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# Debris basin constructed at Willox Creek slide site



This photo, taken early on in the construction process, gives an idea of the size of the completed catch basin. It is the hope of all involved that the basin will provide extra backup in case of another slide at Willox Creek on Mountainview Road. /SUBMITTED

By ANDREA ARNOLD

Residents of Mountainview Road in McBride have a new barrier between them and the possibility of more mud and debris flowing down the same destructive path at Willox Creek as it did last summer.

Crews have been working since the beginning of March to create a debris catch basin on the site of the former Moore residence. The home and property were the hardest hit by the slide on July 4, 2020 when approximately 25,000 cubic metres of material were carried over the banks of the creek path, through properties and across Mountainview Road.

A statement from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure states “this important work will improve reliability for residents who use Mountainview Road, as once the basin is installed it will help mitigate damage

from seasonal debris by catching materials (such as rocks, mud, and tree roots) before they hit the road.”

The catch basin is being constructed using an earth-fill berm to armour the road. A large hole will hold materials that may flow down from Willox Creek, said MOTI. “While the berm and catch basin is designed to protect the road infrastructure from seasonal debris flows, it will offer some protection to downstream properties.”

Lakes District Maintenance (LDM), the ministry’s maintenance contractor, was given the task of creating the catch basin.

“The berm is a raised barrier constructed using compacted solid, gravels and rock,” said Brock Maguire, Quality Assurance and Safety Manager for LDM Robson. “The height of the berm walls are approximately 5 m and the length and width are approximately 75 m and 35 m respectively,” he said. He

also reported that the construction has been completed, and is ready for use if the need arises.

This and other similar setups around the valley are designed to catch solid material within a debris flow, helping mitigate the amount of damage done to structures below the site. Once any slide danger has passed, heavy equipment can be used to clean out the caught debris, allowing it to continue being effective for future scenarios.

The former owners of the site, Garry and Mabel Moore, are very happy that MOTI bought their property. But they are still struggling with the loss of their long-time home. “It is sad to see the mounds of gravel where we used to live,” they said. “Whatever work that’s being done there we just hope and pray that if and when another slide comes down that it will protect our friends that still live in that area.”

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New valley residents Anna, Ariel (in wheelbarrow), and Orion (blue sweater) checked out the Valemount Community Garden last week. The wheelbarrows were the key attraction for the kids. /LAURA KEIL

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# VALE coffee gets ready to fuel your ride

By LAURA KEIL

VALE coffee, Valemount’s local roastery and coffee bar, is getting ready to expand to a satellite location—at the Valemount bike park.

The plan is to set up in the lower parking lot on 5-Mile Road, says Megan Vincente, a co-owner of VALE. They’ll serve fresh coffee and ready-made treats out of the back of a tow-behind white trailer, which they hope to soon brand with their logo.

Since the location involves Crown Land, a Rec Site and it’s in the Regional District, they need approval from three levels of government, Vincente says.

“The last piece is to get that Temporary Use Permit from the Regional District

since the property is technically zoned residential,” she says.

The proposed Temporary Use Permit comes to the Regional District at their May 20th meeting. The public can comment on the proposal until May 7th by emailing [developmentservices@rdffg.bc.ca](mailto:developmentservices@rdffg.bc.ca) or sending by mail or fax. If approved, the Temporary Use Permit is valid for three years and can be renewed one more time.

If the Temporary Use Permit comes through, Vincente says they expect to be in operation by June. They already have their Food Safety Permit.

Vincente says they will likely be open Friday-Sunday, but they aren’t sure yet about exact hours.

# Hidden ownership no more: Names behind shell companies soon public in B.C.

By LAURA KEIL

Beginning April 30, 2021, the public will be able to search British Columbia’s Land Owner Transparency Registry—the first-of-its-kind in Canada—to learn the names, home cities and citizenship of people who own B.C. properties via trusts and corporations.

In the past, the people or shareholders behind numbered companies could buy and sell real estate without their names or nationalities being public. The Province brought in new legislation in 2019 after the Expert Panel on Money Laundering in B.C. report said that “disclosing beneficial ownership is the single most important measure that can be taken to combat money laundering,” which the report estimates has raised housing prices by 5 per cent in B.C. alone. The registry is also aimed at reducing tax fraud.

“We launched the Land Owner Transparency Registry to put an end to hidden ownership of real estate in B.C. and allow us to know who really owns real estate in our province,” said Sonia Lowe, Communications Manager for the BC Ministry of Finance. “For years, criminals used shell companies, trusts and partnerships to hide who really owns property in B.C., which left our housing sector open to tax evasion, fraud and money laundering. This illegal money laundering distorted the price of housing.”

Beneficial ownership means anyone who owns a significant number of shares, or who has indirect ownership through a trustee.

The public can search the database using a parcel identifier (PID) or the name of a person. A search by a person’s name will show their interests in land where they are a reporting body, interest holder or settlor. A search by PID will show the persons who are identified as reporting bodies, interest holders or the entity that establishes a trust.

The public will not be able to search any information about individuals who are under 19 years of age, are deemed incapable of managing their own financial affairs, have an approved application to omit (if the person’s health or safety is at risk) or have been registered in the LOTR system for 90 days or less. The 90-day delay gives the reporting body enough time to notify people whose names will be included in the registry, Lowe says. It also gives time for vulnerable interest holders to submit an application to omit or obscure information, before it becomes available to the public.

Similar to land title search fees, a fee of \$5.00 per search applies.

Not all information will be public April 30th. Existing reporting bodies, interest holders or settlors have until November 30th, 2021 to file to the registry.

A 2016 report by Transparency International Canada indicated nearly one-third of the 100 most valuable residential properties in Metro Vancouver were owned by shell companies. To learn more visit [landtransparency.ca](http://landtransparency.ca) or to search the registry visit this link on or after April 30th: [apps.ltsa.ca/iam/login](http://apps.ltsa.ca/iam/login)

# Green thumbs not always green with emissions

SUBMITTED BY BC HYDRO

New research finds that many British Columbians are unintentionally contributing to climate change with their yard maintenance choices despite their strong desire to reduce their carbon footprint.

A new survey<sup>1</sup> conducted on behalf of BC Hydro found that even with the increasing popularity of electric lawnmowers, trimmers, leaf blowers and pressure washers, nearly 60 per cent of British Columbians who use this equipment are still using some gas-powered equipment, which are heavy emitters of greenhouse gases and pollutants.

With the arrival of spring, British Columbians are kicking their yard work and landscaping into high gear, and about two-thirds planned to use electric or gas-powered equipment to help them get the job done. About 50 per cent of households have a lawnmower, and nearly 80 per cent of those use a gas lawnmower.

Gas lawnmowers are very inefficient. On average, one hour of using a gas lawnmower is the equivalent to driving a pickup truck up to 550 kilometres. Spread that out across the province over an entire season, it is about the same amount 360,000 cars would use over an entire year.

Electric lawnmowers – and other electrically powered yard equipment – have come a long way. Gone are the days when using an electric mower means navigating a long cord around the property. Battery power capacity and capability have also increased significantly. Yet, even with the advances in technology, more than 30 per cent of British Columbians indicated that they would still opt for the gas-powered tools.

BC Hydro is encouraging customers to consider switching to electric

models because they are:

Better for the environment: Electric tools drastically reduce emissions, particularly in B.C. where BC Hydro’s electricity is generated from 96 per cent clean and renewable resources.

Save money: Filling a lawnmower with gas will cost about three to four times more than using electricity.

Low maintenance: There is no need to store gasoline, perform oil changes, and change spark plugs or filters.

On average, one hour of using a gas lawnmower is the equivalent to driving a pickup truck up to 550 kilometres.

Comparable in price: Electric and gas models cost about the same.

Light weight: Electric models are easier to handle on the lawn or in the yard.

Quieter: Electric motors make far less noise than gas-powered motors.

[1] Online survey conducted by Majid Khoury of 800 British Columbians from Apr. 16 to 18, 2021. Margin of error is +/- 3.5%, 19 times out of 20.

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Village of McBride	Airport Road Culvert Replacement Project	May 14th 2021 12pm noon
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy	Mt. Robson water system upgrade	May 26th 2021 14:00
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Vaccine stories



By Laura Keil  
Publisher/Editor

Last week I showed up to my COVID-19 vaccine appointment early and was milling around outside the community hall. The sun was shining and a few others were near their vehicles waiting

to be called in. I was giddy and nervous, happy to finally get this shot that would drastically reduce the chance of severe COVID-19 symptoms and nervous for the reasons you're usually nervous before getting poked in the arm. People chatted six feet apart, still masked. "Is that you, so-and-so?" someone would say. "Yes. How are you?" Idle time is blessed time in a small community.

On the day of my appointment and the days following, the most amazing thing happened: people kept giving me their stories about why they chose to get immunized. Several told me it was because they had a compromised immune system and lung issues. Another said it was her experience with her daughter's cancer a few years ago. Another was because of a sick elderly parent they needed to care for.

Together these stories form a more powerful narrative than any logical argument for vaccines.

I was speaking with some friends about the proliferation of vaccine conspiracies

and one person said something wise with regards to these fears: "If it's true, it's bad." Anytime you read or hear something supposedly dire regarding a vaccine, you can say that aloud. Notice the fear in your body. Notice the panic. Then you can go online and search for scientific papers on that topic and see what turns up.

If it's true, it's bad. But is it true?

People love to share sensational things, because it gets a reaction and sets themselves up as an "authority." It's a psychological fact that someone sharing sensational news has something to gain out of it. So hit the pause button before becoming a sharer yourself: If it's true, it's bad. But is it true? Even doctors make mistakes, and statistics is not most people's area of expertise. Research what the majority of doctors/scientists/statisticians are saying, not just one or two who may have something to gain from sharing sensational news.

The final numbers aren't in yet for local vaccinations, but thank you to all those who stepped up and got a shot for the greater good. With time-sensitive cancer surgeries delayed due resource shortages because of COVID-19, there is much at stake, and what about the silent suffering of millions of isolated people waiting to see their loved ones? If you're wondering what's at stake locally, speak to someone who got a shot about why it's important to them. You might be surprised.

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# The dilemma: To do or not to do

“Are you getting the COVID-19 vaccine?”

In a world deeply divided on the coronavirus, I was hesitant to answer the question. Personal health, individual freedom, peace of mind, community wellbeing, and other values / belief systems come into play to make that decision.

When the pandemic first began, I decided not to take a COVID vaccine. I have been an intermittent user of the medical system (walk-ins and emergencies) due to my own evolving beliefs around physical and emotional wellbeing.

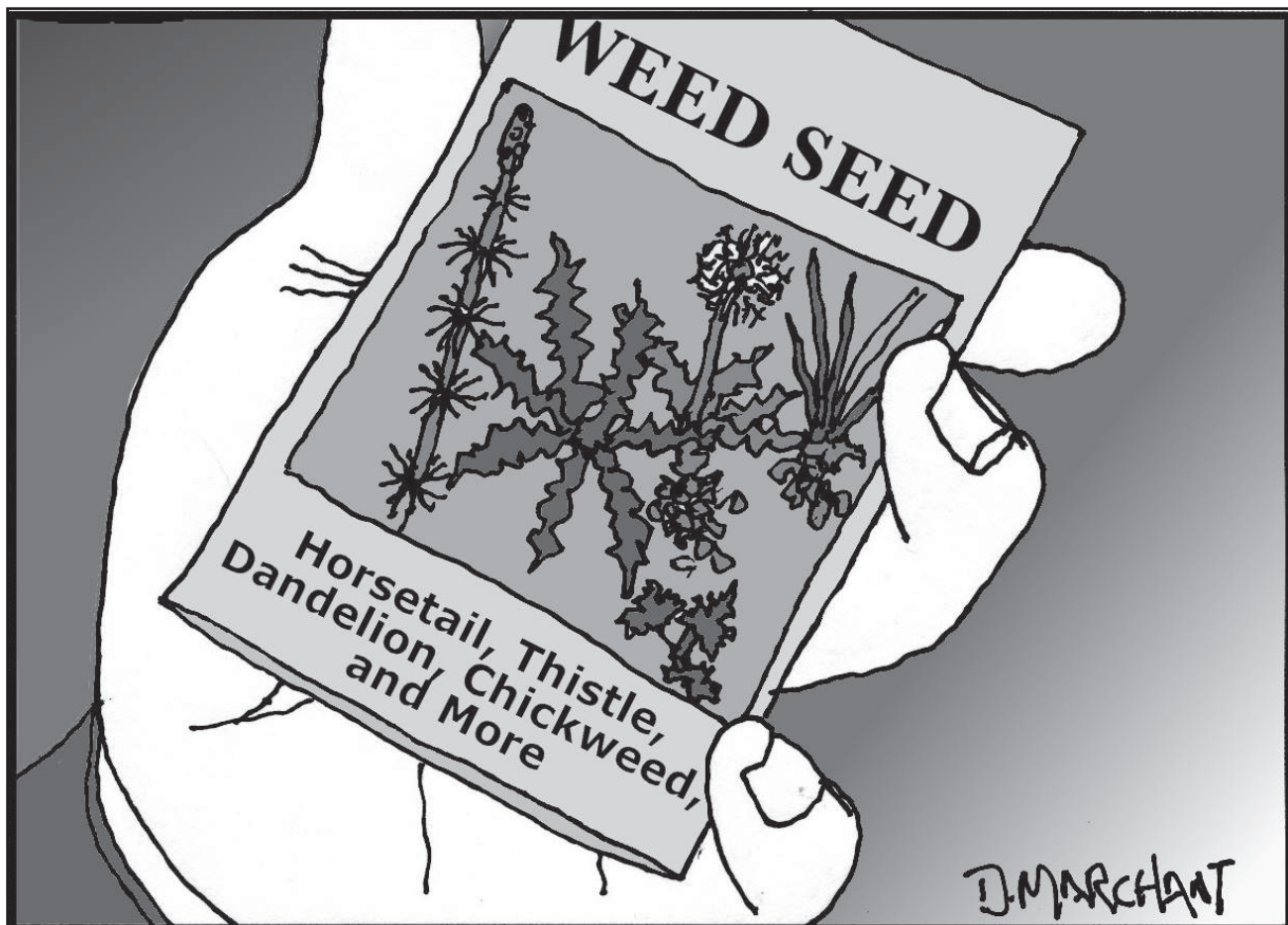
For over a year, I have been keenly following news from around the world on strategies to tackle this new virus. It was an insight to each country's values and resources. I discovered that I hadn't known anything as contagious as the coronavirus in recent times.

Being born and raised in India, community (or shared reality) is the default lens I view my experiences through. It's difficult for me to go with personal freedom when they are many more vulnerable than me. Certain segments of our society have been burdened by the pandemic more than others – healthcare workers, elders especially in facilities, caregivers, and frontline workers. The latter two are often the lowest paid workers – predominantly women, youth, temporary foreign workers, and new immigrants. They don't have a choice of jobs or the choice to work from home.

I decided to do my part to trip up the virus, even if the vaccine might only make a temporary dent in the transmission.

So, I didn't feel exhilarated or relieved when I got the vaccine that morning.

I feel I did my part – my responsibility for being part



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of society – like when I vote, without knowing what the outcome is going to be. Because if I didn't, I could still be playing a part in the outcome.

I feel some of the lessons from the pandemic is realizing how connected we are and that inequalities

exist. I hope we don't lose sight of that, even if some feel safer after getting the vaccine.

Rashmi Narayan  
Valemount

## Global Thoughts

BY GWYNNE DYER

### Climate Leaders' Summit

You can tuck your head between your knees and kiss your target of 'not-more-than-1.5-degrees-Celsius-warming' good-bye.

Trump is out and Biden is in, and you will hear a lot of talk about meeting that never-exceed +1.5°C limit. The blather began on Thursday, when the US president convened his 'Climate Leaders' Summit' (virtual), and ends in November in Glasgow with COP-26, the five-yearly United Nations climate meeting where the commitments actually get made.

Cutting greenhouse emissions is still important and urgent, but the issue is now also how to deal with much more dangerous warming. We will need new strategies and new technologies to contain the damage, but first – how can we know for sure that we will go through +1.5°C by 2035, or possibly even by 2030?

By the numbers. The scientific consensus is that 430-435 parts per million (ppm) of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will commit us to +1.5°C. The world is now at 415 ppm, and in an average year we put about another

2.5 ppm into the atmosphere. At our current rate of global emissions, we would reach 435 ppm in 2029.

It's very late, and we have to cut our emissions in half by 2030 if we want to be safe. But even in the plague year of 2020 we only cut our emissions by 7%. Most years we don't cut them at all.

The theory was that at this summit (originally scheduled for 2020) every country would raise its target for emissions cuts. We need 50% emissions cuts by 2030 to stay below the +1.5°C limit. How's that working out?

The whole European Union will make 55% cuts compared to 1990. The United States says 50-52% cuts and Canada says 40-45% cuts, but only compared to 2005. (They moved the goalposts.) Japan says 46% cuts, but only compared to 2013. If everybody else did the same, we'd be home and dry by 2030.

But China says it will try to 'peak' its emissions by 2030 (i.e. they will continue to grow every year until 2030). India and Indonesia won't set a number at all, and neither will most other rapidly developing countries of

the global south.

Historical justice says they should be allowed to get rich too, using the same fossil-fuel route the old rich countries took, but that's an expensive form of suicide. Even if those who make promises actually keep them, we will end up in 2030 with a global cut of 30% at best. So wave good-bye to 'no more than 1.5°C of warming'.

What do we do now? Starting with COP-26, we start developing ways to get carbon dioxide back out of the atmosphere (Carbon Dioxide Removal – CDR), and to hold the heat down while we work on that (Solar Radiation Management – SRM). And we work as fast as we can to get our emissions down, because the other stuff is just short-term techno-fixes.

CDR and SRM were both discussed at the 2015 summit, but now we need to start spending serious money on them. We're going to need them in the 2030s, and neither the science to make them safe nor the technology to make them work can be ready overnight. Ten years might be enough. It had better be enough.

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



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# Tablet and tech support for seniors through RVCS

By ANDREA ARNOLD

Robson Valley seniors have the opportunity to participate in senior specific workshops, training and digital literacy enhancing activities through the Robson Valley Connections Program (RVCP). Five individuals will be chosen to benefit from the program over the next year.

“RVCP, run through Robson Valley Community Services, is one of 20 pilot projects selected through a grant application through the United Way, to help deliver digital learning and virtual activities for older adults living at home in their communities,” said RVCS employee and program manager Jana MacMaster.

The United Way provided RVCS

with five Itech Packages, reconfigured Samsung Galaxy tablets, and data/technical support through the “Geek Squad” at Best Buy..

“RVCS will provide education and support to build confidence and skills in using the devices,” said MacMaster. It is the hope of RVCS to see older adults staying active, engaged and connected.

To be selected for the program, those interested are asked to begin by completing a survey illustrating personal digital literacy skills. Then, through a short essay, 250 words or less, applicants are asked why they, or another senior would benefit from being one of the five chosen. The surveys and essays can be submitted by email, over the phone or by COVID restriction compliant drop-off/pick-up. The deadline for applications and submissions is April 30, 2021. There is a possibility of a week extension on that deadline, but that had not been decided at press time.

“I hope seniors will call to find out more about this program,” said MacMaster. “That they will nominate themselves or someone to take part in it! We really want to reach out to Seniors who could benefit, and would like to increase their digital literacy skills, and increase connection to their families and their community.”

Selection will be based on the following: those who do not currently have an electronic device, no wifi/data, and those who demonstrate a high need for social interaction due to: geographical isolation, not driving, & few supports (i.e. family and friends).



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please Take Notice that a Public Hearing for “Village of Valemount Official Community Plan Bylaw No 843, 2021” will be held:

**WHEN: Tuesday, May11, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: YouTube Live Stream:** This Public Hearing will be live streamed over YouTube on the “Villa Valemount” YouTube channel.

To COMMENT during the Public Hearing through YouTube, use the chat function below the video live stream. You will need an account to comment.

**Village of Valemount Official Community Plan Bylaw NO. 843, 2021**  
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- Highway Commercial
- Residential Neighbourhood 1
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At the Public Hearing, anyone who deems their interest in land to be affected by the proposed Village of Valemount Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 843, 2021, shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. You may provide comments through the chat function of the YouTube Live Stream, provide a written submission by mail, email (must send to [publichearing@valemount.ca](mailto:publichearing@valemount.ca)), or call 250-566-4435 to book a time to drop off your written feedback to the Village Office. **Written submissions will be accepted from April 29 until noon 12:00 pm on May 11, 2021.**

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Contact Krista Etty, Land Use Planner at 250-566-4435 or [planner@valemount.ca](mailto:planner@valemount.ca) with any questions.

Job Opportunity- Extended

Visitor Centre Counsellors

Village of Valemount is seeking applications for Visitor Information Centre Counsellors for the 2021 season. Reporting to the Visitor Information Centre Coordinator, Counsellors identify a visitor’s needs, offer information and provide services.

Starting wage is \$16.50/hour for the term. Applications from students returning to school in the fall will be given preference. Accommodations will be made regarding training and start dates for any students still attending school.

Applications are to be submitted via email to [jobs@valemount.ca](mailto:jobs@valemount.ca) or by mail to Village of Valemount, Att: Valemount Counsellor Job Posting, PO Box 168, Valemount, BC, V0E 2Z0,

**Application deadline: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 4:30pm.**

**Interviews: May 17- 21 2021.**

A full job description can be found on the Village website at [www.valemount.ca/job-postings](http://www.valemount.ca/job-postings)

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- Branches
- Grass clippings

\*Please note that yard waste must be kept separate from garbage and other items or it **will not** be picked up. Please place garbage in your garbage bin for your regular scheduled collection day.

**Pickups must be scheduled no later than Thursday May 27 by 4:00 pm. To schedule a pickup please call 250-566-4435.**

Village of Valemount

Notice of Public Hearing

Please Take Notice that a Public Hearing for “Street Vendor Permit 03-21” will be held at the Regular Council Meeting of: **Tuesday May11, 2021 at 7PM.**

*This Public Hearing will be live streamed over YouTube on the “Villa Valemount” YouTube channel. To COMMENT during the Public Hearing through YouTube, use the chat function below the video live stream. You will need an account to comment.*

Street Vendor Permit 03-21 proposes to allow The Funky Goat Eatery to operate for up to three years, 7 days a week, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 1170 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Legally described as Lot 2, DL 9778, Cariboo District Plan PGP35390)

Subject Property

Cedar Street

5<sup>th</sup> Avenue

At the **Public Hearing**, all those persons who deem their interest in land to be affected by the proposed Street Vendor Permit application shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard. You may provide comments through the chat function of the YouTube Live Stream, provide a written submission by mail, email (must be sent to [corporate@valemount.ca](mailto:corporate@valemount.ca)), or call 250-566-4435 to book a time to drop off your written feedback to the Village Office. Written submissions will be accepted from April 29th until noon 12:00 pm on May 11, 2021.

Any material received before or at the Public Hearing will become public information. A copy of the Street Vendor Permit application is available online at [www.valemount.ca](http://www.valemount.ca) or at the Village of Valemount Office, **by appointment only**, during regular posted office hours, Monday to Friday, from this date through May 11, 2021.

Following the Public Hearing, Council will consider whether to approve the Street Vendor Permit, through resolution, at the Regular Meeting of Council.

Water Restrictions

Water restrictions will be in effect from June 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>. Watering will only be permitted between the hours of 7 am – 10 am and 7 pm – 10 pm on any day of the week.

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# New TV stations coming to Valemount

By MICHAEL PETERS

On Friday, April 30, 2021 the Valemount Entertainment Society (VES) will launch Digital TV Channel 9 with five new programs, making a total of 16 TV stations, 15 in digital, available to the community.

Channel 9 will carry the Food Network, KCTS PBS Spokane, BBC World News, the CTV Sci-Fi Channel, and APTN (Aboriginal Peoples Television). “These stations were selected by the community in a 2017 poll,” said VES Coordinator, Michael Peters. “We’ll have three of our four channels broadcasting over the air in digital, channels 9, 11, and 13, with five stations on each of them. We plan to apply for Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives grant funding in 2022 to complete this massive project by converting Channel 7 to digital and adding VCTV along with four new stations, giving Valemount a total of 20 high quality Digital TV stations.”

The conversion from analog to digital, mandated by the federal government, was made possible through a series of CBT CIAAP grants over the years, along with contributions from VES. “It has taken us several years to get this far,” said VES President, Christine Torgerson, adding, “digital television equipment is expensive and the learning curve in working with it has been steep, but the payoff is in the outstanding picture quality. On behalf of myself and the current and past VES volunteer Boards, and our man on the ground, Michael Peters, I want to thank the community for their continued support and patience as we’ve phased in Digital TV. We hope they’re pleased with the result.”

Peters notes that the CTV Sci-Fi Channel launch will be slightly delayed as Bell Media, owner of CTV, is currently in contract negotiations with the signal provider and will not authorize any new launches until

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	PBS	9.102
	BBC NEWS   WORLD SERVICE	9.103
	KTLA 5	9.104
	aptn	9.105
	Global BC	11.101
	CBC Television	11.102
	SPORTSNET 360	11.103
	HISTORY	11.104
	CFRN 5 EDMONTON	11.105
	NAT GEO WILD	13.101
	MovieTime	13.102
	VX	13.103
	BRITISH COLUMBIA'S Knowledge Network	13.104
	Discovery	13.105

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the contract is finalized. “In the meantime,” said Peters, “we’ll be substituting one of the largest U.S. stations, KTLA from Los Angeles until the Sci-Fi Channel becomes available.” KTLA was chosen because it is in the same time zone as Valemount, and because it is a CW network, offering a good selection of current and classic programming.

“Prior VES Boards, along with former VES Coordinator Andru McCracken, developed the initial plans to convert Valemount’s TV broadcasting to digital,” said Peters. “I’m grateful for their work and commitment on this large project over the years and honoured to be able to fulfill their vision with the support of our current VES Board. It’s an awesome feeling to turn on the TV and see crystal-clear digital pictures!”

NEW DIGITAL TV CHANNEL FOR VALEMOUNT

Friday, April 30th

the Valemount Entertainment Society will launch Digital Channel 9 with five new stations:

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	9.102
	9.103
	9.104 *
	9.105

\* Note: Channel 9.104 KTLA 5 is temporary. The permanent channel will be CTV’s Sci-Fi Channel which is delayed due to contract negotiations. As soon as it becomes available, CTV Sci-Fi Channel will replace KTLA on Channel 9.104.



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Cedarside Dust



A Cedarside resident says the dust from the Trans Mountain mat yard is out of control. Every truck kicks up a huge cloud of dust that drifts over to his yard. The lack of rain hasn’t helped the issue. /LAURA KEIL



# BLACK GOLD

BY LAURA KEIL

Do you compost? For many people, composting is something they've heard of but never tried. They think it's too finicky or too smelly or they worry they won't compost "right." But the reality is, composting is very easy and the pay-off is immense.

Composting is the natural process of turning organic matter, such as leaves, grass clippings and food scraps, into valuable fertile soil.

In sandy areas like Valemount, when you landscape your yard or start a garden, the existing soil is often not enough. You need to supplement. And while paying for added soil may be a necessity in the beginning, having a compost will save you lots of money in the long-run, as many vegetables and flowers require a boost of nutrients each year. Why pay for compost/fertilizer when you can shore up your existing riches?

Here are a few simple guidelines that you can memorize right now, according to local composting guru and gardening columnist Pete Amyoony and other local gardeners:

1. Add 10-20 times as many "browns" (grass clippings, dried leaves, straw) as you do "greens" (kitchen scraps or garden scraps). Never put meat or dairy in your compost, and avoid citrus.
2. If you live in proximity to bears, always cover up your greens with a layer of browns (this strategy also works with hungry crows).
3. Remember to water your compost until the moisture is like a wrung-out sponge and give it enough aeration, either by stirring it periodically or designing the bin with air-flow (ex. The slats in pallets are great for this; useful tools for stirring are a pitchfork or wing-digger).
4. The size of your compost bin matters. A bin/pile at least 1m x 1m x 1m will ensure it's big enough to heat up, so the microbes can do their work and the organic matter will break down nicely.

Amyoony says he layers his compost: one layer of browns, one layer of earth, one layer of old manure, a layer of leaves, a layer of greens, and then a layer of straw. But if you don't have

access to all of these don't worry, you can simply focus on the 10-1 ratio of browns and greens using other available materials.

"That's the secret of good composting—it's just a real mixture of many, many different



ABOVE: Pete Amyoony shows his compost before it's screened into his potting soil. He mixes his own potting soil using screened compost, peat moss, manure and wood ash. /LAURA KEIL

LEFT: Finished compost, ready to add to the garden.

BELOW: Building new garden beds with layered branch clippings, spent mushroom sawdust, leaf litter, and then a layer of topsoil or finished compost. /JEAN ANN BERKENPAS

things."

He says the grass and leaves are important because their roots draw out micro-nutrients from further down in the soil.

He refers to his compost as "Black Gold" since it provides vital nutrients to his huge greenhouse and garden each year. Amyoony plants 10,000-15,000 bedding plants each year.

There is no reason to be afraid of compost, he says.

As many gardeners can attest, the worst case scenario is that your compost will not mature as fast as you like or can get smelly, both of which are easily fixable. The best case scenario is that you dump a variety of organic waste in a pile and, voila, the following season you have a rich soil additive that will make your yard and garden verdant and lush!

## Community Compost

New resident Anna Minten has teamed up with Valemount's community garden to start a community compost program.

The idea is to collect food and yard waste from residents and combine them in a compost located at the community garden behind Valemount Secondary School. Minten says those participating in the program will reap the rewards of finished compost once it's ready.

Minten says composting helps decompose what is otherwise considered garbage, into fertile garden soil. She says scientists predict the world has approximately 50-60 years of growing topsoil left.

"As a globe we have been harvesting produce from fertile lands and stripping the land of its nutrients by not helping build back the soil," Minten says. "Using fertilizers can give nutrients to your plants, but without proper soil those nutrients quickly wash away into our water systems."

In the Valemount area in particular there is little to no topsoil, which many gardeners can agree makes it very hard for gardening. She says by participating in this program not only are you saving food and garden scraps from the landfill, but you'll be helping build beautiful 'black gold' for the local community garden.

Once you have registered to take part in the program she says it'll be a simple process of bringing your filled buckets or truckloads of clean composting materials to the compost in Valemount. To learn more or become a part of the program contact Anna Minten on Facebook or come by the garden between 4-6 on Thursdays and talk to Rebecca or email her at [foodsecurity@rvcsbc.org](mailto:foodsecurity@rvcsbc.org)



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Composts come in different shapes and sizes. This upright 2ftx2ft black composter is not an ideal size to create an environment for composting. The pallet composter, on the other hand, is large enough for the compost to reach a good internal temperature for decomposition and can also be made with the cost of a few deck screws and hinges to create a door (to shovel out the compost once it's ready). /LAURA KEIL



# Compost *Innovation*

## ENTER OUR COMPOSTING CONTEST!

Tell us why you compost or, if you don't compost yet, why you think it's a good idea and you'll be entered into a draw for a wing-digger compost stirrer donated by the Regional District!

Email your answers to [goatnewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:goatnewspaper@gmail.com) with the subject line COMPOST CONTEST by May 6th at noon.



David Carson, Mike Berkenpas and Laurel McKirdy working on building a wood chip compost pile lined with water pipe. This will be used to heat David's homemade cedar sauna. /JEAN ANN BERKENPAS

We asked local gardener and Goat columnist Jean-Ann Berkenpas to tell us about her approach to composting. She replied and included some information about other people in the community who have done some pretty neat things with their compost—including a compost-heated sauna.



ABOVE: Work in progress last fall on David Carson's compost heater for his sauna. /JEAN ANN BERKENPAS  
BELOW: Laurel McKirdy and the compost pile she used as a squash bed last summer to grow over 20 squash. /JEAN ANN BERKENPAS

### DO YOU COMPOST AND WHY?

Yes I do compost, primarily to replenish garden soil and create an environment for healthy plant growth. I do not add chemical fertilizers or pesticides to the garden, and so compost is important to add nutrients and carbon back into the soil. I see the topsoil as a living community, filled with microbes, fungi, invertebrates and insects. Composting is an important part of organic low-till gardening practice that supports a diverse balanced garden ecosystem.

There are other reasons to compost too. It allows me to turn farm, yard and household waste into a useful product. Composting small branches and wood chips also reduces the amount of seasonal burning we do.

My neighbours have some interesting composting projects in progress too. Laurel McKirdy built a large compost pile of sticks,



branches, grass clippings, and yard and household waste last spring. Then she put a few clumps of dirt in it and planted four or five squash plants into the dirt. She got about twenty squash from it in the fall. She also goes out of her way to add amendments like comfrey, yarrow and stinging nettle. (See photos) David Carson, who owns MVS

Wood Products, is using chipped wood waste in a variety of useful ways. One of these is his compost-fired sauna. Last fall he built a large aerated pile of wood chips, with a water line coiled throughout it. As the wood begins to compost, the heat generated should be enough to heat the water in the buried hose, which he has plumbed into his handmade cedar sauna. A compost-powered spa! He started it a bit late in the year for it to reach temperature over the winter, but once it gets going, the temperature in the pile should reach 50-60C.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF COMPOSTING?

I like that there are many ways to compost, and some of them are low effort.

In the duck pen I use the deep litter method, which involves adding to and raking the litter instead of frequently changing it. This helps the litter in the pen to compost in place (the pen has a dirt floor). It doesn't stink and twice a year I clean out a garden-ready amendment.

Another easy method is raking all the fall leaves into a big pile in the corner of the yard, and then just leaving them to break down. In a year or two I have some nice leaf compost to add to the garden.

When I am building new garden beds I lay brown cardboard and then pile up a layer of branch clippings, topped with grass clippings, leaves, spent mushroom sawdust (sawdust that has been used previously for growing mushrooms) and other yard waste. Then I top it with a layer of finished compost or topsoil and plant into it. The materials underneath break down slowly and every year I add a little more compost on top. This is a great way to build soil if yours is poor, or if you don't have access to a lot of finished compost at the start of the season.

### WHY SHOULD OTHER PEOPLE COMPOST?

In addition to the benefit of compost in the garden, composting is also a good way to reduce the amount of waste going into landfills. Pest problems associated with composting can be mitigated by using secure commercial composters with lids, adding brown amendments like cardboard and wood chips, and turning or tumbling it regularly.

### ANY TIPS OR TRICKS?

Larger piles will compost more effectively than small ones. To get sufficient heat generation to kill weed seeds the pile should be about the size of a squared pallet.





Valemount fire crews squelched the flames of a grass fire between Cedar St. and the CN tracks around 6:30pm on April 20th. Fire Chief Rick Lalonde said the fire was a controlled burn to help remove fire hazards, while providing some training for Valemount Volunteer Fire Dept (VVFD) crews. "It was all initiated as an emergency call followed by the quick response to a mock fire for the unknowing fire responders," he said. "We try to initiate some of these surprise responses annually to evaluate VVFD crew response and capabilities." He said one engine with four crew members responded initially, followed by an additional four members with the second engine a few minutes later. /PHOTOS COURTESY MICHAEL PETERS, VCTV



## Travel ban in effect



Robson Valley RCMP snapped this photo of a travel trailer heading into BC from Alberta after the provincial travel ban was announced last week. Alberta residents are discouraged from travelling to BC for non-essential reasons. Any BC or Alberta resident who crosses between three health region zones for non-essential reasons can now face a \$575 fine, though the legality of the enforcement is being disputed. The three zones are: Northern Health & Interior Health; Coastal Health & Fraser Health; and lastly, Island Health. /ROBSON VALLEY RCMP

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## Gardening with Pete



## Symptoms of Nutrient Deficiencies

If your little bedding plants don't quite look right or if your houseplants are beginning to look stunted or sick, they may be lacking one or more of the "elemental nutrients" considered necessary to produce health, growth and reproduction in plants. I have dealt with this briefly in some former columns, but would like to go through all 16 elements in alphabetical order to make it a bit easier for you to find out what may be missing. First, you need to know a few terms:

- **Chlorosis**- Yellowing of leaves between the veins.
- **Necrosis** – the dying (usually yellowing and then turning brown and crisp) of part of the leaf.
- **Lesions**- injuries or cuts.
- **Interveinal** – the part of the leaf between the veins.

Of the 9 major and 7 minor elements, three – oxygen, hydrogen and carbon – are taken in through the air and from rainwater. Some carbon is also taken in through the roots from the soil. The other nutrients are obtained directly from the soil or through applications of fertilizers, manures, and compost. The 6 major nutrients are Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K), Calcium (Ca), Magnesium (Mg), and Sulphur (S). The 7 minor nutrients are Boron (B), Chlorine (Cl), Copper (Cu), Iron (Fe), Manganese (Mn), Molybdenum (Mo), and Zinc (Zn).

The following are signs of deficiency:

**Boron**- Stems and root parts stop growing and begin to die. Heart rot in turnips or beets.

Leaves may thicken, get brittle, curl, wilt and have chlorotic spots.

**Calcium**- Bud development is inhibited and root tips often die. Young leaves are affected before older leaves and become distorted and small with irregular margins and necrotic areas. Tomatoes will rot at the blossom end.

**Chlorine**- Begins with wilted leaves that become necrotic and chlorotic and eventually turn a bronze colour. Roots are stunted and quite thick near the tips.

**Copper**- Quite rare- Young leaves become very dark green and are twisted and misshapen often with necrotic spots.

**Iron**- Obvious interveinal chlorosis similar to magnesium deficiency but on the younger leaves. Leaves turn pale green and then yellow.

**Magnesium**- Interveinal chlorosis, but in the older leaves first. Usually begins at the leaf tips or margins and progresses inward.

**Manganese**- Initial symptoms are interveinal chlorosis on leaves then small necrotic spots or lesions develop and the leaves drop off.

**Molybdenum**- Interveinal chlorosis develops first on the older mid-stem leaves then progresses to younger leaves. (Similar to nitrogen deficiency) May have scorching

around the leaf margins and cupping of the leaves.

**Nitrogen**- This is a major cause of reduced growth in plants. There is usually a general chlorosis beginning with the older leaves. The stems and lower leaf surface of corn and tomato plants will turn reddish yellow.

**Phosphorus**- Plants are stunted and often dark green. Anthocyanin pigments accumulate in the leaves resulting in purple coloration, occurring first in mature leaves. Plant growth and maturity will be delayed.

**Potassium**- First visible in older leaves. In broadleaf plants, it begins with chlorosis and then progresses to dark, necrotic

lesions. In the grass family (corn) the tips and margins of the leaf die first.

**Sulphur**- Quite rare – but shows as a visible yellowing of all leaves.

**Zinc**- The internode length (the stem between the leaves) will be short and the leaf size reduced. Leaf margins are often puckered and distorted. Interveinal chlorosis often occurs.

The best insurance against any of the above deficiencies is to keep adding a constant supply of great compost and well-rotted manures to your garden soil. Once the soil is built up with these, deficiencies rarely show up!

*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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# Super Pink Moon

he full moon in Scorpio on Monday is also the pink moon, and a supermoon, giving the lunar phenomenon perhaps the cutest name of any cosmic happening this year. While this “Super Pink Moon” seems a worthy name for a pop band, runway show or anime series, it will also prove a worthy title for the mysterious emotional glow that starts the week off with an inciting incident to unravel the plot of the week.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your talent of the week is time management -- specifically, a realistic view of what you can accomplish within a time limit. Of course, quality and quantity are dependent on the hours allotted. For now, just say “yes” and do your best. Later, you can work out details that couldn’t be resolved in this run.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Even though you’re not as busy as you’ve been in other times, in some ways, life’s flow is quite demanding. It asks you to deliver what you’ve little experience with. The challenge is an opportunity to become stronger and better, even though, as you’re going through it, you often feel ill-equipped. You’re enough!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). People who’ve known each other a long time build a history, the value of which is made more apparent in a contrasting situation. You’ll be the foreigner this week. As a newcomer without a track record, if you make a mistake, then there is no history to acquit you. You’ll do fine and, bonus, better appreciate familiar ties at home.

HOROSCOPES

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The unique opportunities will be wrapped inside of the very thing you’ve labeled a flaw, fault or inadequacy. If you have to work harder to get something right, then other people are likely in the same boat. This is where the gold is. First, you’ll help yourself, and then you’ll help others.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There’s an aspect of your life you can look at right now and honestly say, “It doesn’t get any better than this.” When you marvel at the circumstances that had to come together to create this heavenly condition, the gratitude that pours from you has the elevating magic to lift your heart and heal

other parts of you, too.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Those details at the end -- layers of polish that make your work really shine -- are worth getting right, and you shouldn’t feel silly for obsessing over them. Definitely, there’s a slew of unworthy details you can and should skip, as they’ll bog you down and wear you out. Success is in recognizing the difference.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The past theme was figuring out what to improve upon and what to accept as “good enough.” The new theme is about the “good enough” part. Labeling anything as such would deprive you of raising the endeavor to the level of art. Everything you decide to accept is worth highlighting, celebrating and doubling down on.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your purpose, if it’s a worthy one, will bring you nothing but problems. Good. There’s no story

without a problem -- no aha moment, no sweet relief. This week offers endless resources. Good problems will narrow your focus and show you what’s important so you can go on to help, bond with and elevate all.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are heavy loads that build your muscles and heavy loads that injure them. Getting the right load depends on a few factors -- knowing yourself and knowing who and what you’re dealing with. Research and trust are key here and will be main contributors to how the week plays out.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You’ll be giving attention to different endeavors all week, many of which pay you back immediately. Payoffs include attention, affection, money, satisfaction and more. When your focus has no obvious payoff, that’s when things get interesting. Those interactions define you in some deep and meaningful way.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You’ll try things to see what fits. This takes courage. Just remember that when it doesn’t fit, that is often no one’s fault. Furthermore, to personalize matters of fit is as silly and absurd as implying a status among puzzle pieces. There is no superior piece, only the right one for a particular part of the puzzle.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Though those around you are not always as accommodating as you’d like them to be, you stop short of expecting that anyone should behave differently on your behalf. Instead, you learn out how it’s usually done and work within that system to nudge things in the direction that helps you and others like you.

**THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS:** While you love to serve, help and give, not every pursuit is a good match for you. You’ll do some sorting on the matter, as you shine brighter when the need and the offer are in alignment. Another breakthrough of this solar year is in realizing the unnecessary ways in which you’ve been answering to others. You’ll make changes and find great fulfillment when you focus on the answer that matters -- the one you provide to the questions of your soul.

Write Holiday Mathis at [HolidayMathis.com](http://HolidayMathis.com).

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Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column or 3x3 box.



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Answers on P13

## Across

- Pond cover
- Face
- Cell constituent
- Leave a stain
- A mimic
- Assistance, usually financial
- Type of stick
- Sharp thing
- Detective's question
- Not even mediocre
- Distress
- Greek salad ingredient
- Orders to plow horses
- Chef's amount
- Pretentious
- It can bring the temperature up
- Science writer, Willy
- Sicilian spewer
- Russian ruler
- Canny
- Page
- Baglike structure
- Frequently
- Ran
- Shade of blonde
- Pool tool
- Case for small articles
- Just survive
- Mature
- Harried

## Down

- Egyptian cobra
- Historical center of Chicago, with The
- Computer rule, faulty output=faulty input
- Remote
- Directional assistance
- Strongly protesting
- Good name for a DNA expert
- Injustice
- Fed. medical org.
- Big deal
- Cut the crop
- It's usually broken before use
- Honest
- Compass heading
- Dump
- Sentence starter
- Workplace, for some
- Verve
- Fall birthstone
- Bluejacket
- Direct (to)
- Gabrielle Chanel
- Anita Baker, for one
- Clash of clans
- Envelope type
- Put it to
- Knight of "Caddyshack"
- "Live and Let \_\_\_"

# THE TOUGHIE

by Myles Mellor

Answers on P13

## Across

- Morning beads
- 2nd letter addendum
- Org. with eligibility rules
- Emergency door sign
- Pickpocket
- Lummox's exclamation
- Salad cheese
- Seeped
- Jacuzzis
- Fruity dessert
- Prefix for cycle or verse
- NHL great
- Treaties

- Restrained from indulging
- Raison d' \_\_\_\_
- Indian queen
- Vane direction
- Fruity dessert
- Sis, e.g.
- Linear
- Big name in oil
- Whatever happened
- Main ideas
- Legislative figure
- Sighting in the sky, for short
- Fruity desserts
- Strategem
- Trap at a ski lodge, say

- Attention-getting word
- Some vending machine inserts
- Pick
- Cut the crop
- Aberdeen maiden
- A pint, maybe
- "Hey Jude," for one

## Down

- Phone trio
- Subjects of many Taylor Swift songs
- 1984-88 skating gold medalist
- Commendation

- Fear
- Tailor's concern
- Adviser
- Crime syndicate, with "Cosa"
- Business associates
- On \_\_\_\_ with
- Mgr.'s aide
- Kind of hall
- New Deal inits.
- Hung. neighbor
- School of Hindu philosophy
- Big name in pop
- Had home cooking
- Base for some jellies
- P.I., e.g.

- Slender nails
- Noted New York photographer Goldin
- Terminus
- Portray
- Audition tapes
- Authority in card games
- Letter accompanier: abbr.
- Yellow, for one
- Aishwarya of Bollywood
- Phrase of emphasis
- One of the Kennedys
- Government dot
- Source

- One way off base
- Mexican pineapple
- Anchor
- Sch. where Bill Walton played
- Stagger
- Prominent features for Spock
- Stat start
- Penn of films
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## VALEMOUNT & MCBRIDE

**TUES. May 18: Community Coffee Chat** from 3:00-3:30PM- In Collaboration with our Family Support Program, join Sara and staff as we discuss the 'Impact of new technologies on the well-being of families', the International Day of Families May 15th 2021 theme. We want to embrace and access new tech tools to better connect with our loved ones during challenging times of social distance! Contact Jill or Sara to obtain the ZOOM link. [jill@rvcsbc.org](mailto:jill@rvcsbc.org) or [sara@rvcsbc.org](mailto:sara@rvcsbc.org) or call 1-844-324-2004.

**THURs:** The Valemount Community Garden's growing season is underway. Are you interested in volunteering to help produce healthy local food for folks in the community who are experiencing food insecurity? Would you like to work outside, with your hands, and learn about growing your own food at the same time? Are you're an experienced gardener who is willing to share their passion and wisdom with beginner gardeners? Drop by the Valemount Community Garden between 4-6pm and volunteer. We have a range of tasks for all abilities. Children welcome, and encouraged. If you are interested in helping out but this time doesn't work for you, contact Rebecca at [foodsecurity@rvcsbc.org](mailto:foodsecurity@rvcsbc.org) or call 778 763 1319 and she can facilitate a time that does.

**MON. May 12: Robson Valley Spay and Neuter**

**Society, Annual General Meeting @ 4pm** via Zoom (Contact for access details). New volunteers welcome! For more information call 250-566-9706

**FRI. May 21 - Senior's Tech Café @ 8:30-10:00** in McBride & 10:00AM - noon in Valemount. Technology getting you down? Do you need some basic help with your personal device? Join us in person in McBride or Valemount, for assistance and 1:1 support with your devices. 15 minute timeslots available, and you can book in for more than one! Contact Charlene in McBride, and Jill in Valemount. Email [charlene@rvcsbc.org](mailto:charlene@rvcsbc.org) or [jill@rvcsbc.org](mailto:jill@rvcsbc.org) or call 1-844-324-2004.

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### Upcoming events:

- May 5 -Mothers Day craft. Community Garden with Rebecca dropping @ 10.30am
- May 12 - Day Of Families - Meet at the Park for some family tree activities
- May 19- Meet in the park - National Police Week. A cruiser will be there to talk about what they do & show some things to the children.
- May 26 - Community Gardens. Help tidy garden,

enjoy some music & movement & cool drinks available.

**WED May 5 - Our first InCar Bingo** (Licence # 128259) in the Legion Parking Lot - all COVID protocols and BC Gaming regulations apply. More details forthcoming. Call Sandy 250-566-1153

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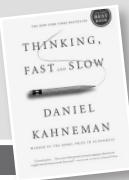


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## David Blanchette



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sent to Cornwallis, NS. For 12 weeks of basic training. Halifax, NS was his next temporary home as he pursued his career as a naval radar plotter. He joined his 1st ship, HMCS Mackenzie in Esquimalt, BC in January, 1984. For the next

17 years sailed with almost every ship on the West Coast. "I've seen most of the World by ship" he said. Incidentally, the HMCS Mackenzie is named after the Yukon's mighty Mackenzie River. During his time with the Navy, Blanchette also assumed the role of Advanced Shipborne Air Traffic Controller. Following his naval duties, he became a Company Sergeant Major at a Training School in St. Jean, Quebec. Blanchette ended his career at National Defense Headquarters in Ottawa in July 2004. "I loved the navy and, if I could, would go back in a minute" he said.

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#### Activity & Group Worker

VALEMOUNT & MCBRIDE LOCATIONS

Robson Valley Community Services (RVCS) has two twelve (12) month term positions for a 20.0 hr/week, Activity & Group Worker in McBride and Valemount. The two positions can be combined to create a 37.5 hr/week position; however, the employer does not cover commuting costs or travel time. The Activity & Group Facilitator is a 12-month pilot project directly working with seniors 55+, or those close to 55, living with a disability. Extension of the 12-month pilot program is dependent on additional funding. The Activity & Group Worker plans, organizes and implements community-based recreational, social and educational activities. Encourages and facilitates clients' participation in community. Recruits and selects participants and volunteers. Promotes and delivers established Better at Home program activities, under the direction of the Program Supervisor. Conducts weekly drop-in sessions for seniors.

This posting is open to all interested applicants and requires union membership. To apply, please submit your cover letter and resume by e-mail, in confidence, to Lina Thompson at [ed@rvcsbc.org](mailto:ed@rvcsbc.org). For a more detailed job posting, visit our website [www.robsonvalleycommunityservices.org](http://www.robsonvalleycommunityservices.org) under Careers.

CLOSING DATE: MAY 07, 2021 AT 4:00PM

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### PROPERTY MANAGER - MCBRIDE

**Duties:** Manage all aspects of a private, remote wilderness ranch; Minimal supervision.

**Benefits:** Nice housing included. Opportunity for long-term growth in property management and new hospitality venture development & management.

**Preferred skills:** handyman, agriculture, heavy and light equipment use and maintenance, forestry, wildlife management, gardening, cooking, carpentry, plumbing; electrical, and accounting. Social and communications, and general concierge or hospitality skills a plus. Ideal part-time job or job for mature, semi-retired couple. Retired RCMP and Military preferred.

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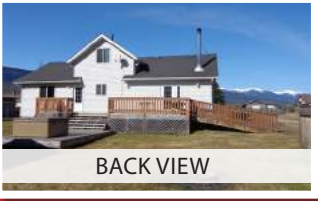


**MCBRIDE**  
**910 Airport Road**

- 3 Bedroom 2 Bathroom
- Large master with ensuite
- 1 acre fully fenced - decks hot tub
- Garage, storage, and more
- Excellent condition - priced to sell !

**\$349,000**

**LIVING ROOM**

**BACK VIEW**

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**SERVING MCBRIDE, VALEMOUNT  
AND THE ROBSON VALLEY**

**NEW!**



**MCBRIDE**  
**801-2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue**

- Level building lot
- Village services available
- Corner lot with great views
- Some established landscaping.

**\$39,000**



**MCBRIDE**  
**3121 Dorman Road**

- beautiful new home 3 Brm 3 1/2 Bath- Very private, 2+ acres fenced- great views - minutes from McBride - landscaped, treed and outbuildings

**\$695,000**

**SOLD!**



**MCBRIDE**  
**826-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

- Full duplex 1 side fully rented
- one side newly renovated -
- 4Bdrm, 2 1/2 bath open
- immediate possession available

**\$265,000**

**NEW!**




**MCBRIDE**  
**1060-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

- Level building lot
- Steps from main street
- Across from elementary school
- Alley access - village services


**\$33,500**

Visit my website to see all of my featured listings: [www.valemountmcbridelistings.com](http://www.valemountmcbridelistings.com). A great resource for you property search in the valley.


**Shelly Battensby**  
REALTOR




**12395 Jack Pine Road** **VALEMOUNT**



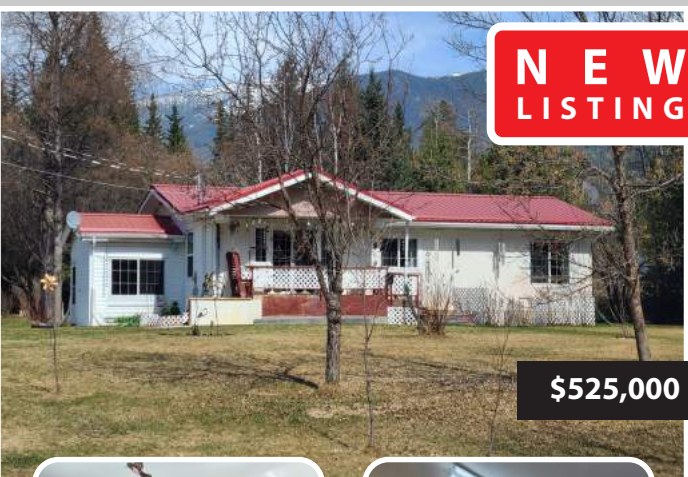
**\$775,000**

**Kitchen**

**Great Room**

This sprawling rancher hits all your check marks to give you high quality living in a picturesque and rural setting. Three bedrooms, two baths make up the home, while soaring windows showcase the view outside. Specialty touches inside - like custom appliances, in-floor heating, and stone finishes take this log-facade home to the next level.


**3250 Morrison Road** **VALEMOUNT**



**NEW LISTING**

**\$525,000**

**Living Room**

**Kitchen**

This pretty little acreage won't last long. The large 2600 sq. ft. home is designed for family, while the 2.75 acres is a great place to kick back or let the children and dogs run. Close to town but a world away, this is a great oasis in this chaotic world.

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