head. Just reach out and see what happens. The point of inquiry is where connection begins.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You see a role sitting open, just waiting for the right person to step in, and you sense, with a knowledge arising from somewhere deep in your gut, that this one is for you. Sure, there will be pressure that goes with the job. Not a problem. You do well, if not your best, under pressure. Go on... throw your hat in the ring.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're excellent at detecting patterns -- a superpower that can be applied to many contexts this week. You'll take note of the plot turns and interactions that repeat in relationships. You'll also notice the rhythms and colors of your own behaviors and clue into subtleties of cause and effect. It's useful learning.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Since it is impossible to be anyone but you, it follows that actual objectivity on matters regarding you is also impossible to achieve. Even so, if you can get anywhere close to understanding yourself from different perspectives, you will be ahead of the game, and, bonus, have so much more fun playing it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are respectful of the wishes and plans of others



because you know what it's like to wish and plan. You've had the journey, and that is the sole reason you can show up so strong in your support of others. As this aspect of your personality shines this week, you'll be an asset to loved ones and the community at large.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're trying to get important

work accomplished, but something will make it difficult, likely a knotty combination of thought, emotion and habit. How best should you manage this path strewn with obstacles to productivity? Ignore, avoid, deal, work around it. There is no wrong way, only ways of varying effectiveness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While texting is fitting for many situations, there's something you need to put into a longer form of writing, if only for your own eyes. Writing it out will keep you from glossing over ideas. You'll get a sense for the relative importance of things and find the interconnectedness of ideas. Writing leads to clear thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Logically, it would seem like the best decisions are made from clear thinking. But if you're a little foggy this week, take heart. Even the clearest thinking is not omniscient. And thinking itself can obstruct superior and unreasonable guidance from the mysterious realm of instinct, intuition or other.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The way to enlightenment isn't necessarily through healthy choices and positive thinking. More likely, spiritual evolution follows an encounter with your

shadow side. Pay attention to what bothers you about people. It's a clue to what you can work on, change, face up to or let go of to have greater buoyancy of being.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The relationship between your thoughts, behavior and emotions is even more complex than usual this week, and you'll find yourself on more than one occasion acting uncharacteristically. This is a golden opportunity -- a chance to delve deeper than life-as-usual would allow for.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're afraid of certain conversations, probably because you sense that once the words leave your lips, there will be no going back. You're correct about that. Talking things through will change them, though likely for the better. It will also cause improvements to thought and understanding that persist.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll want to be there for a person, and yet you may feel underqualified to give what this person needs this week. Regardless, even if all you do is show up, then the situation will be better for it. Don't underestimate the power of your supportive presence and energy. Things wouldn't be the same without it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People may ask for feedback when what they really want is praise, support, money or other. Tune in and then cater your participation to the true dynamic. There is no point in giving impressions, opinions and other help to those who aren't receptive. There are better uses for your sharp, analytical mind this week.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Social ease is your astral gift, and this solar journey shows you as a master diplomat, bringing people together, finding and serving their common interests. As for your own wants, you'll be most satisfied by the fruits of your networking. The early part of 2021 brings an exciting development in your personal life and a boost to your financial picture, too. Modifications in your domestic life produce ease for relationships. The success of your family affirms that your contribution makes a difference.

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- Lovers appointment
- "What's the ___?"
- Fruit weight in EU
- Winter Palace resident
- Currently of interest
- Emulate Albrecht Durer
- Blanc's opposite
- Pulsating effect, in music
- Via (abbr.)
- "___ Like It Hot"
- "Wheel of Fortune" buy, maybe
- Force
- Sister or mother
- Missile acronym
- Debt letters
- Fire remains
- Brazilian berry
- Wind direction
- Cote call
- Dole
- "Waking ___ Devine" (1998 film)

Down

- Bridge position
- Egg on
- Hunted animal
- Stomach purging agent
- Choose
- Get along
- In ___ of (instead)
- Small keyboard instrument
- Basic metal
- Tibetan critter
- Vail trail
- Car installation
- Toilets (abbr.)
- This and that
- Do
- P, in the Greek alphabet
- It's a blast
- Cry at a circus
- Carnivorous fish
- Lower quality flick
- Holy man, for Muslims
- Carriage
- Southern dish
- Tinted
- Collar a suspect
- Permanent U.N. Security Council member
- Freezing liquid
- Turn state's evidence

THE TOUGHIE

by Myles Mellor

Answers on P19

Across

- Opposite of "gentleman"
- Biblical measurement for the ark
- Stick to
- Attorneys' org.
- Visual aid
- Lowest amount
- Assigning punishment
- U.N. flying agency
- Killer whale
- A neighbor of Libya
- Sweet wine
- "___ was saying, ..."
- Actor B. D. of "Law & Order: S.V.U."

- Foundation series writer
- In a way
- Part of a plane
- Where a fair trial is impossible
- Info
- Whodunit awards
- Catches forty winks
- Christmas time
- GPA part
- Catches
- Type of printer
- M.'s counterpart
- Number for one
- Reach your own conclusions

- Ring-shaped reef
- Parasites
- ___ a good example.
- Don't forget yours truly!
- Eight singers
- QB's goals

Down

- Per ___
- Old calculator
- Bottled water brand
- Special effects (abbr.)
- Big coffee pot
- Burlap ___
- ___ jure (by law)

- Unit of heat
- Nuptial sites
- Spelling stinger?
- Writer Fleming
- Second-highest U.S. Army award
- Berlioz's "Les nuits d'___"
- "___ lied!"
- Final Four grp.
- Draft
- Center of early Celtic Christianity
- Auto pioneer Citroën
- Nasal cavity
- Love, to a Latino

- Island show
- Blvd. crosser
- "Oh boy!"
- Some joints
- Become misty like a windshield
- Caffeinated tree
- Parrots
- Telephone
- Creme cookie
- High-speed Internet inits.
- Big citrus fruit
- "... to thine own ___ be true"
- Immobile
- Like a bride

- Splices
- It helps you see plays
- Univ. helpers
- Guitar legend Clapton
- Wing it, musically
- Salt Lake athlete
- Top of a semicolon
- Shine, in product names
- The NHL's Senators, on scoreboards
- Formerly
- NY time

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DUNSTER
Location: Dunster Community Hall
Dates and Time: Saturdays from July 11 - end of September, from 11am-1pm
Vendors: The Dunster farmers market does not have a regular list of vendors, but there are typically a handful of farmers, gardeners and bakers. There is no fee to sell at the market, and ample space for drop-in vendors.
Market Manager: Pete Amyoony, 250 968 4334, peteam@telus.net, or Loretta Simpson at 250 968 4453

VALEMOUNT
Location: Field beside Valemount Visitor Information Centre and Village Office
Dates and Time: Thursdays from June 18 - September 27, from 4pm - 7pm
Vendors: Regular vendors include Balsam Ranch: vegetables and meat; Crooked Creek Farm: vegetables, canned goods and plants; Maria Lerch: vegetables, baking, canned goods, plants; Grace’s Wild Things: canned goods and other foodstuffs made from local wild plants; Robson Valley Gourmet Mushrooms: specialty mushrooms; Vale Coffee Roasters: locally roasted coffee beans; Deb’s Meat Pies: frozen pre-made meat pies; as well as many other vendors are often present on a drop-in basis.
Market Manager: Christine Peltier, 250 566 3766, valemountmarket@outlook.com

MCBRIDE
Location: Pavilion at Steve Kolida Village Park
Dates and Time: Fridays from July 3 - September 11, from 11am - 2pm
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MCBRIDE COUNCIL NOTES

New CFO, Ancient Forest call-to-action

BY ANDREA ARNOLD

McBride Village Council met on August 25, 2020 and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Deputy Mayor Lucille Green.

New CFO

Council passed a motion to appoint David Alderdice as the Chief Financial Officer for the Corporation of the Village of McBride and to authorize CAO Sheila McCutcheon to administer the Oath of Office to Alderdice.

Public Attendance Plan

Council received the report to council titled Public Attendance at Open Meetings. CAO Sheila McCutcheon reported that due to the WorkSafe COVID-19 regulations regarding space/person ratios, holding the meetings in the Council chambers would reduce the number of people able to be present. It is recommended that meetings through Zoom continue. They are working on a plan to present the next meeting (September 8) as a live feed.

More Building Permits

Council passed a motion to receive the Building Stats Report to July 31, 2020. In the month of July, two single family dwelling additions were granted a permit, as well as one heating unit totalling a value of \$16,000.

MCBF AGM Planning

Council passed a motion to set the date and time for the McBride Community Forest Corporation Annual General meeting as the McBride Community Forest Corporation Shareholder. MCFC has requested for a date sooner rather than later, and has agreed to help work on the logistics and details. Council agreed to present two possible meeting dates; October 8th or 14th at 7:00pm. The location (TBD) needs to be able to safely contain a max of 50 people and meet all worksafe COVID-19 regulations, or be held through a virtual platform.

Ancient Forest Call for Support

Council received a letter from Russ Purvis regarding the Ancient Forest. Purvis would like to see the Village step into a leadership role to unify the many communities and other user groups. A Regional Advisory Council composed of non-government staff who care about the future of the area. This group could help bring the vision of the Ancient Forest as a destination. Russ was present during the Zoom call and the members of Council agreed to let him speak to the cause. He mentioned that he would like to see a Councillor to be a part of this advocacy group. CAO McCutcheon suggested that a presentation outlining the support from all the groups involved be made and presented at UBCM in a few weeks.

New Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment Policy

Council moved to rescind the Village of McBride Policy OSH-01 B&H Policy, 2015, and the adoption of draft Workplace Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment Policy as presented. The adapted policy meets current WorkSafe BC regulations. The motion passed.

Signing Authority

Council moved to authorize Chief Financial Officer David Alderdice as a signing officer for all Village of McBride Scotiabank and MFA banking and investment purposes. The motion passed.

Financial Statement

Council moved to receive the Village of McBride 2019 Statement of Financial Information Report as presented. The motion passed. There was a comment made regarding some of the formatting that will be dealt with before the final draft is produced.

Council then moved into a Closed In-Camera Meeting in accordance with Section 90(l) (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality, (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, and (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes preparing and annual report under Section 98 [annual municipal report].

The regular portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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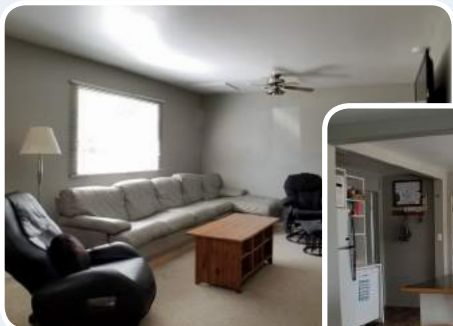


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This 4 acre parcel of land is priced to sell. Don't let the bare land strata scare you as it is non-compliant with Strata rules and regulations. But it does ensure your property is in a peaceful, private 7 lot community with roadway and water easement in place. Building scheme provides a good-looking neighbourhood. A cleared area amongst mature trees gives you a head start on building your dream home or vacation getaway. Phenomenal location with being only 20 minutes from the town of Valemount. Outdoor enthusiasts, you are surrounded with recreation and wilderness at this property, so come make it yours today!

SUMMIT RIVER LODGE



\$1,700,000

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Beautiful fully equipped lodge & 2 private cabins on 39+ pristine acres backing onto a glacier fed creek. Currently run as a successful lodge/campground. Options are endless with this winter & summer recreation property. Located in the heart of sled country-Clemina, Allen and Chapel Creek are at your fingertips. All buildings/grounds are immaculately maintained. Location is unbeatable, surrounded by signature 360-degree mountain views only 20 kms South of Valemount. It is the only property in the Robson Valley with an unobstructed view of the stunning Albreda Glacier. Sellers are motivated.

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