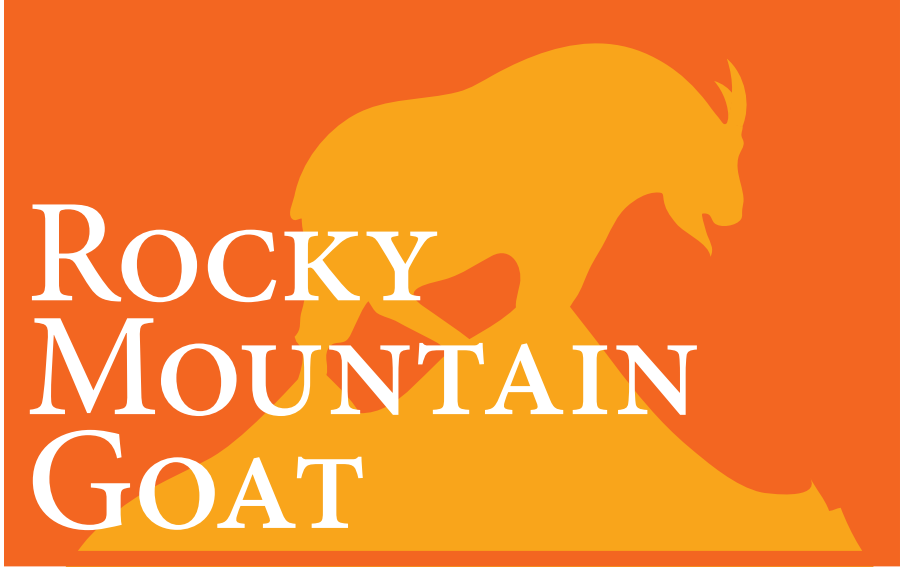




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# Robson Valley Search & Rescue - swift water training

By ANDREA ARNOLD

Members of the Robson Valley Search and Rescue (SAR) team recently participated in a two and a half day Swiftwater Rescue Technician training course (“Go” rescue from moving water). The course was put on by Raven Rescue, a Smithers-based, Canada-wide rescue training organization.

The group worked through the classroom portion of the course the evening of Friday, October 1, 2021, before stepping into live experiences on Saturday and Sunday in local rivers. Member Jeff McNaughton organized the training to get the group ready in case their services are called on in high or fast water situations.

SAR operates under Emergency Management BC and uses the National Fire Protection Agency definition of swift water. Any water moving over 1.85km/hour is considered to be swift.

“Pretty much to do any rescue on any of the rivers here, we needed to become swift water technicians,” said McNaughton.

In the classroom, they covered Rescue 3’s philosophy, swiftwater dynamics, personal equipment, risk management, drowning and medical conditions related to swiftwater, introduction to ropes, knots and gear and dryland rope work.

Following Friday’s classroom session, they moved to the Dore River on Saturday, then the Beaver/Holmes on Sunday for first hand experience. Each member had many opportunities to enter the water from a variety of heights and learn quickly what they needed to do to get themselves to the goal. The goal could be the other shore, a small island, a rock or even a person standing in the water. In addition to the physical aspect of the two on site days, they also covered a large amount of information. A review of key concepts and site safety assessment each day, then, day one: basic river signals, throw bagging shallow water crossings, swimming skills, hazard avoidance, swimming rescues and rope work.

Day two built on these skills and then also included tension diagonals, a swiftwater rescue scenario, written examination and debrief. Successfully completion of the course provides



Kerry McNaughton leaps from the rocks on the trail side of the falls into the foaming water during Robson Valley Search and Rescue Swiftwater Rescue Technician training course October 1-3. The group was prepared and equipped with safety gear in order to conduct these training exercises, and under the guidance of an experienced Raven Rescue Instructor. /ANDREA ARNOLD

certification for three years.

During Sunday’s exercises, members took turns jumping from a variety of heights, into the base of the falls. They were given instructions as to the distance they needed to jump from the rock as well as the angle needed to reach their specified destination. Once a jumper was ready to take the leap, they signaled the other members who were standing by in case help was needed. Once each member in the chain signaled they were ready, the member jumping took the plunge to the icy water. Upon surfacing, the individual used a calm and controlled swim to move themselves to shallow waters.

The participants were equipped with rescue personal flotation devices, dry suits, helmets, and rope throw bags. Also a rescue kayak was on the water to use

for some training, and in case a situation called for more than they could provide on foot.

They were instructed to wear layers of wool or fleece under their dry suits (socks included) for added protection against the cold, and comfortable shoes big enough to fit over the dry suit socks. They were treated to the warmth of the sun during their out of water times, but needed to be fully protected while in the water. The equipment was working well, as one participant commented that their feet were staying warm.

“I think everyone enjoyed the training,” said McNaughton. “We all got to do some pretty incredible swimming in a moderately controlled setting.”

This internally funded training was the first of its kind that the group has had

the opportunity to experience together. Other training they have done include a

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# Robson Valley Search & Rescue... CONT'D FROM P1

SAR group course for new recruits and avalanche safety training.

Robson Valley SAR is a group of volunteers that conduct search and rescue missions within the Robson Valley. It currently consists of about 30 team members, along with the support of industry professionals such as the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides and avalanche professionals when needed. The group responds to an average of 35 calls a year. The calls all

spread out year round. No one season is busier than another.

In order to become a volunteer, individuals must be 16 or older and feel they have the time and capacity to be a part of the SAR team. There is no scheduled intake time set aside, so anyone interested in more information can contact any of the current members.



Jesse Trask does a flying superman jump taking him halfway across the water before breaking the surface. / ANDREA ARNOLD



The SAR group had a kayak on the water with them during their practical training on Saturday and Sunday. The kayak was used for paddle training in swift water, swimmer support, rescue scenarios and nap time (as team members learned how to maneuver the boat using only ropes from shore.) /ANDREA ARNOLD



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# No ETA on new Telus tower, but fibre optic promised for Industrial Park

By ANDREA ARNOLD

Valemount residents waiting on action from Telus to improve wireless services will have to wait until sometime in 2022. Several attempts were made by Goat Staff for a more firm timeline from Telus representatives, but none was provided.

The new tower will allow approximately 35 residences to receive Telus service, where it was previously not available as well as provide more reliable and faster service to all Valemount customers, a Telus spokesperson said.

The tower will also provide fiber optic capabilities to the Valemount Industrial Park.

“This is also a huge win for the Village of Valemount and our partners, Valemount Community Forest / Valemount Industrial Park,” said Valemount Mayor

Owen Torgerson. “It brings fibre optics directly into the industrial park and opens the potential for tenants who may require high-speed broadband connectivity to reach global markets.”

Telus worked with the Village of Valemount and the Regional District of Fraser Fort George to decide on the best location for a new tower in the Cedarside area, south of Valemount. The original plan was modified after consultation with the Regional District. A new spot was chosen about 850 m south, closer to Whiskey Fill Road but still within the Valemount Industrial Park.

Many residents have complained that the current Telus tower serving the Valemount area has not been providing consistent and adequate service since the arrival of the Trans Mountain Expansion Project employees.

“You can imagine the cellular bandwidth lag on their existing infrastructure with an immediate additional 600 residents in that area,” said Mayor Torgerson referring to the Trans Mountain worker accommodation camp.

Telus says having a reliable connection at home has become more critical as the Covid-19 pandemic evolves, but is also a safety issue as more than 70 per cent of all phone calls to 911 these days come from a cell phone.

The new location will improve cellular connectivity to residents in the Canoe Basin, Kinbasket Reservoir, Packsaddle Drainage, Hwy 5 South beyond Camp Creek and at the same time provide more cellular bandwidth throughout the entire Cedarside area, including the Trans Mountain worker accommodation camp said Mayor Torgerson.

## Guest speakers to highlight business supports

By LAURA KEIL

Do you run a business? Do you have questions about supports available to your business and wish you could ask a real person?

The Valemount Chamber of Commerce and Community Futures of Fraser Fort George have teamed up for an informative evening with a dozen guest speakers at the Caribou Grill this week.

The in-person event, hosted with COVID protocols, will offer participants the chance to ask questions and gain knowledge of many programs, including the Community Futures Business Analyst, LEAP for women in business, and the Export

Navigator Program. There will also be information from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and the Chamber of Commerce.

Included as speakers are Susan Stearns, Jean Rudyk and Mary Mytting from Community Futures, Allison Boulton and Tim Thomas from the Export Navigator program, as well as Emma Holmes, an agrologist for this region, and Karen Tabe, an organics industry specialist, both with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.

The event will occur Thurs. Oct. 14th from 4-7pm at the Caribou Grill. To RSVP, contact Sam Travers at info@valemountchambercom or call 250-566-1029.



### Land Act:

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Take notice that **0820758 B.C. Ltd.** from **Valemount, BC**, has applied to the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD), Omineca Region, for an **Aggregates and Quarrying Materials Licence of Occupation** situated on Provincial Crown land located at Part of Lot 1, District Lots 480, 5682, Plan 8448, Except Plans 17811 and 25095, Part of District Lot 480 and Part of District Lot 5682, Cariboo District.

FLNRORD invites comments on this application\_ the Lands File is **7410007**. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the **Tricia Klein**, Land Officer Omineca Region, FLNRORD, at **5th Floor 499 George Street, Prince George, BC V2L 1R5** or [Tricia.Klein@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tricia.Klein@gov.bc.ca) Comments will be received by FLNRORD up to: November 26, 2021. FLNRORD may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit the website at <http://comment.nrs.qov.bc.ca/> for more information, comments and reasons.

Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at FLNRORDs’ office in Omineca Region of British Columbia. Access to these records requires the submission of a Freedom of Information (FOI) request.

Visit <http://www.gov.bc.ca/freedomofinformation> to learn more about FOI submissions.

A hard copy MAP showing the location and extent of the application area may be acquired by calling the land officer named above at **250-649-4303**

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Pursuant to Section 227 of the Community Charter, the Village of McBride would like to give Public Notice of Proposed Bylaw No. 802, 2021, being a bylaw to grant a permissive tax exemption to the following properties for the 2022 property taxation year. These taxes include municipal **PLUS** all other taxing agencies.

Sandra Salt, Chief Financial Officer

Description of Property	Organization	Description of Exemption	Estimated Value of Exempt Taxes
Parcel 1, Plan PGP44550 District Lot 5316 PID: 024-578-916, Folio No. 33.000	McBride Evangelical Free Church	Buildings and Land	(2022) \$3,537.76 (2023) \$3,608.52 (2024) \$3,680.69
Lot 3, Block 4, Plan 1373 District Lot 5316 PID: 014-184-737 Folio No. 52.100	Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp. of Prince Rupert	Buildings and Land	(2022) \$641.10 (2023) \$653.92 (2024) \$667.00
Lot 4, Block 4, Plan 1373 District Lot 5316 PID: 013-967-959 Folio No. 53.000	Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp. of Prince Rupert	<b>No exemption for Residential Class 1</b> 100% of the right side of the Class 8 Land and Improvements	(2022) \$729.18 (2023) \$743.77 (2024) \$758.64
Lot 9, Block 7, Plan 1373 District Lot 5316 PID: 004-066-898, Folio No. 89.000	Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada	Buildings and Land	(2022) \$1,577.67 (2023) \$1,609.22 (2024) \$1,641.40
Lot 7, Block 13, Plan 1373 District Lot 5316 AMD Lot 8 PID: 012-697-788 & 012-697-869 Folio No. 160.000	St. Pauls United Church – Trustees of the Congregation	Buildings and Land	(2022) \$1,118.30 (2023) \$1,140.67 (2024) \$1,163.48

# Editorial



## Paid sick leave overdue—but Province needs a plan to fund it

By Laura Keil, Publisher/Editor

The BC Government is asking workers and business owners for feedback on how many days of paid sick leave BC workers should have when the government introduces permanent paid sick leave legislation this fall.

Half of BC workers will not have access to any paid sick leave when the mandate of three days of COVID-19-related paid leave expires at the end of December. Permanent legislation is now on the table and, once approved, is slated to begin Jan. 1st 2022.

It's about time. Being sick is an unavoidable part of life, and no one should be penalized financially because of it. Paid sick leave should be for all employees, including those part-time and seasonal as well as foreign workers, as they are often the ones lacking existing paid sick leave.

The bottom line is simple: if you're sick stay home. Unfortunately that's not often the case. According to the Province's first round of consultation, employees without paid sick leave reported regularly going to work sick or returning to work before fully recovering. During a pandemic, or even during flu season, this can be disastrous. It causes more people to get sick, costs us more in health

care, and harms productivity and supply chains.

But the catch is, who will pay for it?

Many businesses are still fighting for survival during a global pandemic. How much can a small business afford? The options given in the government survey include 3 days, 5 days, and 10 days of paid sick leave per employee. Can a business owner afford to pay up to 10 days of sick leave for every person on staff? Only if the business isn't fighting for survival. Half of business owners said 3-5 days per year would have a major impact on their business. And three quarters of business owners said 6-10 days would have a major impact.

The BC government currently covers three days of sick leave for each employee during this pandemic. Businesses are reimbursed when employees stay home sick.

The Province should continue to cover some sick days under new legislation, especially during COVID-19 restrictions. Perhaps it could cover the first three days for each employee. Or, it could cover all sick days paid out by the business above a certain number, say anything above six days per small business, regardless of how many staff take time off.

We can't afford to burden small businesses who are already

stretched to the brink. At the same time, we can't ask workers to stay home when sick if we don't have their backs.

Luckily for businesses, employees with existing employer-paid sick leave don't usually use all their paid sick days in a year.

Let's hope that whatever the number of days, the Province has a plan to help small businesses with that cost.

The survey is open until October 25th and can be found here: [engage.gov.bc.ca/paidsickleave](https://engage.gov.bc.ca/paidsickleave)



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## Disappointed and Discouraged (but Not Gone Yet)

The VCF and VIP Board was at last allowed to attend a Special (Public) Council meeting with the Village on Oct 6 to dispute Policy 81 which changes the structure of the company (puts a Councilor and CAO on the board) and limits who can serve as a director based on new conflict of interest rules (there will be zero conflict).

We had presumed, that as your partner, we would be exploring and debating options but in reality, we were allowed to speak and then one minor change was made. It very quickly became clear to us that the outcome was a foregone conclusion.

My complaint remains the way in which this major change was handled. Yes, the Village, as the sole shareholder, has the legal power to do whatever they want. But do the Council and CAO have the ethical power and the public support to radically change a company that was designed by the public? Does the Council and CAO feel In Camera discussion and adoptions are sufficiently transparent? We strongly suggest that they are not sufficient for a public company. The Council allowed Policy 81 to be written and would have allowed it to be approved with no input whatsoever from their general partner or the public had we not insisted on bringing it out into the open.

The community forest only ever saw ONE written complaint about conflict of interest, an opinion by the local newspaper editor, his opinion. After all these years of operating smoothly with our own conflict of interest guidelines in place, ONE complaint seems a rather small number. However,

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## VCFC Board eligibility & other changes

On Wednesday, October 6, village council convened a special meeting to discuss proposed Policy 81, which will bar anyone who does any work for the Community Forest from sitting on the Board of Directors for the CF. The meeting went on for at least two hours, and in conclusion resulted in Council recommending to themselves that they pass the policy as written. This process could have been done in five minutes and saved a lot of time. Perhaps a harbinger of things to come when the Village finally assumes complete control of the Board.

My thoughts on the matter centre on three points. The first involves the seeds of this dispute, which were planted in 2016 when legal advice from a couple of different law firms recommended that we create a new company (VIP) to manage all assets but the Community Forest, to preserve the Community Forest's tax-exempt status.

Not only were we advised to create a new company, but we were also advised to create two new legal entities (LLP's) to shield the Village from any financial catastrophes that might befall the ComFor or VIP. Indeed, Mr.

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## Science vs. Religion


If a scientist is asked the question, "Do you believe that the universe was created," and the scientist answers, "Yes," that is not science. That is religion.

*June Vandermark  
McBride, BC*

# Global Thoughts

BY GWYNNE DYER





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

## Will China Invade Taiwan?

China's President Xi Jinping promised on Saturday that "The historical task of the complete reunification of the motherland... will definitely be fulfilled." That was a threat to Taiwan, but a threat without a deadline. However, Chinese state media warned that war "could be triggered at any time."

On Sunday, President Tsai Ing-wen replied that "nobody can force Taiwan to take the path China has laid out for us." She added that the island country of 23 million people faced a situation "more complex and fluid than at any other point in the past 72 years."

And the United States, while not directly promising to defend the island at the expense of a war with China, let it be known that there are US special forces and Marines in Taiwan on training missions. Beijing already knew that, of course (Trump sent them there two years ago), but Washington's open confirmation of it was a clear warning to China.

So there is a crisis of sorts, although a slow-moving one. As Defence Minister Chiu Kuo-Chen said in Taiwan, Beijing is capable of invading the island even now, but will be fully prepared to do so in three years' time.

"By 2025, China will bring the cost and attrition to its lowest. It has the capacity now, but it will not start a war easily, having to take many other things into consideration." What did he mean, exactly, and is it true?

In part it's a recognition that China is rapidly accumulating weapons that will make a seaborne invasion across the Taiwan Strait possible, although it is 180 km. wide at its narrowest point.

The key Chinese weapon is long-range rocket artillery that can reach all points in Taiwan with high accuracy (guidance by the BeiDou satnav system), and can be launched in such numbers that Taiwanese anti-missile defences would be overwhelmed.

Such a weapon exists. It's called the PCL-191, and it has a range of 350 km. There are eight or twelve rockets on each mobile launcher, and they can be reloaded quite fast.

There are already two brigades of these rocket-launchers stationed on the Chinese coast facing Taiwan. Soon Beijing will have the numbers to launch saturation strikes on all of Taiwan's airfields and ports simultaneously.

If all the runways and ports in Taiwan are shattered, then its planes and warships cannot stop Chinese assault troops crossing the Strait in ships (ten hours), and nobody else will be close enough to help even if they want to.


But even if the United States cannot intervene militarily in time to save Taiwan (unless the US Pacific Fleet happens to be nearby), it would certainly institute a complete naval blockade of China immediately afterwards.

Ships from China crossing the Pacific must pass between the 'first chain' of islands (Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines); shipping to the Indian Ocean, the Middle East and Europe has to go through the Strait of Malacca (Malaysia and Indonesia). In practice, there's no way out: China's economy would be strangled within months.

Further escalation by either side would be deterred by the fear of nuclear war, and some sort of deal would have to be made. It could be very humiliating for China, perhaps so humiliating that it would even undermine the control of the Communist Party. So Xi Jinping won't ever really risk it.

That's the way people steeped in classic strategic thinking see it, and they're probably right. Although you don't get your money back if they're wrong.

Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'The Shortest History of War'.




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Village of Valemount 2021 Permissive Tax Exemption

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Director of Finance, Lori McNee

Description of Property	Organization	Description of Exemption	Estimated Value of Exempt Taxes
Lot A, Plan PGP11201 District Lot 7355 PID: 012-559-547, Folio: 97.000 Cariboo Land District	United Church of Canada	Buildings and Land	(2022) \$1,541.70 (2023) \$1,603.37 (2024) \$1,667.50
Lot 4, Plan PGP8948 District Lot 7356 PID: 010-571-370, Folio: 124.050 Cariboo Land District	Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops	Buildings and Land  <b>No exemption for Residential</b>	(2022) \$1,173.38 (2023) \$1,220.31 (2024) \$1,269.13
Lot 2 & 3, Block 2, Plan PGP10449 District Lot 7356 PID: 012-675-440 PID: 012-675-423, Folio: 159.000 Cariboo Land District	Valemount New Life Centre	Buildings and Land	(2022) \$1,745.45 (2023) \$1,815.27 (2024) \$1,887.88
Part Lot B, Plan PGP31083 District Lot 7356 PID: 005-229-618, Folio: 125.001 Parcel B, Plan PGP23940 District Lot 7356 Folio: 125.005 Cariboo Land District	Valemount Senior Citizen Housing Society  Leased land from Village of Valemount	Buildings and Land	(2022) \$8,047.72 (2023) \$8,369.62 (2024) \$8,704.41
Lot 8, Block 3, Plan PGP10449 District Lot 7356 PID: 012-675-563, Folio: 180.000 Lot 10, Block 3, Plan PGP10449 District Lot 7356 PID: 012-675-580 Folio: 182.000 Cariboo Land District	Provincial Rental Housing (New Seniors)	Buildings and Land	(2022) \$2,507.02 (2023) \$2,607.30 (2024) \$2,711.59
Lot A, Plan EPP68609 District Lot 9778 PID: 030-232-198 Folio: 252.500 Cariboo Land District	Valemount Lions Club <b>25% Exemption</b>	Buildings and Land	(2022) \$283.37 (2023) \$294.70 (2024) \$306.49
Lot A, Plan PGP14950 District Lot 9778 PID: 009-014-276 Folio: 265.100 Cariboo Land District	Royal Canadian Legion Valemount & District Branch No. 256 <b>25% Exemption</b>	Buildings and Land	(2022) \$997.98 (2023) \$1,037.90 (2024) \$1,079.42
Lot 9, Plan PGP21237 District Lot 7354 PID: 009-580-905 Folio: 435.012 Cariboo Land District	Valemount Curling Club <b>25% Exemption</b> Land is leased from Village of Valemount	Building only	(2022) \$846.18 (2023) \$880.03 (2024) \$915.23
Parcel A, Plan PGP9569 District Lot 7356 PID: 013-899-783 Folio: 128.200 Cariboo Land District	Valemount Affordable Rentals Society <b>25% Exemption</b>	Building and Land	(2022) \$755.06 (2023) \$785.26 (2024) \$816.67
Lot 1, Block 6, Plan PGP10449 District Lot 7356 PID: 012-694-151, Folio: 203.100 Cariboo Land District	Fraser Fort George Regional District (Fire Department) <b>Automatic exemption</b>	Buildings and Land  Building owned by Regional Dist.	(2022) \$11,282.43 (2023) \$11,733.73 (2024) \$12,203.08
Lot 1, Plan PGP43828 District Lot 7354 PID: 024-468-240, Folio: 412.100 Cariboo Land District	Fraser Fort George Regional District (Arena) <b>Automatic exemption</b>	Buildings and Land  Building owned by Regional Dist.	(2022) \$35,465.07 (2023) \$36,883.67 (2024) \$38,359.02

Job Opportunity:

Visitor Information Counsellor

The Village of Valemount is seeking applications for a part-time Visitor Information Centre Counsellor for a year-round position. Full details on this position are available on the Village website at [www.valemount.ca](http://www.valemount.ca). Applications will be accepted until **October 18, 2021 at 4:00 pm**. Interviews will be conducted during the week of October 25-29th, 2021. Start Date will be early November 2021.

Garbage Route Change

Beginning Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Due to an on-going increase in Thursday garbage collection, effective Wednesday November 3rd, garbage pickup for properties in Hartman's Trailer Park, Cranberry Mobile Home Park, 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue will switch from Thursday to Wednesday. Please ensure your garbage bin is placed curbside before 7:00 am, on Wednesday mornings.



Halloween Fireworks

Will take place on Sunday, October 31st at 7:00pm. For further details, stay turned to the Village website at: [www.valemount.ca](http://www.valemount.ca)

Village of Valemount  
Notice of Public Hearing

Please Take Notice that a Public Hearing for Temporary Use Permits TUP-21-03, TUP-21-04, and TUP-21-05 will be held:

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm  
Council Chambers, Village Office  
735 Cranberry Lake Road, Valemount, BC

1. Temporary Use Permit 21-03

Proposes 1 recreational vehicle to be used as a residence for a period of 1 year.

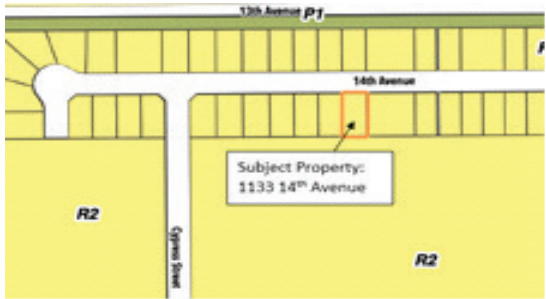
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 6 District Lot 7354 Cariboo District Plan 19779, Except Plan 30941



2. Temporary Use Permit 21-04

Proposes 1 recreational vehicle to be used as a residence for a period of 1 year.

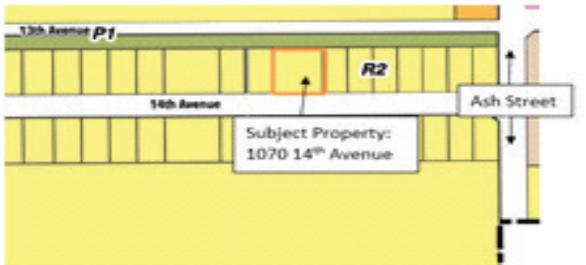
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3. Temporary Use Permit 21-05

Proposes 1 recreational vehicle to be used as a residence for a period of 1 year.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Parcel A Plan PGP26762 District Lot 7355 Land District 05 Being A Consolidation of Lots 8 & 9 SEE CA4751352



At the Public Hearing, anyone who deems their interest in land to be affected by the proposed Temporary Use Permits TUP-21-03, TUP-21-04, or TUP-21-05, shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Comments may be made in person at the Public Hearing. Written submissions can be submitted by email to [publichearing@valemount.ca](mailto:publichearing@valemount.ca), or via letter to the Village of Valemount. Written submissions will be accepted until 12:00 pm on October 26, 2021.

All correspondence and materials submitted in response to this Notice will form part of a public record. All written submissions and verbal presentations must state your name and area of residence. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. The author's phone number and email are not relevant and should not be included in the correspondence if the author does not wish this personal information to be disclosed.

Digital copies of TUP-21-03, TUP-21-04, and TUP-21-05 are available at [www.valemount.ca](http://www.valemount.ca). Paper copies will be available for viewing during regular office hours (Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.), until October 26, 2021 at the Village Office, 735 Cranberry Lake Road.



# Disappointed & Discouraged... CONT'D FROM P5

the current CAO seemed to run with that ONE and is determined to push through his agenda with the latest round of councilors. Because one of the councilors recused herself from the discussion and did not vote on the subject, there weren't many left to persuade.

Over and over the Village says to us "what a great job you are all doing". But Policy 81 says that most of the board will have to go now because the Village has a new idea about how the board will operate. The VCF doesn't agree with you on this and we aren't convinced the public agrees with you either. The new policy's conflict of interest rules will severely hamper the ability of the board to recruit and retain the competent, qualified people that the company needs to help successfully steer the company. The board fears the loss

of separation between business and politics. They fear the uncertainty the company and the board will face with each new election of Councilors and CAOs.

The last time a radical change to the structure of the companies was proposed, which removed two councilors and a staff person from the board for valid reasons, a public meeting was called and was well attended and the decision was supported. This company exists because the public wanted to create, develop and maintain a successful community forest that provided well paid jobs. These recent proposed changes are radical and detrimental, and so once again, it is important for proper public consultation.

The Valemount Community Forest has been the envy of community forests and villages across the province. Part of

our success has been due to the respect and the support we had from our shareholder. The conflict created by Policy 81 has changed that. We keep asking, why would you change a model that has brought such esteem to our Village and continues to increase local jobs, and diversify the economy and economic stimulus to the residents of the Robson Valley and Region?

The Board would like to see the policy put on hold until a public meeting is held. It is the people of this community who are the ones most affected by what we both do.

*Respectfully,  
Ainslie Jackman,  
President of the Board (VCF and VIP)*

# VCFC Board eligibility... CONT'D FROM P5

Parcells, who provides legal advice to the Village, elaborated on those opinions in a memo to Craig Pryor, the CF General Manager, dated February 17, 2018. Some excerpts follow:

"The limited partners invest in the partnership and do not play an active role in the management of the partnership. As long as they retain their passive role, the liability of limited partners is limited to their investment in the partnership."

And further:

"This section confirms that Valemount as the limited partner in VCF LP must not take an active role in the affairs of VFC LP in order to maintain its limited liability protection; however, it may do indirectly in its role as sole shareholder of the general partner, VCF."

In the conclusion on P. 6 of the memo:

"Valemount will be able to appoint and remove directors as it deems necessary and take whatever steps it considers reasonable to ensure the respective general partners remain accountable; however, Valemount will not take an active role in the management of the limited partnerships as that would potentially cause it to lose its limited liability protection under the Partnership Act"

may have realized their political ambitions and very few people will connect the two events.

The evolution of the Board from a working business board to a sub-committee of Council could be a rapid process, depending on the whims of the present or future Council. In my opinion, the devolution of the companies from businesses to non-profits would be equally rapid.

Recent provincial governments practice of siphoning off ICBC's working capital had consequences all of us can understand, and having people on the board who understand forestry can prevent some of the problems that arise when business and politics meet.

The end game of this scenario would be where the Councillors most fervent wish was that the Village was protected from any liability beyond its investment. Unfortunately, the path we are set on now means that their wish would not be granted.

*John McGuire, RFT  
President, GreenStar Forest Solutions Inc.  
Valemount, BC*

Mr. Parcells appears to now hold a diametrically opposed view; that the liability protection is no longer required. Other legal opinions recently offered state that none of the relevant corporate legislation and regulations have changed between 2016 and now. Why has Mr. Parcells opinion changed?

Regarding Council's contention that "Best Practices" preclude any director of a village-owned corporation having any conflicts of interest. This seems to be an opinion dressed up as a fact, based on legal advice provided by Mr. Parcells. Certainly, the BC Business Corporations Act makes no such requirement.

Section 124 and 147 of the Corporations Act outline the legal status of potential directors and how to deal with any conflicts of interest that might arise.

The upside of the present Board configuration is that most of the directors are involved in the industry, and specifically with the Community Forest. We all recognize that our selfish interests are best served by a profitable, growing enterprise, which by no coincidence also serves the broader interest of the residents of Valemount.

My last point is regarding Council's decision to add a Councillor and the CAO to the Board as voting members. This point is, in my opinion, the most damaging outcome of the entire process.

For example, imagine a CF Board meeting next year, when the CF Manager asks the Board for a resolution to set aside \$750,000 to buy a couple bridges and upgrade or build 10km of road because we need to get into the Yellowjacket to deal with a massive Spruce Beetle infestation. If we don't get to the wood within 2 years, it degrades from sawlog to pulp quality and may no longer be profitable to harvest. (This may happen.)

Coincidentally, the CAO is planning to hire another couple people for the Works crew and another administrator. He/she sees that the CF has \$750,000 in the bank, earmarked for road and block development. What will prevent him/her from lobbying other board members to deny the manager's request and bonus out the funds to the Village? After all, it is ultimately Village money. The fact that it could cost the CF several million in lost profits over the few years might be irrelevant to the CAO, especially if he's already eyeing the next rung on the corporate ladder.

In another scenario, the Councillor on the Board plans on running for Mayor in the next election. He or she might want to use that \$750,000 to lower municipal taxes. "Vote for me, I'll keep your taxes down." Again, the consequences for the Community Forest would be dire, but that individual

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# Winter Auto Safety

BY ANDREA ARNOLD

The winter season is not just approaching, in some places of the province, it is here. As of October 1, the law for most roads in BC requires vehicles to have winter tires or chains until April 30.

“All season tires are not winter tires,” said 3 Peaks owner/operator/mechanic Zach Haugen. “Especially in the snow and ice. Winter tires are made of softer rubber and have more sypes— the small lines that make up part of the overall tread. The sypes spread out and cover more surface area

as the tire travels down the road.” He also checks winter tires for tread health and cracks before installation.

Appropriate tires are not the only thing drivers need to be aware of going into the colder months. Haugen has three other things he checks over when a vehicle comes into his shop for a visit before winter.

“I check that the vehicle’s coolant tank is full,” he said. “I make sure the block heater is working properly and check the load levels on the battery. You can avoid ‘no start’ situations in the future by making sure your battery is working properly

now.”

Personally, Haugen packs his vehicles with several items for the winter months that could help in an emergency: a tow rope, a tool bag, an emergency kit, winter boots and warm clothes. He hopes he, and anyone else who is prepared for the worst, never needs to use these items.

Haugen is currently booking appointments two weeks out. He recommends that next year, people plan to get appointments in September. Either that, or call in August or September to book to guarantee a spot on his schedule before the October 1 deadline.



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## Know the condition of your tires

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### Tread depth

- minimum tread depth allowed for winter driving in BC is 3.5 mm (or 5/32") - tire manufacturers recommend a tread depth of at least 6.5 mm (8/32") for optimal winter traction.
- use a tread depth gauge – they're accurate and inexpensive

### Inflation

- proper tire inflation is critical to support loads, maximize fuel economy and minimize tread wear - underinflation by just 10% can decrease tread life by up to 15%.
- tire pressure should be checked regularly, especially during winter months when outside temperatures can vary throughout a trip.
- tire pressure should be checked outside to reflect actual driving conditions – not inside a heated shop.

### Tread wear

- uneven tread wear is a sign of other problems such as misalignment, over/under-inflation, or a worn suspension.
- tire chunking (missing tread) may be a sign of suspension problems or that the tire is not well-suited to the driving conditions
- tires with insufficient tread-depth, signs of chunking and/or uneven tread wear should be replaced as soon as possible.

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# October is Drive Relative to Conditions Month

SUBMITTED BY CAP. MIKE HALSKOV, BC HIGHWAY PATROL

As summer and autumn fade from our rear view mirrors, BC Highway Patrol is reminding drivers to be prepared for the changing driving conditions as the winter months near.

October is Drive Relative to Conditions month in BC and police will be out in force throughout the province stopping drivers and checking vehicles to ensure motorists are safe and vehicles are properly equipped to meet winter driving conditions. According to provincial statistics, an average of 36 people are killed every year in BC\* in collisions where vehicles were being driven too fast for the road conditions.

As the daylight hours get shorter and the weather becomes more inclement, police are reminding motorists of a few things they can do to arrive safely at their destinations:

- Replace windshield wipers to improve visibility and clear all windows of fog/ice and snow before driving;
- Clean your vehicle's windows in and out, use air conditioning at a comfortable temperature so windows don't fog up, and consider applying products to the exterior glass that repels water to improve visibility;
- Check your tires to ensure they are in good condition, have sufficient tread depth and are properly inflated. Winter tread (including M&S tires) are required in BC between October 1st

and April 30th (For select highways not located through mountain passes and/or high snowfall areas, tire and chain requirements end March 31);

- Turn your headlights to the ON position – this ensures your tail lights come on as well so you can be seen from behind. Make sure all your lights, signals and brake lights are fully functional;
- Do not use cruise control on wet/snowy/slippery road surfaces;
- Increase the distance between you and vehicles ahead to give yourself more time to stop, especially if it is raining/snowing/slippery/foggy/night time;
- Slow down especially if it is raining/snowing/foggy or any other time your visibility is limited. Posted speed limits assume ideal driving conditions;
- Be extra vigilant for cyclists and pedestrians who may be unpredictable and not clearly visible;
- Watch out for black ice as temperatures drop to freezing; and
- Give yourself extra time to get to your destination.

As winter approaches and driving becomes more challenging, we want people to be aware of things they can do to stay safe during their travels, says Chief Superintendent Holly Turton, Officer in Charge of BC Highway Patrol. Ultimately, we want to minimize collisions, injuries and fatalities on our roadways in our ongoing effort to make our highways safer together.

Motorists can expect to see an increased police presence on our highways throughout the province during this enhanced enforcement campaign and may experience short delays. Police are asking motorists to drive safely, and obey the directions of officers at any check-stop. For more information, visit the following websites: BC Highway Patrol, ICBC.com, DriveBC.ca, Shift Into Winter, Designated Winter Tire & Chain Routes.



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Remember that from October 1 to April 20, drivers are required to use winter tires on many highways in B.C. Winter tires have been defined as those labeled with either the mountain/snowflake symbol or the mud and snow (M+S) designation. Signs are posted on each of the designated highways to advise motorists where winter tires are required so please keep an eye out for them

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# Online festival invites local businesses to go live

By GOAT STAFF

More than 100 businesses and performers from across the Columbia Basin will showcase a their products and services available locally during the #BuyBasin Festival this fall.

This is the second BuyBasin Festival this year, an online buy-local festival supported by Columbia Basin Trust.

The first festival took place in the spring and several local businesses took part.

So far this fall, only one Valemount business has signed up and organizers are eager for more people to take part in what they boast is a unique marketing opportunity to drive traffic to their social media pages and inspire people to learn more about their

business.

The festival provides coaching and a platform for local entrepreneurs, businesses and entertainers to go live on social media to share tips, giveaways, demos, live music and behind-the-scenes looks at their business.

The festival takes place entirely on social media (facebook and instagram)

from October 18 to November 10, 2021.

The full line-up will be available here: [ourtrust.org/grants-and-programs-directory/buybasin-festival/](https://ourtrust.org/grants-and-programs-directory/buybasin-festival/)

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# The Love Warrior’s Renewable Resource

The nature of love -- a renewable resource that never depletes -- is a theme of the last days of the sun in Libra. Jupiter straightens out, and so does Mercury. Then the full moon in Aries puts fierce energy behind the love warriors. The loveable give love. The more they give, the more loveable they become. Adoration isn’t always returned from the same direction it was given, but it will certainly be replenished -- of that you can be certain.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). In novel situations, differences in personalities become more pronounced. It baffles you how those who have lived around you for so long can have a completely different idea about what’s appropriate, helpful or effective. This doesn’t have to be a problem though. It’s only frustrating if you try to

control it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Take an inventory. Determine how a relationship is helping you and how it hurts you. Even very pleasurable and joyful relationships have their painful aspects. Indeed, the effort and sacrifice you are willing to endure for a relationship is a measure of love and the tangible evidence of a bond’s significance.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The best thing to learn is how to learn. Mentor relationships are bursting with potential and good fortune this week. The teacher is not superior to the student, just further along in a particular journey of knowledge. Guided by the needs of the situation, the teacher will learn as much, if not more, than the student.

HOROSCOPES



BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You’re highly motivated, but don’t sign up for too much this week. Being too busy is counterproductive because you also need to be able to assimilate what you’re learning, act on the opportunities that come together and absorb what you’re experiencing. So

dive into the pool -- not the ocean.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). It’s cumbersome enough to pick up the burden that was already yours to carry. And while it seems like an inopportune time to agree to anything new, you might be surprised at how adding

one more thing can organize and balance you. Suddenly, your priorities will become clear, and all will align to support them.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have options and as an independent spirit, you’re free to exercise them at any given moment. Living light makes this possible. You don’t need much. This week, you’ll come across something you want that would require you to give up some of your lovely freedom. The best things are worth sacrificing for.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your interests are numerous and varied, which makes you immune to plagues of narrow-mindedness. You’ll give a little time in a few different directions today. You’re not scattered; you’re bringing together elements that wouldn’t be combined were it not for your eclectic taste.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). You won’t get it done (SET ITAL)your(END ITAL) way today, but you’ll get it done (SET ITAL)a(END ITAL) way, and that’s good enough to get to the next step. For a few rounds, your advancement will depend on your willingness to compromise. That will change in the weeks to come though, and you’ll soon be able to call the shots that matter to you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Once upon a time you gazed longingly toward distant possibilities. Put a pin in that distant vision and look only at the next three steps. Then narrow the focus further to the one action you can control -- the work happening now. You’ll draw that shimmering future to you sooner than you thought possible.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). From where you stand, it is impossible to see the entire scope of what is relevant, but you can trust that you are being led along a path. It will occur to you to share something you didn’t plan to share. Being bold enough to act on what you’re feeling will work out well for all.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The breakthrough comes disguised. It looks like a failed attempt, feels like a loss and drapes like a robe of embarrassment. It’s really the clearing on which your ensuing incarnation will be built. Take up your own side. These are lessons -- layers of learning. They do not define you; they just inform your next moves.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Both social and solar circles follow principles of attraction. Stay aware of what people want. You’ll observe best because you release your assumptions and let go of wishing the desires of others followed your preferences. You will follow where their attention flows and from there, the world will open up to you.

**THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS:** Your daily rituals will be overhauled in the next 12 weeks as you settle into habits of efficiency and strength. You’ll realize who you need to be to make a dream come true. Bit by bit you’ll shape yourself into the new version. The ones you meet while sharing your talents will figure into your big picture. Someone you help will rise to accomplishment, which will fortify you more than if you’d done it yourself.

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- Grammar test favorite
- Evergreen shrubs
- Tamandua meal
- Arm of a knight-in-arms

- Number theory preposition
- Sport \_\_\_ (modern vehicles)
- \_\_\_ fixe
- \_\_\_ print
- Diadem
- Flower
- Jewish potato puff
- Article in Der Spiegel
- Thoughtful
- Knock against
- Major present days
- Setting piece
- Soup veggie
- Flowers

- Destroy
- Sea slime singular
- Symbols of hardness
- Placed above
- Brit. apartment
- A black key
- New York cardinal
- Bridge position
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- Immigrant’s subj.
- Calendar abbr.
- Part of MIT
- Plane starter
- German town

- Kind of service
- Similar
- Razz
- Gab, gab, gab
- Unbroken mustang
- Sign on a plane facility
- Tax form ID
- Stomp box for guitar effects
- Switch words
- One with dreadlocks, perhaps
- Dairy product
- Valhalla V.I.P.
- Sandwich shop
- One-eighties

- Not cool
- Rebel without a cause
- Line-\_\_\_ veto
- Ingrid’s “Casablanca” role
- Lament
- Belgian 20th century painter, Margritte
- Agreements
- “Goody!”
- Irritated
- Risky
- 1914 battle site
- Argot
- Elbows and shells

- Small theater in ancient Greece
- Brooklyn art institute
- First name in the Jazz Hall of Fame
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FRI, October 22nd **the Valemount Arts and Culture Society will be presenting the “Turquoise” program**, an evening of entertainment from the Banff Mountain Film Festival. This event will be held in the Valemount Community Theatre and is approximately 2 hours in length with a short intermission. Showings will follow all BC COVID guidelines.

Things to note for both events: There are a reduced number of tickets for sale as the theatre will be running at 50% capacity. Proof of partial vaccination (1st dose) is required as per BC Health guidelines. Doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm. This

is different from previous screenings, there will be no prizes (aside from an awesome show). Tickets for both shows are available at Infinity for \$25/adult or \$20/youth & seniors. A volunteer will be on site taking memberships for anyone interested in renewing their VACS membership.

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*Pete Amyoony has lived, worked and gardened in the Dunster area for 43 years. He tries to deal with the “down to earth nuts and bolts of organic gardening” in his columns.*



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Around the middle of October, all the local garlic growers should be getting the call to get out before the ground freezes and tuck in all the little garlic cloves so they can slowly get their roots down into the warm soil before the real cold of winter sets in. Although garlic can be planted in the very earliest part of spring, it always seems to do so much better if planted in the fall just before the ground freezes and the snow arrives. If you try to lower your chances of getting “frozen out” and put garlic crop in much earlier than mid-October, you take the chance that we may get a really warm Fall and the cloves will not only send down their first feeder roots, but also begin to send up some top growth. This fall growth will be killed back by the freezing winter temperatures and it will use a lot of the stored up nutrients that have been stored in the clove. The trick is to get them planted early enough so you just beat the frost and late enough so top growth does not start.

The first step in the garlic planting process is to spend some time preparing the bed where the garlic will be for the next nine to ten months. I prefer to plant in beds that are about 3 ft (1M) wide and as long as you need. I usually plant around sixty - eighty feet (20-25M) of bed because over the past twenty years I have collected around twenty varieties of garlic and I also sell some locally. I am sure the average family could grow their year’s supply on ten or twelve feet (3-4M) of bed.

To prepare the soil, I first mark out the bed with sticks and string and then with a garden fork, dig the soil and remove any fall weeds. I try to dig to the depth of the fork as the garlic roots love this extra depth and easy growing medium. On the loosened soil, I spread about two to three inches (5-8 cm) of old manure and compost. On top of that I give a light sprinkling of Dolomite lime and bone meal and then use my four-tined cultivator to mix all the ingredients into the soil well and at the same time pull up the soil

from path outside the string onto the bed to make it a little higher than the surrounding garden. This gives good drainage and will allow the garlic to cure well in the heat of mid summer next year.

Once the bed is leveled off, I separate the garlic heads into individual cloves and starting at one end of the bed plant five cloves in a row across the bed. This gives about six inch (15cm) spacing between cloves. Then I move down the bed about 4-5 inches (10-12 cm) and plant four cloves offset from the first row. I continue this offset pattern all the way down the bed until the planting is done. I tend to push the bulbs about two to three inches (5-8 cm) deep into

the soil. The planting is done! If the soil is dry, a good watering is good for them.

As soon as the ground is frozen later in the fall, a good layer of straw mulch should be added as this allows the root system to keep growing slowly all winter. With such a good root system, the plants will get off to a great start next year.

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# Valemount native Taylor enjoying success in bike racing after long layoff



By MICHAEL PIASETZKI

Anyone who knows a thing or two about athletic competition at any level knows that one of the hardest personal challenges is staging a comeback after a long layoff. That's exactly what Valemount native Brendan Taylor has done in his chosen sport of cross-country and endurance mountain bike racing over the past several years. Taylor, a 38-year-old local entrepreneur who owns a company called the Source Tree Service Ltd., first started riding while in his teens. He competed at the high school level, qualifying for several provincial races. But then life's different stages began to change his outlook on racing and competition in general. His focus waned, drifting from sport to dating, socializing and discovering what he wanted to do with his life. "Peer pressure played a big part of my life

when I was in my teens," Taylor told the Goat last Thursday while taking a quick break from his busy life. "One thing led to another and I drifted away from the sport of mountain bike racing. Then I got married, had kids, you know the usual stuff." For the next 10 years Taylor lived a normal, busy life combining work and family. But when he entered his early 30s he found something was missing. There was a certain emptiness in his life, in particular, that exhilarating feeling of riding. As a result, the passion for getting back on his bike and peddling returned, and about five years ago, when dozens of new mountain biking trails were developed in what is now the Valemount Bike Park he was hooked again. He began training with purpose - mostly from constant use of his chainsaw along with his bike - which led to a return to competing. By using steeper hills, he prepared for races in other parts of the province, especially along the coast.

Since that time, his progression on the comeback trail has been steady and impressive. Last July, he finished first at the 120-kilometre Merritt Crown race in Merritt, an arduous event in which riders must finish a 3000-metre elevation race in less than 12 hours. For his efforts, Taylor received the coveted crown from race organizers, making him "king of the mountain" at the event. In August, he finished seventh at the 2021 Crowsnest 100-kilometre mountain bike race in southern Alberta with an excellent time of six hours, 21 minutes and 29.4 seconds. The event featured a mix of fire roads, double and single tracks and a total elevation gain of 1500-3000 metres. Most recently, on Sept. 18, he finished first at the Burns Lake biking tournament's BBC 40km cross-country event in Burns Lake.

He set a non-official course record-winning time of two hours and 40 minutes. "Unofficial because it was a new course," said Taylor. "But it was the fastest known time for that particular course." Taylor's achievements along the comeback trail have not gone unnoticed among fellow riders, including Valemount resident Curtis Pawliuk, who also competes in mountain bike races around the province. "Brendan's dedication to fitness is absolutely unbelievable," said Pawliuk, the general manager of the Valemount Area Recreation Development Association. "He lives a tremendously healthy lifestyle and is completely obsessed with staying in shape. That dedication has been transformed into success and he deserves a lot of credit for coming back so successfully into the sport."

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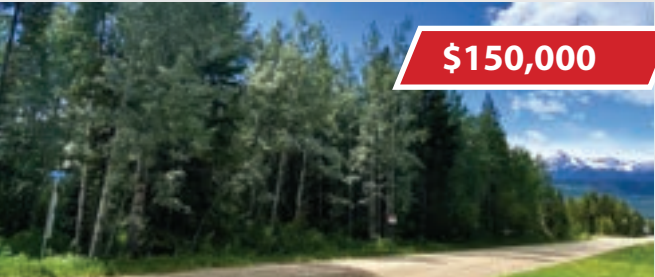
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There are not many vacant town lots left in Valemount so here is your opportunity to get yours! Location is prime with this lot as the southern exposure backyard would give you optimal sunlight in your newly built home and also a gorgeous view of our magnificent Canoe Mountain! Call today so you can put your building plans into action!

**1000 18TH AVE**

**\$150,000**



Here is the lot you've been waiting for to make your dream home! This is a scenic, half-acre lot in Valemounts newly-developed stylish neighborhood with gorgeous 360-degree picturesque mountain views. Fully serviced (water, sewer, underground power and telephone) with beautiful, rustic mountain home designs in place. The location could not get any better with being at the edge of town giving you the quietness and convenience you are wanting from your home. This lot is on a corner with 17th Ave providing you with back access to your property. Town is only a short stroll or bike ride away and from your front door the famous Cranberry Marsh and its trails are beckoning you to come play. There are 10 similar lots left in this subdivision, so come and pick yours today!

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This cute and cozy cottage is centrally located and just steps from the downtown core. With the master bedroom on the main floor and a bedroom space tucked under the eaves, you'll have a comfortable corner for everyone. The large covered porch is a perfect getaway space and the detached garage gives you space for the gear.

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**NEW LISTING!**

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**\$360,000**

Just say wow! This 1450 sq.ft. home is open, bright, and updated. With 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, large living spaces, and a private yard, this home checks a lot of boxes. The double sized garage is insulated and heated, and the concrete driveway makes for a tidy yard.



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