Emil Anderson Maintenance is assuming highway maintenance for Service Area 20, the Robson area, taking over from the current contractor Lakes District Maintenance. LDM Operations Manager Rod Saul said LDM was one of five bids submitted for service area 20. He said LDM will continue to serve as the Hwy maintenance contractor in service areas 24 and 28.

The government had not yet posted the successful bid amount for the Robson area by presstime. The highway maintenance contract was awarded following a request for proposals that was posted to BC Bid from Feb. 9 to April 7, 2021. It comes into effect Sept. 1, 2021, and has a standard term of 10 years with an option for a three-year extension.

Emil Anderson Maintenance is also the current highway maintenance contractor for Service Area 7 - Fraser Valley, and Service Area 26 - Skeena.

Remains of 215 children found buried at former BC residential school in Kamloops

As part of a Mental Health Summit, Valemount Secondary School students had the chance to participate in Equine-Assisted Learning with Cimarron Way, owned and operated by Tamara Cinnamon. High school students were led through activities with the horses at the Valemount Secondary School field. At first the students were split into three groups, each with their own horse. They were asked to pull the horse with a very short lead around a pilon about 50ft in front of them using no words—just pulling them along as fast as they could. They were timed. The second time they were asked to loosen the lead and use words to encourage the horse around the pilon. Surprisingly they were faster with the looser lead and encouraging words. See more on P22. /TRISH DUNN

Many flags across Canada are flying at half mast for 215 hours—one hour for every body discovered at a mass grave at the former Kamloops Residential School.

Preliminary findings on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School have uncovered the remains of 215 children buried at the site, on the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation Reserve in Kamloops, as reported on Thursday May 27, 2021. The Tk'emlups te Secwepemc said they hired a specialist in ground-penetrating radar to carry out the work.

"To our knowledge, these missing children are undocumented deaths" said Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Klép7 Chief Rosanne Casimir. "Some were as young as three years old. We sought out a way to confirm that knowing out of deepest respect and love for those lost children and their families, understanding that Tk'emlups te Secwepemc is the final resting place of these children."

Tk'emlups te Secwepemc said they are working with the BC Coroners Service, contacting the students' home communities, protecting the remains and working with museums to find records of these deaths. The Kamloops Indian Residential School was operational from 1890-1969, when the federal government took over administration from the Catholic Church to operate it as a day school, until closing it in 1978. Kamloops
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Indian Residential School which was the largest school in the Indian Affairs residential school system with up to 500 students registered and attending at any one time. In 1910, the principal said that the government did not provide enough money to properly feed the students. In 1924, a portion of the school was destroyed by fire.

It is estimated more than 150,000 children attended residential schools in Canada from the 1830s until the last school closed in 1996.

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation said about 4,100 children who died at the schools are identified in death records, by name or unnamed. The exact number of children who died remains unknown, but large numbers of Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools never returned home. Some children were said to have run away, and others died at the schools.

National Indian Residential School Crisis Line is available for former residential school students and others looking for support. Please call 1-866-925-4419.
**Wild Bear Rescue Encounter**

I ran into Angelika Langen of Northern Light Wildlife Shelter at the Esso gas station in McBride May 27, 2021. She was with a co-worker picking up a bear trap that was in the area and taking it back to Smithers, BC. They are planning to release the five Grizzlies back into the Bella Coola area where the bears were rescued from. She and her partner run a wildlife rescue shelter for orphaned animals such as Grizzly and Black Bears and also Moose and Deer and other animals such as porcupines. They also have a tv show called Wild Bear Rescue on the Knowledge Network. /TRISH DUNN

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**BC Hydro tree planting**

McBride Public Works crew planted 15 flowering crabapple trees in the green space next to the Village Office on Thursday May 27, 2021. The trees were purchased through funding provided by BC Hydro Tree Canada Beautification Grant. This species of tree was selected because of its compatibility with the climate and its spring bloom beauty, without bearing bear-attracting fruit. /ANDREA ARNOLD

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**Request for Proposal**

Dunster Fine Arts School Society

**Project Name:** Building Envelope  
**Project Number:** CE0066  
**CLOSING DATE:** June 23th, 2021 at 2pm  

**Scope of work:**
1. Sloped roof and Entrance addition.  
2. New Windows and Doors  
3. All necessary materials and labour.

Request for Proposal Packages can be picked up at 894 1st Avenue in McBride BC 8am-4pm Tuesday-Thursday, or contact Katharina at 250-569-7401

For further information please contact Ray Thiessen Project Manager 250-569-7543

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**Virtual Family Dinner Book Club**

Join us for a story, craft, and meal. Share ideas about how to involve children in cooking and introduce them to new foods and flavours.

**Theme:** Vegetables and where do they come from?

**When:** Wednesday, June 16th 4-5pm  
**Where:** Zoom  
**Contact:** Rebecca at 778-763-1319 or email foodsecurity@rvcscb.org to join

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**New titles in store!**

- **THE INCONVENIENT INDIAN**  
- **THE WAYFINDERS**  
- **DAVID AND GOLIATH**  
- **THE GIRLS ARE ALL SO NICE HERE**  
- **ENTANGLED LIFE**

**NEW HOURS:**
- MON 9am - 4pm  
- TUES 11am-2pm  
- WED 9am - 3pm  
- THURS 10am-3pm  
- FRI 9am - 4pm  
- SUN 10am-1pm

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**The RMG Bookstore**

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Before you look away

BY LAURA KEIL, PUBLISHER/EDITOR

The discovery of the graves of 215 children near the former Kamloops Residential School has sent shock waves of grief across the country and confirms the haunting stories of many residential school survivors. Indigenous children from the region we live in would have been sent to that school. And as residents of these lands, it is personal to all of us.

That many children died and were not even given a proper grave or reparation to their communities, but rather hidden away in a mass grave, is a Canadian-made atrocity. Ripped from their families and boarded in schools run by so-called religious orders and made to suffer abuse at the hands of sadistic “do-gooders” dispatched to annihilate “the Indian in the child,” these children were innocent and paid a horrible price.

After a brief time, we want to look away. Even now, reading this, wouldn’t you rather be reading something else? We want to look away because we are just one person. We want to get on with our life. Life is so hard as it is. And we are just one person. How can we make a difference and what difference would that be?

These are the questions that may or may not have been asked by people in a position to say or do something about what they witnessed or participated in at these so-called schools, many of which were more akin to concentration camps. It is easier to look away to think—maybe I’m wrong? It would be futile anyway... I might lose my job, be ridiculed by my peers, look “soft.”

It is so easy to see the past as a distant country, foreign and full of bizarre behaviours we cannot relate to. That could never happen now, we are better now. But what would it have taken for it to be better then?

Going against the cultural and institutional grain is never easy. When we stand up for unpopular beliefs, we often stand for it to be better then? Maybe. Progress and goodness arise from cross-cultural understanding, from curiosity. From openness to new ways of seeing things. We have to believe there is something to gain. And there is.

For my Master’s project at Journalism School I studied Cree immersion programs both on and off reserve in my home province of Saskatchewan. It was enlightening to see the incredible education programs designed to enrich children with their language and culture. But always there was the specter of residential schools—an understandable distrust of formal education among parents and grandparents. More than distrust—PTSD. Both physical and mental injuries. I spoke to one residential school survivor who, among other things, said when he and his friends went into the yard to play Cowboys and Indians, no one wanted to be the Indian. The voice of this 60-year-old man cracked with still-raw emotion. So many hurts. A mountain of cuts.

We want to look away. But looking away does not heal the wounds, does not bridge the divide, does not re-instill our pride in this now-tarnished country.

Non-indigenous people must not look away until we have chosen one step, one step that will be the first of many. One step we will take to make the world a little brighter in memory of those children lost and with an appreciation for the Indigenous children today, who bear a legacy beyond their understanding. Whether it’s educating yourself further, or gently calling out a family member on their ignorance, or making a donation to an organization, or deciding this year will be the first year you’ll support an Indigenous tourism organization. Or putting that money saved up to $50 a year and go to a pow-wow that is open to anyone and try one of those Indian Tacos. Let the drum beat sink into your skin and study the chicken dance. See the feathers on the regalia move with the dancer’s keen movements, his heartbeat thrumming with the drums and the strength of all those who came before him and are still with him.

DNA has instilled in us an instinct that isolating ourselves is dangerous. But progress and goodness never came from someone full of fear, conforming to a system designed to harm and brainwash children, in essence, committing cultural genocide. Progress and goodness come from curiosity, from openness to new ways of seeing things. We have to believe there is something to gain. And there is.
Non-binding, and ordered it to cut its total emissions reducing its carbon emissions was vague, inadequate and vessel completely overhauled. "Up the hole will do. Shareholders and society want the Parisbas Asset Management. "No amount of patching said Mark Lewis, chief sustainability strategist at BNP Dutch Shell, one of the world's biggest oil companies, keeping the increase in average global temperature 2030. It was Friends of the Earth that brought the case against Shell, but other activists are planning similar cases in +1.5°C threshold at least once in the next five years.) It was always going to be nip and tuck. By the time an revolution worth making requires the equitable, a short person has an advantage?

What happens when the short person has an advantage?

But when it comes to public health, arguments for equity would be a no-brainer. Not only am I morally interested to effectively keep him out of the same hospital. If the law and the great corporations are not committed to cutting greenhouse gas emissions, we are probably not going to meet our deadlines. We have only ten years left to cut our emissions by half, and even those who want to change the global economic model must recognise that it cannot be changed that fast. 'Saving the planet' cannot be done without the collaboration of the banks (no more loans for high-carbon energy projects), the insurance companies (no more cover for those projects) and investors (no more license for short-term managers who don't care if the assets end up stranded so long as they can cash in their stock options first). In the end, every revolution worth making requires the long march through the institutions.'
Community projects, salmon tank program, and housing needs funding

By Andrea Arnold

Mayor Torgerson called the May 25, 2021 Valemount Council meeting to order. Also in attendance: Councillor Blanche, Councillor Gee, Councillor MacLean and Councillor Pearson.

Accounts payable update
Council passed the motion receiving the Accounts Payable Report April 2021. All expenses for April 2021 are within the current budget.

Community projects call for bids reissued
Council passed the motion receiving the quotes update report. Three projects; Centennial Park Washroom (demolition), Village entrance sign (sanding and staining) and Tourism Valemount (trails web page) were recently put up for bid. All bids received either didn’t meet the bidding requirements or were over budget.

Staff decided to reissue the washroom and sign projects for bid, and discontinue the bid for Tourism Valemount.

Visitor Information Centre - Salmon Tank Program
Council passed the motion receiving the report from the Visitor Information Centre regarding the Chinook Salmon Tank Program. An application for a Pacific Salmon Foundation grant application was successful last year. This year, equipment to house and rear salmon from egg to fry stage will be provided to the information centre. This will provide an education feature for the public while also helping returning salmon populations in Swift Creek and the Upper Fraser Region.

UBCM Housing Needs Reports
Council passed the following resolutions for the UBCM Housing Needs Reports Program Grant Application: (1) THAT council directs staff to apply for $15,000 to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for the Housing Needs Reports program and (2) THAT council resolves to support the UBCM Housing Needs Reports program application and provide overall grant management.

By-laws and Policies
Council passed the motion accepting the Village of Valemount Street Vendor Bylaw No. 713, 2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 844, 2021 as adopted as presented. Council approved the motion approving the Village of Valemount Development and Land Use Application Policy No. 82, 2021 be approved by Council. Following the receipt of verbal reports provided by Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Notice of Valemount
Notice of Development Variance Permit Application
Please Take Notice that a Development Variance Permit Application (DVP 21-01) will be considered for approval:
When: Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Where: YouTube Live Stream: This Council Meeting will be live streamed over YouTube on the “Villa Valemount” YouTube channel. You may watch without a YouTube account but must log in to participate in the Public Comment portion of the Council Meeting.

The Village of Valemount Council will be considering an application for a Development Variance Permit for the premises legally described as Lot A District Lot 7352 Plan PGR2321 (1451 5th Avenue), at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on June 8, 2021. The application proposes to vary Village of Valemount Zoning Bylaw No. 610, 2007:
• Section 11.3: Maximum Height of Principal Building from 12 m to 12.8 m
• Schedule B: Parking and Loading Provisions: To reduce the number of required parking spaces from 23 to 18.

A copy of the Development Variance Permit will be available for viewing on the Village website at www.valemount.ca and during regular office hours (Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm – 4:30 p.m.), from this date through June 8, 2021 at the Village Office, 735 Cranberry Lake Road.

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Notice of Disposition of Land: Valemount Learning Society
Pursuant to Sections 26 and 94 of the Community Charter, notice is hereby given that the Village of Valemount intends to lease to the Valemount Learning Society.

The building is situated at Lot 9, District Lot 7354, Cariboo District Plan 21237 and comprising of office space on the second floor, on a monthly basis, to be reviewed after one (1) year. The annual rental fee for the space is $8.95 per square foot of leased space for the year 2021, and $9.13 per square foot of leased space for the year 2022.

For more information please contact:
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(T) 250.566.4435
(E) cao@valemount.ca

Free Vehicle Pick Up
June 7th – June 18th
Rich Boyz Towing, in partnership with the Village of Valemount, are scheduling free removal of derelict vehicles from residences or businesses within the Village of Valemount.

A bylaw campaign to remove derelict vehicles will commence soon; this is a prime opportunity to have them removed at no cost.

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BINGO, Community Market, temporary use permit and speed zone extension

Deputy Mayor Hruby called the May 25 McBride Council meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Present at the meeting: Councillors Smith, Frederick, and Green along with Mayor Runtz.

Public Hearing
The meeting moved to a public hearing at 7:40pm to discuss and hear feedback regarding the proposed Temporary Use Permit for 246 Main Street (TUP 2021-01). The applicant proposes to convert the 2500 square foot main floor, previously used for commercial purposes, into a three bedroom AirBnB short term rental. This TUP would allow the applicant to operate for two years to check feasibility before going through the full zoning amendment process.

Support for funding application
Council passed the motion directing administration to provide McBride & District Public Library with a letter of support for funding through the Canada Healthy Communities Program. The money received through this application, if successful, would also go towards building a low-maintenance garden, with outdoor sheltered meeting ‘rooms’ and a covered performance stage, alongside a safe play zone for children and families to sit together.

In-Camera
Council moved to adjourn the public meeting and move to an In-Camera Meeting for consideration of matters per Section 90 (1) of the community Charter related to: (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, (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality, (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose, (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are in their preliminary stages and that, in the view of Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public, and (o) the consideration of whether the authority under section 91 [other persons attending closed meetings] should be exercised in relation to a council meeting.

Community Market
Council passed the motion approving the use of the Steve Kolida Park Pavilion for the McBride Community Market on Fridays for 11 weeks starting June 25 and ending September 3, 2021 from 11:00am-3:00pm. Application is contingent on receipt and administration approval of a COVID-19 Safe Operating Plan. For the May 26th event, use of the pavilion was requested for the purpose of accessing electricity as the cube van that has been used in the past is in the shop and unavailable.

Columbia Operations Update conference call
We’re hosting a conference call to provide information about our Columbia facility operations. Topics to be discussed include information about forecasted inflows and our expected operations of our facilities including Mica Dam and Kinbasket Reservoir, Revelstoke Dam and Revelstoke Reservoir, Hugh L. Keenleyside Dam and Arrow Lakes Reservoir, and the Columbia River flows at Birchbank.

We hope you can join us. Please email Tracey Hill at tracey.hill@bchydro.com by Friday, June 11, 2021 to register for the call.

We will distribute a copy of the presentation and dial in instructions to all registrants in advance of the call.

Community Cleanup
McBride’s annual community clean up occurred on May 29, 2021. Village staff handed out maps with area assignments, gloves and garbage bags to volunteers Saturday morning. Large item pickup and old vehicle removal was also taking place around town.
61-year-old Hydro poles reminder of power’s beginnings on Mountainview

By Andrea Arnold

Early in 1960, residents of Mountainview beyond Sunbeam Creek did not have hydro. They were short two more residences to complete a successful application to the BC Power Commission to have poles put in and service fed to the far end of the road.

In April of that year, Wayne Zimmerman and Jess Peachy moved in with their families near the Marsh’s, and were approached immediately to be a part of the request.

“When we got here, they said it was an answer to prayer,” said Zimmerman. “They were trying to get this in, and they needed two more residences.”

“He (Zimmerman) was one of the two more needed so that we could put more force behind the request,” said Dave Marsh. “Gave us more power.”

88 cedar poles were sourced from a variety of locations nearby. Each family was responsible for supplying a number of poles. The men remember they had to source, harvest and peel the logs. Also, each applicant was responsible for a sum of money. Although neither man can remember exactly how much, it was around $750, a lot of money for the time.

The deal stipulated that when more people moved onto the line, some of the money would be returned. “This never happened,” said Marsh.

Maurice Bonneville was hired to dig the post holes and erect the poles. This included the anchor points for some. In a few cases, Marsh remembers the machines couldn’t get to where the anchor points needed to be. He remembers four such locations.

“Jack and I did some work for him,” said Marsh. “We dug the anchor holes by hand where they couldn’t get the machines in. I remember digging way down and hitting a giant rock. Our contract didn’t go too well after that.”

“I don’t remember exactly what time of year it was,” said Zimmerman. “But I do remember battling the mosquitos. So my guess is it was July or August when we were getting the poles.”

A bit later that year, another new neighbour moved into the area. Will Krinkie, a retired electrician from Alberta. He got the required permits and helped the residents wire their homes. He would instruct the homeowners, but then left the work up to them. Krinkie was also able to provide the locals with wholesale prices on supplies.

“We left the wiring open, and he came to inspect it,” said Marsh.

The men remember that the power came on just before Christmas, but the only really sudden change was the ability to flick a switch for light. It was a slow lifestyle change.

“No microwaves,” said Zimmerman.

“We had lights,” said Marsh.

“Then refrigeration,” added Zimmerman.

“Refrigeration was the biggest one,” said Marsh. “Because up until then, the creek was our cooler.”

Zimmerman agreed.

“When we were milking cows and shipping milk in cans, we had a milk house down there. It had been an old cellar. We cemented the sides up and made a milk house out of it and left the water running in. It had a water driven circulator that stirred the milk. The water also flowed around the can. Within a half an hour, the milk would be down to 42 degrees.”

“The ability that came with the electricity, to cool milk more efficiently, allowed families to increase their income from milk sales.”

The addition of power also brought more residents. “Nobody lived out on Mountainview because there was no power,” said Marsh. “As soon as we got power, everybody came out here.”

In the beginning, there were 11 residences on the applicant list. The poles that they worked hard to place (or the ones that have replaced them) now serve 47 homes and two industrial sites.

Marsh and Zimmerman are the only two of the pioneering 11 applicants remaining, and they like to look at the eight original poles, reminisce, and share their part in the history of the area. The eight poles are easy to spot—grey and weathered with rough surfaces that help tell their story.

Wayne Zimmerman (r) and Dave Marsh (l), the two remaining representatives of the group, stand next to one of the remaining eight original poles erected in 1960 to provide power to residents on Mountainview that hadn’t previously had the luxury. /ANDREA ARNOLD

Highway maintenance

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The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure’s maintenance contracts for all service areas require high standards and a proactive approach when a severe weather event occurs, including:

* frequent communication with the public about rapidly changing road conditions during severe weather events and other incidents affecting travel on B.C. roads,

* returning Class A highways to bare pavement within 24 hours of a winter weather event, at -9 C or warmer,

* patrols every 90 minutes on a Class A highway during a winter storm, and

* patrols every four hours when a weather event is forecast.

The ministry is working closely with all private contractors and WorkSafeBC to ensure health and safety are maintained for all workers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

GOVERNMENT WORK OPPORTUNITIES FROM... BC BID

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Please note this is NOT a comprehensive list of bid opportunities, but an attempt to post local bid opportunities within the Blue River Mt. Robson-Dome Creek region. The Govt does not guarantee the accuracy or comprehensiveness of any information. If you are interested in government bids, please visit the BC Bid website bcbid.gov.bc.ca to learn more.
VETERAN’S VOICES

Clayton Gee
By Jane Shaw

Clayton Gee considers the Rocky Mountain Rangers (RMR) to be a formative part of his youth. “I joined RMR at the age of 14 and spent four years with the group,” he said. The RMR are a primary reserve infantry regiment of the Canadian Army, based out of Kamloops, BC. When he moved to Victoria to attend university, Gee became part of the Military Police Reserve (army police) at the Bay Street Armories and continued in that capacity for the next 2½ years. Following that, he moved to Alberta to assume a Sergeant role as a site commander at Metropolitan, a private security company contracted by Canada Post to oversee the main postal station in downtown Edmonton. After moving to Valemount in 1996, Gee joined the Canadian Rangers. “Scott McDonald was Patrol Commander when I took over his position,” said Gee. Incidentally, the Canadian Rangers are a subgroup of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Veteran’s Voices in published in partnership with our local legions.

Woodstove...

By Joseph Nusse
Valemount, BC

beds my own family kin may need to use. How does this relate to wood smoke? Well last week the Editor offered a solution to Valemount’s air quality issue. While the solution she offered is a solution, it is a very expensive solution that, in my opinion, is not executable in any reasonable time frame. Further, from an environmental and social-accountability perspective, there are many arguments in favour of utilizing existing housing stock instead of building new. So what should we do about the prevalence of low-quality wood stoves in this town? Here is a radical idea. Instead of subsidizing the construction of brand new housing, why not just give away highly efficient wood stoves for free? We spent over four million dollars building 13 luxury apartments for “low income subsidized” individuals. There are only 600 dwellings in Valemount. At a few thousands per unit, brand new wood or pellet stoves do not even come close to comparing. The subsidy program in place does not work. For one thing, even at fifty percent, you still need to front two thousand dollars. Anybody who can front two grand does not need a subsidy to start with. And this is the general failure of equity programs. They are never done completely. They are always a compromise that achieves the worse of all worlds. The vast majority of small businesses who qualified for Covid relief were the businesses that did not really need it. So while encouraging better housing stock and quality problem, let’s get real and address the real cause tomorrow. In the words of an architect guru I follow on YouTube... “I never convince a client to install high efficiency windows or high efficiency stoves.” Gee is the newly elected president of Valemount’s Branch #266 Royal Canadian Legion.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING


When and Where: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2021 Via telephone conference call

The public hearing will be chaired by a delegate of the Regional District Board.

Owner: Christine and Trevor Pelletier

Proposal: An application has been made for zoning bylaw and Official Community Plan (OCP) amendments to permit two Residential-Single Family uses on the subject property located at 2845 McLennan Road and legally described as Lot 4 District Lot 5702 Canoe District Plan 17937. The proposed OCP amendment to the Housing Policies (Section 3.3) will allow zoning amendments for a second residence to be considered on parcels within the Rural Residential (RR) designation that are 1.6 ha or larger in size, provided that the parcel is able to accommodate on-site sewage disposal for all residences. This change will impact all parcels designated RR within the Robson Valley-Canoe Upstream Plan Area.

How can I participate and provide comment?

A copy of the proposed Permit and any relevant background materials are available for review by the public on the Regional District’s website at http://www.rdfgf.bc.ca/services/development/land-use-planning/current-applications/ or at the Regional District office, by appointment only, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, between April 19, 2021, and May 20, 2021. To make an appointment contact the Regional District at developmentservices@rdfgf.bc.ca or at 250-960-4400

In accordance with the Provincial Health Officer Ministerial Order No. M192, members of the public are prohibited from attending public hearings in person. In an effort to adhere to provincial orders while still providing the public with an opportunity to provide comments on a bylaw, a public hearing will be held remotely via telephone conference call.

Anyone who believes that their interest in land is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard at the public hearing or to present written comments prior to or at the public hearing regarding matters contained in the bylaws.

Submit written comments: Written comments will be accepted by the Regional District in advance of the public hearing until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021 by:
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Written comments received by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021 will be posted to the Regional District’s website.

After 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021 and until the close of the public hearing, written submissions can be submitted to the Regional District by email: developmentservices@rdfgf.bc.ca

Written comments received after 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021 and until the close of the public hearing will be read into the minutes of the public hearing.

Attend through telephone conference call: Contact the Regional District at 250-960-4400 or developmentservices@rdfgf.bc.ca for the telephone conference number and instructions

Any material received before or at the public hearing will become public information.

Need more info? Additional instructions for the teleconference public hearing, a copy of the proposed bylaws, and any relevant background materials are available for review by the public on the Regional District’s website at http://www.rdfgf.bc.ca/services/development/land-use-planning/current-applications/ (Electoral Area ‘H’) or at the Regional District office, by appointment only, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., between May 27 and June 8, 2021. To make an appointment contact the Regional District at 250-960-4400 or developmentservices@rdfgf.bc.ca

Who can I speak to? Daniel Burke, Planner II, 250-960-4400
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**BC enters Re-start Plan—**

**INDOOR DINING AND SMALL GATHERINGS ALLOWED, TRAVEL RULES REMAIN**

On May 25th, BC’s Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry and Premier John Horgan announced a 4-part re-start plan to re-open BC, lifting the heavy restrictions that were in place during BC’s 3rd wave of COVID-19. Thanks to falling case rates, stable hospitalization counts and with 60 per cent of the population immunized, Henry said the first step begins May 25th.

For Step 1 and Step 2, restaurants, bars and pubs, as well as indoor fitness facilities, are to return to the existing safety protocols that were in place prior to the circuit-breaker restrictions with indoor dining once again permitted. For other sectors, existing safety protocols remain in place for Step 1 and Step 2, including existing safety protocols at schools and daycares.

In Step 1, hotels and other accommodation providers are encouraged to welcome guests from inside their region. In Step 2, the invitation can be extended to guests from throughout the province. In-class K-12 education will continue to operate under existing safety protocols for steps 1 and 2.

One restriction that’s not being lifted is travel across BC’s three health zones. That travel ban will remain in place until at least June 15, when it’s expected to be lifted as part of Step 2.

In preparation for the return to classes in the fall, the COVID-19 education steering committee will work with public health officials to update safety guidelines.

The four steps are:

**Step 1: May 25**

* Maximum of five visitors or one household allowed for indoor personal gatherings
* Return to indoor dining protocols prior to circuit-breaker restrictions
* Maximum of 10 people for outdoor personal gatherings
* Maximum of 10 people for seated indoor organized gatherings with safety protocols
* Maximum of 30 people for seated outdoor organized gatherings with safety protocols
* Recreational travel only within travel region (travel restrictions extended)
* Indoor and outdoor dining for up to six people at a table with safety protocols
* Resume outdoor sports (games) with no spectators, low-intensity fitness with safety protocols
* Start gradual return to workplaces
* Provincewide mask mandate, business safety protocols and physical distancing measures remain in place
* Return of indoor in-person faith-based gatherings

**Step 2: Mid-June (June 15 – earliest date)**

Assuming that 65% of adult population with Dose 1, with COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations declining:

* Maximum of 50 people for outdoor social gatherings
* Maximum of 50 people for seated indoor organized gatherings (banquet halls, movie theatres, live theatre) with safety protocols
* Consultation process to prepare for larger indoor and outdoor gatherings with safety protocols
* No B.C. travel restrictions – check local travel advisories
* Indoor sports (games) and high-intensity fitness with safety protocols
* Spectators for outdoor sports (50 maximum)
* Provincewide mask mandate, business safety protocols and physical distancing measures remain in place

**Step 3: Early July (July 1 – earliest date)**

Assuming that 70% of adult population with Dose 1, Cases low, and COVID-19 hospitalizations declining:

* Provincial state of emergency and public health emergency lifted
* Returning to usual for indoor and outdoor personal gatherings
* Increased capacity for indoor and outdoor organized gatherings, with safety plans
* Nightclubs and casinos reopen with capacity limits and safety plans
* New public health and workplace guidance around personal protective equipment, physical distancing and business protocols

**Step 4: Early September (Sept. 7 – earliest date)**

Assuming that more than 70% of adult population has Dose 1 and cases are low and stable (contained clusters), and COVID-19 hospitalizations are low:

* Return to normal social contact
* Increased capacity at larger organized gatherings
* No limits on indoor and outdoor spectators at sports
* Businesses operating with new safety plans

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**By Laura Keil**

As I came up from the root cellar this week with carrots, potatoes, turnips, apples, and cabbage, I once again gave thanks for the investment and foresight of a man I have never met. My “Fort Knox” of a concrete cellar is indeed where I store all my wealth—underground, with 60 per cent of the population immunized, thanks to falling case rates, stable hospitalization counts, and with 60 per cent of the population immunized, Henry said the first step begins May 25th.

When I was considering buying this property many years ago, I really think the root cellar, the abundance of water and the soil were even more important than the house in my decision-making process. I had been in dozens of cellars before, but had never seen one so well thought-out and built. When I was considering buying this property many years ago, I really think the root cellar, the abundance of water and the soil were even more important than the house in my decision-making process. I had been in dozens of cellars before, but had never seen one so well thought-out and built.

As I mentioned, it is built into a side-hill and the excavation was deep enough so the backfill would insulate the concrete walls and ceiling well. The walls are concrete and are on good concrete footings all on a well-draining gravel base with a gravel floor and a drain going down the hill to an open bank. There is a good piece of hardware-cloth screen over the end of the drain to keep the critters out.

At the entry is a double door with a three-foot entry area that can be used for storage of containers, scale, twine, labels, etc. Then you pass through a well-insulated second door into the main part of the cellar. This inside partition is on a concrete footing and is made out of plywood and well insulated like the doors. On a cold winter day or a hot summer day, you can go into the little entry area, close the outside door behind you and then go into the main cellar without changing the air temperature inside.

At each end of the main cellar, is a vent that can be opened to as much as 7 inches (18cm) or closed entirely in really cold weather. One vent goes almost to the floor and the other goes out from the ceiling level.

With the temperature at 80F/26C during the afternoon at times, the inside temperature will remain at a cool 40F (4C). The apples, carrots and potatoes are still as crisp and juicy as when I put them in there last October. The potatoes are just beginning to show small sprouts at the eyes. The best thing about a root cellar is being able to take advantage of buying in bulk in the fall (I always buy a few boxes of organic apples when the price is about half the store price during the rest of the year) and being able to store things for later use when you have way too much at harvest time. Another advantage is you are able to put things like cabbage or beets in when you are busy with the harvest and then make your sauerkraut or pickled beets later when you have more time. (I brought up the last six small heads of cabbage in mid-May one year and made another ½ gallon of kraut to get me through the summer.

When you think of the cost of such a cellar, you may hesitate at putting out that much money, but if you consider how much you can save over the next twenty or thirty years and the feeling of security and wealth when you walk into the full cellar in the fall and realise you can live for months on all that home-grown or local healthy food, it sure is worth it! Thanks, Pat Stapleton, for such a great gift!
Neptune Filters Memories on Memorial Day.

Monday we celebrate the lives given for our country, and we hold dear recollections of our shared experiences with those who have crossed from this realm. This Memorial Day comes filtered, colors pushed and edges blurred by a water sign time of Mars and Neptune. Let the soulfulness and depth of the men carry on into gratitude for what our predecessors were willing to live and die for – liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Friendship has focus. No matter how many friends you have, you can always have more because each broadens your relationship skill and capacity to love. You relate to others so easily partly due to increased powers of empathy and excellent timing. You make life better for others; your attention is a sweet balm.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

It’s said that you can catch more flies with honey, although no one has figured you’d want to. For now, don’t worry about why you are being sweet. Keep your mind on what you want, and your feelings will process themselves. Just allow them to flow through. You’ll attract what you need – not flies!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Everyone has words that are more difficult for them. For some, it’s “sorry,” for others “love.” “Goodbye” can be a hard one or awkward enough that you’d rather say it first. And when there are situations that need to be moved along now or you’ll miss out on opportunities only catchable to those whose hands are free.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You love a challenge, especially one that fits your strengths. You can be sure that others feel the same way. To give them the chance to come through for you is to offer them a gift. So don’t be too proud to ask others for what you need. They just may be delighted by the challenge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

When something is new, it has a specific energy to it, as unmistakable as a “new car” scent. Opportunities present this week. While there’s no rush to try, if you wait too long, you lose that freshness. It’s like the vacuum seal pops causing a freshness leak. So act on your impulses. Move crisply forward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Don’t waste a minute enveloping other people’s celebrations, photos, epic travel pics and the like. An amazing life isn’t built in exciting events (which are never quite as momentous as they seem like they should be). The big joys are born of daily improvements and lifestyle choices. Build small wins into each day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) instead of striving for happiness, cut out striving altogether. The energy of the returning fire and hoping yields poor results. Making excellence happen from simple. Decide what to do and be in a good mood while you execute the plan. Do more of what works and less of what doesn’t.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Everywhere you look you’re surrounded by people who care of one another. You’ll witness it in displays of gentleness, manners, friendliness...You’ll also see it in the security people feel when they see and about, and their trust in one another to uphold the rules of common decency. Your heart will swell with community pride.

ARQUÍD (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

The reason people don’t listen well is because, deep down, they are afraid of being moved by what they hear. They are afraid they’ll have to get involved, be inclusive of something new or change in some way. These fears are warranted. Listening well does have a way of changing things – usually for the better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Avoid the drastic and dramatic moves. You know that you need to do something huge to shake things up is wrongheaded; it’s the equivalent of a sensational headline for an underwhelming story. Big gestures can also be costly. The real excitement is created through incremental and affordable improvements over time.

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HOW TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 2x2 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 row, column or 2x2 box.

Across
1. “Me time” resort
2. Chief
3. Preserve, in a way
4. CSI setting
5. Back then
6. “Crude” fuel
7. Chamber group, maybe
8. “Painted-town”color
9. Be generous, at a bar
10. Hindmost
11. Curios, e.g.
12. Mooring spots
13. Associated with heat
14. Busiest
15. Jog or BMW
16. In a sturdy way
17. “Drying out” program
18. Wallet bill
19. Just lying around
20. Wait on tables
21. Abr. after a comma
22. Chances
23. Comfort, say
24. By way of
25. Sommerl’s selection
26. “You’re it” game
27. “Electric”fish
28. “A In Born
29. Canny
30. “Mulan” or “The Little Mermaid” characters
31. Canoe du Soleil employee
32. Battery for...power tools
33. Non-verbal O.K’s
34. Sweet thing
35. Ties off
36. Gussy (up)
37. High profile
38. Like some candles
39. Brew
40. German article
41. Prefix with pep
42. Sweet thing
43. Substrate
44. Head connection
45. “I Like ___”
46. Naval ship intro
47. Partner of starts
48. Farmer’s storage area
49. Cowboy great, Marvin
50. They would
51. Vintage fish, abbr.
52. New York time
53. “I Like ___”
54. “Cisla la ___”
55. Plasterwork backing
56. Boat equipment
57. Pumps and cogs
58. Moved while supporting
59. Years of life
60. “Go ahead” signal
61. Overseas
62. Like Swiss peaks
63. Existing
64. Amigo
65. Blue shade
66. Drive-way material
67. Crushing
68. Aboveboard
69. Many
70. Minor
71. Strikes
72. Computer menu option
73. “Darn it all!”
74. Container for nitroglycerin
75. Irritable
76. “Star Wars” princess
77. Genesis woman
78. Item of office attire
79. Genetic stuff
80. Cousin of a capillary
81. Rubs out
82. Thomas Hardy
83. Subcutaneous
84. “Queenie” princess
85. “Star Wars” princess
86. Rights grp.
87. End bouts, in a hurry
88. Electrostatic, as a contract
89. Meeting time suffix
90. Police detector
91. Answers on P19

Down
1. Coin opening
2. 2nd girl
3. Legally empowered
4. Not the top
5. Boat equipment
6. Awaken
7. Pumps and cogs
8. Moved while supporting
9. Years of life
10. “Go ahead” signal
11. Overseas
12. Like Swiss peaks
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1 2 4 3 5 6
2 1 4 3 5 6
3 5 6 1 2 4
4 3 5 6 1 2
5 1 2 4 3 6
6 4 1 2 3 5

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Trans Mountain commits to paving Valemount’s 17th Avenue

BY LAURA KEIL

Trans Mountain is contributing more money to local infrastructure, and has agreed to pay up to $1.1 million to remove the remaining unpaved portions of 17th avenue.

The paving project is on top of $1.2 million Trans Mountain committed last year for the purchase and installation of a Potable Water Filling Station and Septage Receiving Station in the village, infrastructure it is now using to service the 600-worker accommodation camp located 5km south of town. Construction of the municipal water and sanitary sewer stations will provide a new revenue source related to the pipeline industry.

Trans Mountain’s camp community near Valemount, BC is operating on land owned by Valemount Community Forest Company Ltd., of which the Village of Valemount is its sole shareholder. The site is operated by Tsetsk’wem Management Services – a Joint Venture between Simpcw Resource Group and ATCO, a partnership formed specifically for the Expansion Project.

The 2.3 million infrastructure agreements for the water, sewer and road improvement are in addition to local taxes, landowner compensation and a $185,000 Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) with the Village of Valemount that will go towards funding more than enough water and sewage capacity to handle the 600- to 900-person camp.

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"There is a significant need in our community for future development, and without the help of these upgrades, it would be extremely challenging to make that happen," said Wayne Robinson, Chief Administration Officer, Village of Valemount. "A new paved roadway provides an immediate benefit for the community as well as a legacy to Valemount and helps future opportunities and development." Robinson said a study shows that the village has more than enough water and sewage capacity to handle the 600- to 900-person camp.

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The government of Canada has launched a new program that offers Canadians grants of up to $5,600 for energy-saving home upgrades for their primary residence, including upgrades to the building envelope.

Up to $5,000 is available for the implementation of eligible retrofits done after December 1, 2020 and up to $600 for the cost of your pre- and post-retrofit EnerGuide evaluations.

The Canada Greener Homes Grants program—worth about $2.6 billion over seven years—will help homeowners upgrade their home insulation, replace windows and doors, improve the building’s air-tightness and install renewable energy systems like solar panels.

Online applications began May 27, 2021 and the grant is retroactive for work completed since Dec. 1st 2020. An application for energy efficiency retrofits.

To sign in to the portal go here: tinyurl.com/...
The Village of Valemount’s new Official Community Plan sketches out the priorities, goals and visions when it comes to using land and improving the community over the next decade and beyond. In Part 3 of our coverage, we examine the OCP’s implementation recommendations and timelines.

Goat Disclaimer: For the sake of brevity, we have only included those items with a timeline of “immediate” or “short.” To read about the longer-term items, as well as the entire OCP, visit valemount.ca and click on the link inside OCP press release.

**OCP TIMELINE LEGEND:**

**IMMEDIATE** These projects should be commenced within 6 months to 1 year after adoption of this OCP.

**SHORT** These projects should be commenced within 1-3 years after adoption of this OCP.

**MEDIUM** These projects should be commenced within 2-5 years after adoption of this OCP.

**LONG** These projects should be commenced within 5-10+ years after adoption of this OCP.

The OCP says the following targets and measurable goals will guide the Village during its implementation of the OCP. “While the Village does not have direct influence on these goals, the Village can enable and promote conditions for which these goals can be reached.”

The targets are:

a) 100 new permanent residents by 2026
b) Average of 2% annual population growth by 2031
c) 5% of the employment lands developed by 2031
d) Increase the percentage of attached housing types from 12% to 15%
e) Intuit a minimum of 1 vacant lot in the RN-1 area each year
f) Add 30,000 sq. ft. of commercial space to the Centre Village Core by 2031
g) Add 25 new residential units in the Centre Village Core by 2031

**VILLAGE CORE & MIXED USE AREAS**

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**HEALTH & SAFETY**

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**ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

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Students partake in Mental Health Summit

Students were put into groups of three for the horse activities. /TRISH DUNN

Valemount Secondary School students celebrated the wrap-up of Mental Health Month with a Balancing our Minds Mental Health Summit sponsored by a grant from the Canucks for Kids Fund and held at the school on Friday, May 28, 2021. Activities included: Equine Assisted Learning with Tamara Cinnamon, tie dying of t-shirts (screen printed by principal Derrick Shaw) with Emily Banks and Laura Smith, baking healthy cookies with Amy Pawliuk and Rebecca Wylie to learn nutrition and mental health, yoga with Donalda Beeson, yoga mat decorating with Dr. Kat Godlewski and Heather Whalen, basketball and volleyball with teacher Nick Hannah, and a starfish room just to chill out with teacher Shauna Whetter. The students also coloured and painted tiles for a mural for the school office designed by student Alex Markham, facilitated by teachers Cam Wallace and Karen Doughty. Students signed up for workshops and all school staff who were present on Friday participated along with them in different capacities, including with pinatas at lunch time and a draw for prizes from the Canucks and mental health awareness charity, Jack.org.

This event has been in the works since last year by Shirely Giroux with the help of Emily Banks and the V-Crew members. Also with the help from the Canadian Junior Rangers.

Official Community Plan...  CONT’D FROM P21

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Thursday June 3rd 2021
Computer-generated images will inform public of harvesting plans going forward: MCFC

By Andrea Arnold

The McBride Community Forest Corporation has been working on 3D modeling that will be used to present an easy-to-understand visual to the public on upcoming projects. The first demonstration of this tool will show the plans for the upcoming logging and proposed recreation site on Lucille. The images will be shown at their annual general meeting proposed for the end of June, but will be available for viewing on their website approximately a week earlier.

“We will be using this method going forward because it will help clear up confusion and show a clear picture of what our plans are,” said MCFC General Manager Ray Theissen. The program allows them to ‘remove’ trees from a site and show different viewpoints of the plot to provide a comprehensive study of environmental, and visual impact prior to operations.

The Lucille project is awaiting a review and report from a Geotech who will visit the site once the snow clears. MCFC will then proceed to the next step, public review, using the tech’s recommendations. MCFC is working to bring backlogged silviculture up to date.

“It should be close to complete by the end of the season,” said Theissen. Also, ongoing upgrading and rebuilding of some access roads around the valley continues. For example, Minnow Creek, NW of town. The team also is continuing their forward planning with the intent to generate a strategic plan.

“We are finishing up an archaeological overview assessment,” said Theissen. “This will be the basis of how we will manage archaeological impact going forward.”

Their timber supply analysis from inventory is with the government now for review. This has been a long process, but there is progress being made.

“Everything is in position for a successful year,” said Theissen. “We keep working with opportunities we have at our disposal to encourage the success of MCFC.”

This is a draft copy of one of the images that has been created to show what MCFC hopes to accomplish on Lucille. The partially logged area in the foreground (surrounded by yellow circle) is a computer generated rendering of how the site will look after the logging has been completed, and the site is ready for use as a recreation site. / SUBMITTED
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