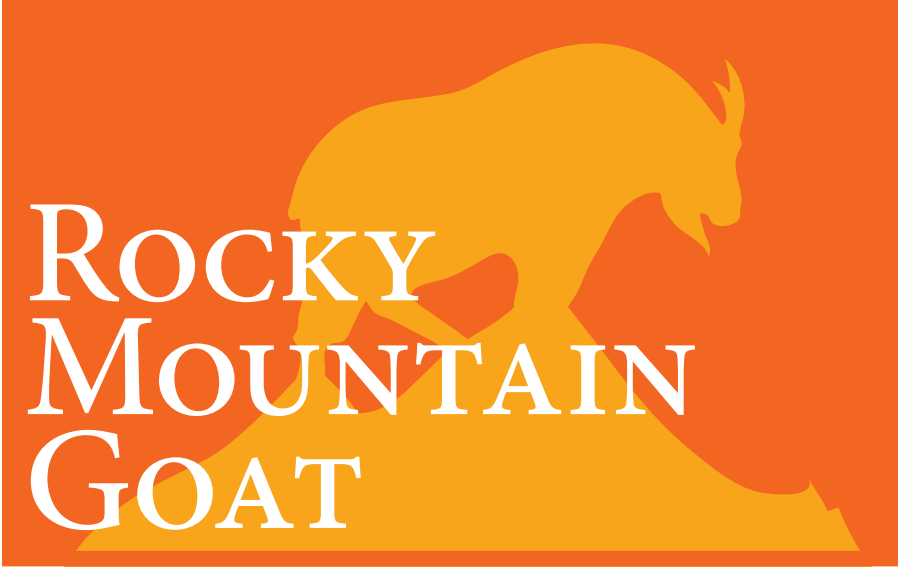




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Honouring the children



Valemount residents came out in force to observe the first-ever National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30th (also known as Orange Shirt Day). Ellen Duncan (on bike), Cat Crowley (centre) and Rhonda Reiter were three of the many people who did a walk/run/bike around the village after the ceremony at Centennial Park. See more photos and a speech on P2. /LAURA KEIL

Northern Health issues overdose alert for Prince George drugs

By MICHAEL PIASETZKI

Northern Health has issued an overdose alert for the Prince George area. According to Northern Health, the reported substance is green and chalky.

No overdoses from the substance have been reported in the Robson Valley, a spokesperson said. That does not mean it doesn't have the potential to be a devastating problem in the region, however.

Last year Dr. Ray Markham, chief of staff at the Valemount Health Centre, pitched an opioid agonist therapy clinic for Valemount to help treat those struggling with opioid addiction.

According to the latest preliminary reports by the B.C. Coroners Service more than 1,200 B.C. residents died by overdose in the first seven months of 2021. In July alone, 184

British Columbians lost their lives to the worsening drug crisis.

Northern Health suggests users be very careful and practise overdose prevention. As well, they should not use alone and make a plan with a buddy to call for help if needed. Also, users should know their tolerance and don't mix drugs with alcohol. They should test the first amount, go slow and use it in an overdose prevention site if possible. Finally, call 911 right away if someone overdoses.

If you plan to use alone, use the Lifeguard or BeSafe app available free on the app store or on Toward the Heart website (<https://towardtheheart.com>).

Drugs can be checked for Fentanyl at the two local overdose prevention sites (OPS) in Prince George: the Needle Exchange, 1108 3rd Ave open Mon.-Sat., 1-6 pm, or the Two Doors Down, 1126 3rd Ave open Tues-Sun, 6-11 am and 6-11 pm.

Backyard bear surprises couple

By MICHAEL PIASETZKI

Anyone who has lived in the Robson Valley for a certain number of years will agree that it's not unusual to have black bear sightings reported at this time of year.

After all, these solitary yet mightily-strong beasts who eat mostly nuts, corn, fruit, insects and succulent greens are now in the latter stage of their summer/fall foraging season. In other words, they're extremely hungry, trying to fill their stomachs with as much food as possible before heading off to hibernate in the mountains for the rapidly approaching winter.

Yet, even though there are black bear sightings every fall, it's still quite a shock for any local when a black bear is seen snooping around his or her backyard.

That's exactly what happened last Wednesday to Brian Bobke and Sherry Tinsley-Bobke while they were having dinner in their home on Grenfel Place.

"Brian chased it out of our backyard," Tinsley told the Goat last Friday. "It looked to be around two years old. I told him 'You'd better be careful. You can see his claw marks on our garbage bins.'"

After seeing the bear, Tinsley said she called the conservation office.

"They didn't seem too concerned," Tinsley said. "They told me it's up to me to keep my garbage put up. They wanted me to dig up my garden and get rid of my compost. That's not happening. We have two buildings outside and they're not enclosed and they want me to enclose them. I'm not doing that either. I told him the bear doesn't seem to be afraid. My main concern is for the kids and pets."

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A day for truth and reconciliation

By Sherry Tinsley-Bobke (speech read out at the Valemount ceremony Sept 30th)

Welcome and thank you for being present and showing support on this very first Canadian National Day for Truth and Reconciliation... Orange Shirt Day.

In the 1880's in conjunction with other federal assimilation policies the government began to establish residential schools across Canada.

In 1920 under the Indian Act it became mandatory for every Indigenous child to attend a residential school and illegal for them to attend any other educational institution.

My mother was placed in one of these residential schools.

Where they stole our ancestors...

Our culture...

Our language...

Our way of life.

Imagine your identity being stolen from you. Not the plastic card with a name on it, but rather who you are as a person.

Imagine being punished for speaking the only language you know. For wearing the only clothes you have ever known, for eating the foods you always eat, for wearing your hair a certain way, for praying the way you always pray.

Imagine being kidnapped with a bunch of other kids not knowing why.

Not knowing if they will ever let you go back home.

Imagine hoping every day that your parents would come get you, not knowing that they were unable to.

Imagine being beaten...starved ...raped!

Watching the same happen to the other kids and there was nothing you could do about it. Nobody protected you. You cried yourself to sleep many nights ... until the sorrow... the sadness... and isolation from your home and family became overwhelming and you no longer cried, you felt numb.

Imagine that mental emotional turmoil. Not being allowed to be who you are.

It is important to teach people the truth of what happened so they can understand the struggles that native people have to face.

This is an ongoing issue...not a past issue.

It has never been acknowledged before and never dealt with.

Trauma lasts a long time but we can begin to stand up for all the truths and respect of the Indigenous native culture the government tried to take away from us.

It is time to reclaim all our Indigenous native customs and beliefs that our ancestors lived by. In honour, love, and respect to all our brothers and sisters who gave their lives for us, we stay strong and respectful to our Indigenous native culture and way of life.

Today September 30 was declared Orange shirt day in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well being and as affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.

Today September 30 , 2021 marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.The day honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities.

For Indigenous people it's a day of mourning our family members we have lost and mourning what was taken from those who survived. Despite everything, our people are strong and are still here practicing our culture.

It's time to honour the children and the unrelenting spirit of these ancestors.

It's time for the healing of the Indian Residential School survivors who carried the burden of knowing where these children were buried.

It's time for the healing of the families and communities whose children did not come home.

Help us shine a light on the truth—the pursuit of justice and peace.

BE HEARD.

BE SEEN on behalf of the children.

Mussi Chou



Sherry Tinsley-Bobke spoke to the 50+ people gathered in the rain at Centennial Park last Thursday for Canada's first-ever National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, named a federal stat holiday earlier this year. The day—also known as Orange Shirt Day—honours the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. The orange shirt comes from the experience of Phyllis Webstad who is Northern Secwepemc, whose grandmother bought her a beautiful orange shirt to wear to school, but that shirt was immediately confiscated at the school and she never wore it again. After Tinsley's speech, Ellen Duncan said a prayer and those gathered held vigil during a moment of silence. Despite the wet weather, most of those gathered took part in a walk or run after the ceremony. /LAURA KEIL

Recycle Round-up



McBride resident Harold McLaughlin drops off an old TV at the Recycle Round-up held at the Steve Kolida Park in McBride on Friday October 1, 2021. Nathan Hartnett from the Regional District Extended Producer Responsibility Stewardship program was on site during the event. Passenger & Light Truck tires, lights, paint, smoke & CO2 alarm, thermostats, automotive & household batteries, electronics and household hazardous waste were collected and will be disposed of in a safe manner. /ANDREA ARNOLD

MLA Bond talks priorities for the new legislative session

Forestry, COVID-19, Opioid crisis and heat dome among most pressing issues

By MICHAEL PIASETZKI

The British Columbia Legislative Assembly reconvened last Monday in Victoria after an almost three and a half month adjournment.

In preparation for the current session, Prince George-Valemount Liberal MLA and leader of the opposition Shirley Bond addressed the press last Wednesday, delivering her thoughts and intentions for the upcoming session of the house.

Bond outlined her thoughts and intentions on numerous issues, including the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the dangerous opioid crisis in the province and the recent devastating heat dome in B.C. that cost the lives of 600 seniors.

When asked about her concerns surrounding the current state of the forest industry in northern B.C., and the problems related to it, Bond quickly pointed towards B.C. Premier John Horgan.

“Unlike John Horgan I understand the complexity of the forest industry in this province,” Bond said. “We need to look at the complexities related to bio-diversity and the need to balance that against the economic impact and people’s jobs. We need better forest practice management in this province.”

Bond said her party understands the current situation at Fairy Creek where an application to extend an injunction against old growth-logging blockades was denied by a judge on Sept. 28.

“We respect people’s rights to protest but there are also limits as to how this is done,” Bond said. “It’s time Premier Horgan took control of this file and made some progress.”

In respect to the opioid crisis, Bond said that will be one of the most important issues her party will raise in the legislature.

“There was a record set in July for deaths by opioid overdoses in the province,” Bond said. “This is one of the most important issues that has to be dealt with and there has to be a new approach by the government in regards to it.”

In respect to the heat dome that enveloped much of B.C. this past summer causing temperatures to soar to 40+ C in many parts of the province, Bond said one of the consequential issues that she will bring up in the

legislature will be the wildfire response.

“Not to mention COVID-19” added Bond. “We do support implementation of vaccine passports and are aware that some businesses are not forcing the rules upon their customers. We suggest that people contact bylaw enforcement officers to report these kinds of situations.”

Bond added that one of the most under-utilized tools to fight COVID-19 has been the use of rapid testing at schools in particular.

“We know the province has access to literally millions of rapid tests,” Bond said. “We’re hearing from organizations like the B.C. Teachers Federation that they’re willing to have a conversation about how that might be utilized. We’re also hearing it from employer groups. We know how important it is to best understand the health of people who are living in our province. We are very concerned when we hear that here in Northern B.C. there have been delays in people getting test results, finding a place to get tested and all those challenging situations.”

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The low-hanging fruit of bear season



By LAURA KEIL, PUBLISHER/EDITOR

Bears have been spotted near residences in recent weeks, lured down the mountain by the promise of easy scavenging. B.C.'s Conservation Office must feel like a broken record in spring and fall as they repeat the same guidelines people should follow when it comes to discouraging snooping bears. While it's not realistic for people to get rid of their gardens or to never put garbage in their bin outside, there is some low-hanging fruit that we can all do to be bear aware. First off comes smelly garbage (the number one attractant according to WildSafeBC). If you're putting organics in your garbage outside, be aware this could attract a bear. During this time of year, try to keep garbage inside the house until you're able to get rid of it at the curb or the dump. Second is literally the low-hanging fruit. Removing all fruit from fruit trees is a big help in avoiding a hungry bear. Bird feeders, composts, livestock, BBQs and freezers are also noteworthy attractants to black bears. Not many people know that you can be fined for leaving out bear attractants. Under the B.C. Wildlife Act, a person who leaves attractants accessible to dangerous wildlife can be fined

\$230 by the B.C. Conservation Officer Service and setting outgarbage cans the night before collection in areas frequented by bears is an offence. Composting can be done in a way that reduces the chance a bear will take a liking. Earlier this year, we spoke to local gardening guru Pete Amyoony who said he always covers up the organics with a good layer of "browns" (leaves, straw, grass clippings etc) and this has drastically reduced the number of bears in his yard. A good thing, too, since one time he went out to chuck his compost and a bear was sitting right inside his pallet compost bin! The point of reducing attractants isn't just for people's safety, it's also for the bear's. As WildSafe BC says, "bears that start using human-provided foods can become food-conditioned. Once a bear starts equating humans with foods, they can lose their natural wariness of humans and become what is called human-habituated. A habituated bear tolerates humans in much closer proximity than what is safe for both bears and humans. This increases the potential for a dangerous interaction between the bears and us." Or more succinctly: a fed bear is a dead bear. So for the sake of both humans and bears, do a sweep of the "low-hanging fruit" this season.



“FALL MUST BE HERE; THERE’S FRESH SNOW ON THE MOUNTAINS, THE TREES ARE YELLOW, AND RALPH HAS MOVED INTO HIS CHAIR FOR THE WINTER.”

Kickball fundraiser another success



The annual Joey Lussier Memorial Kickball Tournament took place Sept. 26th to raise funds for a Valemount family after the father fell 100 feet from a grain chute, after they recently relocated to Alberta. Though he is on his feet, he will have to spend several months off work while he recovers. The tournament included a concession and silent auction. “We put our heart & soul into this tournament every year to help people that need a boost & to keep The Joey Lussier Memorial alive!” said organizer Jacqui Lussier. “It’s such fun filled weekend for people of all ages! Thank you all once again to family, friends, volunteers & our community.” She said four teams took part, a smaller turnout this year, but people had a good time. The kids game was a hit where kids played adults dressed up as mascots- Thing 1 and Thing 2 all the way to a T-rex. The kids also got huge goodie bags and a tub of ice cream afterwards. / SUBMITTED

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Delegation, crossing arms, brewery expansion

By MICHAEL PIASETZKI

The Valemount Council meeting occurred on Sept. 28, 2021. Mayor Owen Torgeson called the meeting to order.

Delegation

The meeting began with a delegation from the Valemount Community Forest (VCF). Ray Mikolash, wildfire officer and director of the community forest along with Gordon Carson, local retired businessman, logger and saw mill operator and vice-president of the community forest spoke to Council.

Mikolash and Carson expressed their concerns about the proposed rules contained in Policy 81, which spells out how directors of Village-owned companies are appointed, how many councillors sit on the board, and conflict of interest rules that discourage directors from also working for the company. Mikolash explained that in 2018 the Village of Valemount divided the community forest into two limited companies. The company was divided mainly for tax purposes. Carson then explained there is now a conflict in the articles between the two companies. As a result, if Policy 81 was to be adopted the board of directors would be in contravention of the VIP articles and the company could not legally function. *(Editor's Note: A report to amend the articles was on the agenda, but had not yet come up in the meeting).*

Mikolash and Carson requested that Council defer the adoption of Policy 81 and set up a meeting between Council and the community forest board to bring those articles into agreement and further discuss Council's role on the board and conflict of guidelines in the policy. The guidelines of Policy 81 includes a minimum of two elected councillors from the village of Valemount, one

(non-voting) staff member of the Village of Valemount and the remaining directors consisting of community members with business, financial and appropriate skill sets identified by the company and the Village of Valemount.

Mikolash pointed out that it would be very difficult to recruit volunteer board members with skills and knowledge and not have some perceived conflict of interests if Policy 81 was adopted. Carson said at the proposed meeting, VCF and Council could discuss the perceived conflict of interest and to how it applies to the VCF and the VIP.

Councillor Blanchette asked if Mikolash and Carson had a time frame in mind for their request. Carson answered he didn't know how long it would take but it would take place after the joint meeting. Mikolash pointed out that the board only meets once a month.

Accounts payable report

Council approved the accounts payable report.

Building inspection report

Council approved the Bylaw Enforcement Summary Report.

Supply and install of municipal diesel and generator

Staff issued an RFQ for the supply and install of a Municipal Office Diesel Power Generator. ICI Electrical Engineering Ltd. assisted staff in the schematics and was estimated to cost approximately \$100,000. Two bids were received, both over \$400,000.

Councilor Pearson expressed surprise at the 400 per cent difference in cost. Mayor Torgeson agreed and said there is a chance council could look at other sources than diesel. He suggested solar energy is quite low at the present time and battery capacity is improving.

Canadian National Crossing arms

Council approved the recommendation to apply to

the Canadian Transportation Agency to lower the the Village's proportion of the cost of installing rail crossing arms at the two village crossings from 25 per cent to 12.5 per cent of the total cost. Mayor Torgeson stressed the recommendation does not guarantee whistle cessation.

Valemount Housing Committee Guests and Delegations

Council considered a recommendation that the Valemount Housing Committee be allowed to invite a Regional District Fraser-Fort George representative and Myles Bruns, Regional Manager, Economic Development Branch MFLNRO, to the next housing committee meeting of October 14, 2021. Councilor Blanchette requested an amendment that council also authorize the housing committee to invite anyone they wish without having to go to council every time. Council approved the amended motion.

Development permit for brewery

Council gave initial approval for a Development Permit 21-03 and Development Variance Permit 21-02, at 1160 5th Avenue.

Three Ranges Brewing Company is requesting a Development Permit to construct a 20' x 27' addition to the rear of the existing building. The building is to accommodate the required upgraded electrical services for the installation of larger brewing equipment and to create additional production space. Councilor Pearson expressed concern over a drastic jump from 3 metres to .75 metres in an alleyway. However, he agreed as public works has said it could clear snow through the alleyway.

Temporary use permit at 1945 Cranberry Place

Council approved the request for a Temporary Use Permit for one motorhome to be used as a residence at 1945 Cranberry Place for a period of

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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.



Destroy the Whistle-Blowers

A long time ago now I was asked to do a television series about the world's intelligence services – and I turned it down flat. My main reason was a feeling that there was less to the whole intelligence world than met the eye, and the subsequent thirty years have only served to confirm that judgement.

Today's case in point is the recent revelations about the US Central Intelligence Agency. In 2017, it turns out, the CIA flirted with the idea of kidnapping or murdering Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, in his refuge in the Ecuadorian embassy in London.

Wikipedia embarrassed the CIA in 2010 by putting a huge trove of secret US records about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan on the web. Fearing extradition to the United States, Assange (who is Australian) sought asylum in the Ecuadorian embassy in London in 2012.

The pace picked up in early 2017 when Donald Trump made Mike Pompeo head of the CIA.

Pompeo quickly convinced himself that the Russians were going to try to spirit Assange out of Britain, so the CIA began planning to preempt the Russians by kidnapping Assange from the embassy and taking him to the US – or, if that didn't work, killing him.

The Russians picked up on all this chatter, and started putting their own operatives in place around the embassy. "It got to the point where every human being in a three-block radius (of the embassy) was working for one of the intelligence services – whether they were street sweepers or police officers or security guards," said a former senior Trump official.

The Ecuadorian government changed and Assange was expelled from the London embassy in 2019, but he still faced an American demand for extradition. A British court rejected that early this year, but he continues to sit in prison awaiting the outcome of a US appeal to a higher court.

Yet none of the information Assange released hurt anybody, and a lot of it needed to be revealed: war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan and government surveillance of tens of millions of US citizens. The CIA made it all secret to avoid embarrassment, and just because it could.

It's not just American intelligence agencies. Israeli Mordechai Vanunu, who confirmed the existence of Israel's nuclear weapons in 1986, was kidnapped in Italy and jailed in Israel for 18 years (11 years in solitary).

Everybody already knew that Israel has nuclear weapons, but 35 years after he was kidnapped Vanunu is still not allowed to leave Israel. If he speaks to foreigners he is arrested, and sometimes jailed again for a few months.

Then there's Edward Snowden, a former CIA employee who revealed huge amounts of data about the US National Security Agency's global surveillance programmes in 2013. Revealing that the US was hacking the phones of friendly foreign leaders like Germany's Angela Merkel was the right thing to do, but he can never go home again.

These people are not 'helping terrorists' or betraying their countries. The intelligence services reflexively build bureaucratic empires because that's what bureaucracies do. They can be useful in war, but the vast bulk of what they do in peacetime is pointless.

I only suspected that in 1990. By now, it is blindingly obvious. All these cases are victimless 'crimes' where things that should be known about the illegal, counter-productive, and even criminal behaviour of governments are finally revealed – and the intelligence services then relentlessly harass the whistle-blowers to frighten others into silence.

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



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Village of Valemount 2021 Permissive Tax Exemption

As per Section 227 of the Community Charter, the Village of Valemount would like to give Public Notice of Proposed Bylaw No. 851, 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.

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 No exemption for Residential	(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 25% Exemption	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 25% Exemption	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 25% Exemption 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 25% Exemption	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) Automatic exemption	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) Automatic exemption	Buildings and Land Building owned by Regional Dist.	(2022) \$35,465.07 (2023) \$36,883.67 (2024) \$38,359.02

Reminders to Residents

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM VILLAGE EASEMENTS AND BOULEVARDS

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Village of Valemount

Notice of Development Variance Permit Application

Please Take Notice that a Development Variance Permit Application (DVP 21-02) will be considered for approval:

When: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00pm

Where: Council Chambers, Village of Valemount Office, 753 Cranberry Lake Road, Valemount, BC

The Village of Valemount Council will be considering an application for a Development Variance Permit for the premises legally described as Parcel A (Being A Consolidation of Lots 3 And 4) District Lot 9778 Cariboo District Plan PGP35390 (1160 5th Avenue), at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on October 12, 2021.

The application proposes to vary Village of Valemount Zoning Bylaw No. 847, 2021:

- Section 5.8.7 (b): Minimum Rear Setbacks from 3m to 0.75 m

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 October 12, 2021 at the Village Office, 735 Cranberry Lake Road.

All correspondence submitted to the Village of Valemount in response to this Notice will form part of a public record and will be published in a meeting agenda when this matter is before the Council or a Committee of Council. The Village considers the author's address relevant to Council's consideration of this matter and will discuss this personal information. The author's phone number and email address are not relevant and should not be included in the correspondence if the author does not wish this personal information disclosed.



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. 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.

CBT CIP/AAP Adjudication Committee—Call for Members

The Village of Valemount is seeking volunteers to fill vacancies on the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program Adjudication Committee (CBT CIP/AAP). The Adjudication Committee's role is to make recommendations to Council regarding which community organizations should receive funding from the CBT CIP/AAP.

There are 2 positions available, each for a 2-year term.

Committee applications are available on the village website at: www.valemount.ca/services/grants-funding or at the Village Office, 735 Cranberry Lake Road. Contact Tracey Dennis at 250.566.4435 or email grantclerk@valemount.ca for further information.

The application deadline is November 1, 2021 at 4:00 pm.



735 Cranberry Lake Road
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Valemount Council notes... CONT'D FROM P7

1 year. The lot is located in the R1 zone.
Councilor Pearson asked the planner if there are photos of the certification label of the temporary structure. The planner said she asked for photos which are on file and have been sent to the building inspector. She said that applies to all requests of the council.

Temporary use permit on 1133 14th Avenue
Council approved the applicant requesting a Temporary Use Permit to permit 1 bumper pull RV to be used as a residence at 1133 14th Avenue for a period of 1 year. The lot is located in the R2 zone. Mayor Torgerson noted the certification sticker is not included in the application package but has been reviewed by the building inspector.

Temporary use permit on 1070 14th avenue
Council approved a Temporary Use Permit to permit 1 bumper pull RV to be used as a residence at 1070 14th Avenue for a period of 1 year. The lot is located in the R2 zone.

Valemount Industrial Park articles
Councillor MacLean recused herself and left the room, stating her spouse was on the board. A staff report said a discrepancy exists between the composition of the Valemount Industrial Park (VIP) and Valemount Community Forest board of directors (BoD). Since the inception of the VIP, the board of directors for both companies have included the same people. Staff recommended that Section 14.1 of the Valemount Industrial Park Articles of Incorporation be amended to be in line with the Valemount Community Forest. Councilor Blanchette moved to table the motion so that Council could have a conversation with the Community Forest. She said it's a partnership and that has to be honoured by sitting down in a timely manner to deal with these issues together. It was decided the meeting would be held before the next Valemount Council meeting in October. The motion was tabled.

Amendment of Policy 81 re: board appointments to village-owned companies.
The recommendation was Policy 81 be approved as presented. Councilor Blanchette asked to table the issue for further discussion as well. The issue was tabled.

Amendment of policy 83 - Temporary Residential Structures
Council approved the amended policy. Council approved the amended policy that permits residents in the RR1, R1, and R2 zones to apply for a Temporary Use Permit to allow RVs to be used as short term residences.

The policy was amended to give more clear direction around setbacks as well as parking and sightlines when an RV is placed in the front yard. Councilor Pearson wanted confirmation this would be a property line measurement rather than Village easement. Mayor Torgerson answered it was.

Amendment of Village of Valemount Bylaw No. 849, 2021
A recommendation was made to approve the bylaw that called for fines of \$500 for unpermitted uses/developments, as well as failure to comply with all other zoning requirements. The fine proposed for obstructing a bylaw official is \$300. The amendment was carried.

Village of Valemount Permissive Tax exemption
A recommendation was made for council to approve 1st 2nd and 3rd reading of the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No 851, 2021. The bylaw was amended to include approval of a 25% tax exemption for all applicants for the 2022 tax year. For a list of organizations, see the Village's ad Page 6.

Freedom of the city
Mayor Torgerson brought forward an item for the village staff to research on whether Freedom of the City—an ancient honour granted to martial organisations, allowing them the privilege to march into the city “with drums beating, colours flying, and bayonets fixed”—is a Proclamation defined by Village policy or “an entirely ceremonial honour, bestowed upon a unit with historic ties to the area, as a token of appreciation for their long and dedicated service.” The motion was carried for staff to research the matter.

Council reports
Each councillor and Mayor Torgerson presented his or her verbal report. All reports were received.

Public comments
Regarding the cost of the Village's diesel back-up system, Rashmi Narayan briefly said it might be advisable for the village to look at the new Columbia Basin Trust climate resilience grant that allows for alternate sources of energy.
Eugene Jamin said more people are needed at the table as far as the housing committee is concerned. All levels of government need to be consulted and will mean a better outcome in the end. He also said the Valemount Community Forest needed people with real experience.

Masks for students K-Grade 3

By GOAT STAFF

Starting on Monday, Oct. 4th, students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 were required to wear masks (non-medical) in B.C. schools and on busses, the same as older students.
They Province announced the changes Oct. 1st. “In-person learning is crucial for the social and educational well-being of students,” said Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education. “We know there is a high level of concern among some parents, students, teachers and boards of education, especially in regions of B.C. where transmission rates are higher. We are listening to the concerns of people and, on the advice of the provincial health officer, taking further action so that families, students and staff feel secure.”
The Province says beginning this month, the Public

Health Officer will release a monthly report about how the virus is affecting school-aged children.
“We know the COVID-19 virus is being transmitted more rapidly, particularly to those who don't have the protection that vaccination offers,” said Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer. “This extra measure adds another layer of protection as we navigate this phase of the pandemic.”
Other school guidelines include daily health checks, hand washing, staying home when sick and improved ventilation systems. The guidelines also contain strategies for schools to help create space between people, including staggered recess, lunch breaks and class transition times, managing the flow of people in common areas, and using available space to spread people out.

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Parent Advisory Council

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or Ph: 250-566-4610

Submission Deadline is set for
Friday, November 19th, 2021

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FAMILY PLACE DROP-IN
Join us with your children (0-6yrs) for interactive fun, useful resources and supports. Wednesdays in McBride & Valemount 9am-12pm.

SENIORS DROP-IN
Every Tuesday 1-3pm in McBride & Valemount. Join us for some fun, support, educational and recreational activities and more!
October 5th: Group walk or wheel
October 12th: De-Stress & Mental Wellness Activities
October 19th: Chair Yoga
October 26th: Bean Bag Toss

BABYWEARING WORKSHOP
Join us for an interactive workshop, to connect with other babywearing folks, ask questions, & try different carriers.
10am-noon Oct 13th McBride
9am-noon Oct 20th Valemount


MEN'S SHED MEETING
On Oct. 20th at 7pm, join us at RVCS in McBride to discuss next steps on creating a Men's Shed program. Valemount residents are welcome to join virtually or in-person also.

SENIORS TECH CAFE
Call to book your spot with Shae and Sandy for Seniors Tech Café, which will be taking place on Oct 20th from 1 to 3 pm in both Valemount and McBride. This is a supportive space to ask basic tech related questions, such as how to use your device, learn about cyber security, how to use social media and more!

CIRCLE OF SECURITY
Join us for this 8 week parenting group from Oct. 14-Dec. 16th (Nov. 11 Stat) in McBride. It is designed to help parents and caregivers of young children learn how to provide a loving, safe and secure base for their children.

CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP
October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month! On Oct 27th from 1 to 2 pm in both Valemount & McBride, bring your devices and questions about cybersecurity to have a group discussion about internet safety, privacy and other tips. Resources and tips on senior-targeted prevention will be provided.

For more info & to join in-person or virtual programs, please email events@rvcsbc.org or call:
Toll-free at 1-844-324-2004
McBride: 250-569-2266
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

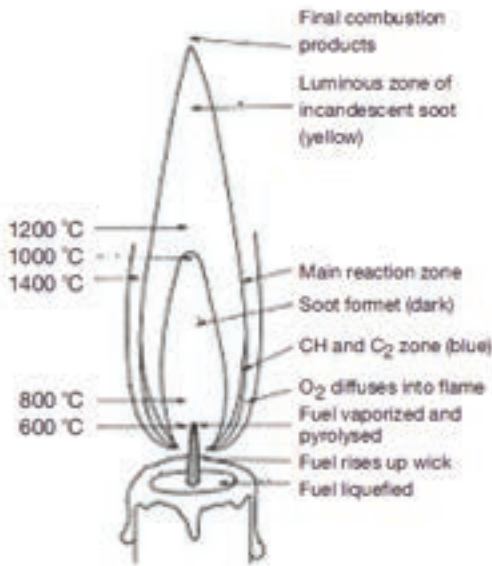
October 3 - 9, 2021



LtoR. Chief Rick Lalonde, Lt.Mike Coles, Deputy Chief Dean Schneider, Lt.Dave Craig, Capt. Clayton Gee, Cpt. Kurt Smith. /SUBMITTED

Candles one of the major causes of home fires—especially during holidays

How hot is a candle flame?



COURTESY FIRE PREVENTION CANADA

Candles provide great warmth and ambiance to any home. It is easy to forget that such a calming artifact is an open flame that can reach 1,400 °C. Most candle fires begin in the bedroom – with a mattress or bedding cited as the first item to ignite – except during the holidays, when more people use candles precariously too close to decorations. Furniture and plastics are also cited as the first items in the home to catch fire from a lit candle. Statistics reveal that the most common causes of fire are

- Leaving candles unattended.
- Falling asleep while a candle is lit.
- Using candles for light.
- Candles located too close to burnable objects.
- Candles knocked over by children, pets or sudden drafts.

Safety Tips

- Extinguish candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep lit candles away from items that can catch fire such as toys, clothing, curtains, Christmas trees and paper decorations.
- Place candles in sturdy, burn-resistant containers that won't tip over and are big enough to catch dripping wax.

THANK YOU!

Heartfelt thanks to our dedicated volunteer firefighters for putting themselves at risk to keep us safe.

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A message from your BC Liberal MLA

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Thank You!

On behalf of the Village of Valemount, Mayor, Council and staff would like to extend their gratitude to all of the Valemount volunteers involved with fire prevention



The McBride District Volunteer Fire Department is a small but dedicated crew. /ANDREA ARNOLD

Fire Extinguishers 101

- Don't place lit candles near windows, where blinds or curtains may close or blow over them.
- Don't use candles in high traffic areas where children or pets could knock them over.
- Never let candles burn out completely. Extinguish them when they get to within two inches of the holder.
- Never leave children or pets alone in a room with lit candles.
- Do not allow older children to light candles in their bedrooms. A forgotten candle or an accident is all it takes to start a fire.
- During power outages, exercise caution when using candles as a light source. Many destructive fires start when potential fire hazards go unnoticed in the dark.
- Never use a candle for light when fuelling equipment such as a camp fuel heater or lantern.
- Keep candle wicks short at all times. Trim the wick to one-quarter inch (6.4 mm).
- Be wary of buying novelty candles. Avoid candles surrounded by flammable paint, paper, dried flowers, or breakable/meltable containers.
- Use extreme caution when carrying a lit candle, holding it well away from your clothes and any combustibles that may be along your path.

The Law
There are no legal standards or regulations for candles, including their make, design, safety features, location or use. Candles are not tested by a testing agency for safety before they are put on the market for you to buy.

COURTESY FIRE PREVENTION CANADA

Read the instructions on your extinguisher for proper use. If there's a fire, get everyone outside and ask a member of your family to call the fire department from a neighbour's house. Only then should you permit yourself to fight a small fire. If the fire becomes large, get out. Close doors behind you to slow the spread of the fire.

The ABCD's of Portable Fire Extinguishers

- A fire extinguisher is a storage container for an agent like water or chemicals. It is designed to put out a small fire, not a large one. Extinguishers are labelled ABC or D. Ensure you use the right extinguisher for the appropriate type of fire.
- A) Ordinary Combustibles – Fires started with paper, wood, drapes and upholstery require a Class A type extinguisher.
 - B) Flammable and Combustible Liquids – Fires originating from fuel oil, gasoline, paint, grease in a frying pan, solvents and other flammable liquids require a Class B type extinguisher.
 - C) Electrical Equipment – Fires started with wiring, overheated fuse boxes, conductors, and other electrical

sources require a Class C type extinguisher.
D) Metals – Certain metals such as magnesium and sodium require a special dry powder Class D type extinguisher.
A multi-purpose dry chemical labelled ABC puts out most types of fires: wood, paper, cloth, flammable liquids and electrical fires. If you intend to buy more than one, you may want to purchase a BC for the kitchen, an A for the living room and an ABC for the basement and garage.

Learn How to PASS

1. Pull the pin. Some units require the releasing of a lock latch, pressing a puncture lever, inversion or other motion.
 2. Aim the extinguisher nozzle at the base of the fire.
 3. Squeeze or press the handle.
 4. Sweep from side-to-side at the base of the fire and discharge the contents of the extinguisher.
- Foam and water extinguishers require slightly different use. Read the instructions.

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Backyard bear... CONT'D FROM P1

According to Tinsley, the bear has been sighted all over town.

“We have a rental property on Third Ave. and the bear was seen there. Somebody told me it went over to the veterinarian’s office on Main St., and scared a woman. It was behind her vehicle. It’s been seen on Third Ave., Sixth Ave., and one lady told me it was seen going through the yard over by the Catholic Church.”

For its part, the Village of Valemount posted a notice on its web site Sept. 16, warning citizens that bears have been spotted in the area.

“Yes we have had a couple of reports of a bear up around Swift Creek,” said Cassandra Knelsen, visitor information centre coordinator/accounts payable clerk at the Village of Valemount. “It’s our job to take the information and pass it on to the conservation office which is based in Clearwater. It’s their job to deal with the situation.”

When contacted by the Goat about the bear sightings in Valemount, the conservation office was not available for comment.

For her part, Tinsley, who has lived in Valemount her whole life, will remain vigilant about the bear but doesn’t plan to change her lifestyle because of it.

“I run every other day around the old dump,” Tinsley said. “I’m aware the bear’s out there and yes, it’s an issue, but I’m not going to start getting afraid.”



Conservation recommended removing attractants to avoid snooping bears. /PHOTO BRIAN BOBKE

Kinney Lake Trail closes for maintenance

Damage assessment continues




The Kinney Lake Trail and parking lot closed for maintenance Sept. 30th until sometime in early December. The parking lot is being expanded and the trail repaired after a tough summer. B.C. Parks says staff are working with qualified professionals to investigate and assess the damage of the severe environmental events over the summer to determine the remediation required to make the area safe for park visitors. A Ministry spokesperson said it’s possible the trail to Kinney Lake will reopen for day use and possibly overnight use for the 2022 season. “This timeline will be dependent upon weather events that could impact the remediation work required to make the trail safe for park visitors,” he said. Meanwhile there is no estimated opening date for the Berg Lake Trail beyond Kinney Lake. The entire Berg Lake Trail was pummeled this summer due to high water, and a flash flood that damaged or destroyed several bridges along the 23-km trail to the iconic Berg Lake, including the suspension bridge at Whitehorn, which BC Parks says will be replaced due to extensive damage. The local hiking club was allowed onto the trail recently to examine the damage, much of which has yet to be cleaned up and repaired. /PHOTO ART CARSON, CAPTION LAURA KEIL



Brian Bobke and Sherry Tinsley were surprised to see this bear in their backyard recently. /BRIAN BOBKE

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BY MADELINE MILLER



NON FICTION

WILD EDIBLE MUSHROOMS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

This field guide covers the wild edible mushrooms of British Columbia that are most suitable for novice mushroom pickers. Learn how to confidently identify mushrooms based on key characteristics and how to distinguish look-alikes. This comprehensive and lightweight guide is ideal for backpackers, hikers, and other nature enthusiasts.

BY TOM CERVENKA



NON-FICTION

ONE DRUM

Fans of Richard Wagamese’s writing will be heartened by the news that the bestselling author left behind a manuscript he’d been working on until shortly before his death in 2017. *One Drum* welcomes readers to unite in ceremony to heal themselves and bring harmony to their lives and communities. Writing of neglect, abuse, and loss of identity, Wagamese recalls living on the street, going to jail, drinking too much, feeling rootless and afraid, and then the feeling of hope he gained from connecting with the spiritual ways of his people.

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Saturn Goes Direct

In the zodiac academy, Saturn is the principal, the vice principal, the counselor and the hardest math teacher, too. Rolling backward in Aquarius since May, it has felt as though the school of life has had a body-numbing number of Zoom sessions. Saturn goes direct now, switching to in-person enrollment. In the weeks to come, the lessons will be visceral and numerous. Under this sharply intellectual Libra sun, we're ready for it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You had your own ideas about maximizing the potential of the situation. They were a good jumping-off point, and when others got involved, it all took a turn. You'll be better off moving with the crew. You'll probably have to let go of the fun you planned to embrace the fun that's waiting for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

There's something you are resisting, and now it's time to question that instinct. What do you think will happen if you entertain the notion? What are you afraid of? Could you make room for the idea and its opposite at the same time? With your sophisticated and expansive mind, anything is possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Here comes a dream, a sign or a flash of insight. It may seem risky or counterintuitive to act on this before the meaning of it becomes clear to you. However, if you make your move in the heightened state, you won't be sorry. Motion has a way of bringing the vision together.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Getting away from a thing isn't the same as running scared from it. Not every retreat is an escape. Think about what you're going



toward instead. Start building that and you may just find that you drift quite naturally from what no longer serves you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Most times you can cross the distance between the ordinary and the extraordinary with effort,

talent, taste or something of the sort. This week, you'll cross that chasm with dumb luck. You'll stumble into the mood, the beautiful lighting or the perfect timing and you'll experience sheer magic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's not so easy to

be creative. It requires you give attention even when it's uncomfortable or tedious. It requires you repeat actions until they work. Your creative success will be hard-won, which is what makes it so worthwhile. Keep coming up with new ideas and building on them. You're onto something.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Life comes at you with boisterous, overwhelming confidence. Someone is jostling for the upper hand. Your need for independence is strong. You've no interest in being enlisted in a program or participating in a system. You'll take the quiet, chaotic uncertainty. You'll find your own way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No one is great at everything. Most humans excel at a handful of endeavors and specialize in a couple. You'll soon be

adding to your arsenal or changing your specialty. You'll seize a chance to experiment, which will lead you to explore. You're at your best in new environments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll use your talent for finding the good in things. There's even something good about worrying. Apprehensions will fuel you to be more prepared. Instead of one backup plan, work out a multitude of them. The process of thinking them up will help you get to your most brilliant solution yet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is no concept of correctness that is universal. You cannot tell exactly what other people are dealing with, but being intimately aware of the complex problems of modern life, you are determined to cultivate the spirit of generosity and abide by the belief that people are doing their best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The one who sweeps onto the scene and brings the fun is attractive to all. You are this person when you decide to be, so you know how much work it is. Whether it's worth it depends on your need of the moment. Low-key connections can be just as sweet. Relating tenderly to one person will bring you everything you need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You want something from the situation that you don't feel entitled to. Good. Entitlement breeds an off-putting arrogance. Your doubt makes you humble. Your vulnerability makes you relatable. Your hard work makes you qualify to get what you want. These qualities plus your efforts to connect will equal success.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: The cosmic card-dealing will be casino flashy with the solar-return reshuffling of your priorities. Certain pursuits will feel outgrown, others will be outshone by new involvements. You'll thrive in a community of like minds, and a few special relationships will shine there. You'll be picture-taking and memory-making through the end of the year. You'll flex in the professional and financial realm. You'll close an important deal that clears the road for you and your loved ones to start a new chapter.

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HOW TO PLAY

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



Answers on P13

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Answers on P13

Across

- Miso ingredient
- Electric guitar attachment
- Not well lit
- Combination of dread and wonder
- English horn's cousin
- Had a hero, perhaps
- Crime lab evidence, briefly
- Surfing destinations
- Like a bright future
- "Casino" seafood
- Versed in
- Cave-dwelling fish
- Arthur Miller protagonist
- U-boat
- "This ___ up"
- Nuts and bolts, etc.
- Sombrero, e.g.
- Placed on the wall, as a picture
- Delivered
- Erases a debt
- Advertises
- Offer as a bonus
- Don't hesitate
- Watered down
- Cheerful
- Word before "more" and "merrier"
- Salon specialties
- Iris's place

Down

- Down, so to speak
- Be master of, in sports jargon
- A ___ (very young)
- Meadow group
- Carry out, as orders
- Burglarize
- Climb down
- Raw numbers
- Romantic pair
- Base meal
- In need of a doc
- Formula ___ racing
- "For indoor ___ only"
- Certain film shot
- Musical knock
- Follows secretly
- Where wrestlers are pinned
- Deli offering
- Coffee shop container
- Ask for change
- Question of motive
- Stumble, in a way
- Petty dispute
- Fancy entrance
- Citizen's privilege
- Bog buildup
- Calls for
- It's supportive to golfers
- "Our ___ Will Come"
- Turn green, say

Across

- Assert
- Stirs
- Quipster
- Sister of Rachel, in the Bible
- Ancestry
- Eye opener
- Wild about
- Like JFK
- Some are inert
- Hurry out to pitch?
- L'Enfant Plaza designer
- Normal prefix
- Emergency group, abbr.

- Kind of tissue
- Wedding party
- Econ. yardstick
- Doctor up
- Father; French
- Fido hoping for an owner
- Cognizant of
- Midwest hub
- Cancels, with "out"
- Origin
- Modern
- Food measurement
- Costa ___ (Nicaragua neighbor)
- Madison Ave. cow

- Coiled
- Cartoon art
- Capacity
- Pasty
- Coup ___
- Topping in a tub
- Mystery writer Hunter
- St ___, Newfoundland port of call
- Hit alternative
- Puts in stitches

Down

- Cover story
- Poison

- Believe
- Some French wines, informally
- Got off
- Brontosaurus, familiarly
- Ready for drawing
- 1965 King arrest site
- Largest American cat
- First American in space, first name
- Close relationship for two
- Prior to, to Prior
- Real estate ad abbr.
- Cut into cubes
- Eyeball

- French department
- Snow gliders
- "___ dreaming?"
- First woman attorney general
- Company going public has it
- Spirit
- Things you don't do
- Stand
- Utmost degree
- Lentil sauce
- Negative conjunction
- Geological time span
- One of Tom's rivals
- Vinegar holders

- Article in Die Welt
- Runs off (with)
- Computer gizmo
- Garlicky sauce
- Smooth-tongued
- Relative by marriage
- Utopias
- Middle-eastern kingdom
- Low digits
- Bible book
- Dictionary abbr.
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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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Take time to enjoy the fall garden chores

The first heavy frost in the fall is much like the old school bell or the whistle at the factory beckoning all around to “get to work!”

I usually begin with those things that are the most tender and stand a chance at being harmed by any following frosts. Once the leaves of the pumpkins, squash and zucchini have been wilted, the next frosts will attack the unprotected fruits. It is best to pick them all and take them into a warm dry place to finish ripening and “curing”. The zucchini and any other summer squash should be used up as soon as possible, but the winter storage members of this cucurbit family can be cured and stored for many months. I have had well cured pumpkin stay firm and quite useable up into April. The secret to long keeping in this family is to keep them warm and dry until around Christmas. The skin should be so hard, that it is difficult to puncture with your fingernail.

Summer bulbs and tubers should be lifted and allowed to cure and dry before being put in storage for their winter rest. Dahlias are best dug and spread on boards on a few sawhorses in a dry basement. I find they keep best if allowed to remain in the entire clump. I remove much of the soil and when dry place them in boxes on a shelf in the root cellar. They can still breathe, but they must be totally dry or they will rot in storage. Leaving them in clumps seems to prevent drying out over the winter. In the spring, when the eyes are beginning to sprout, you can separate them into new smaller clumps (at least one eye per piece) and get more of these beautiful flowers.

Gladiolas should be lifted and tied in small bunches and hung to dry. Some books suggest cutting the tops back to 4 inches (10cm) if the tops are hit by frost. When dry, the tops will pull off easily and the old corm should be removed from the bottom of the new corm before storage. Storage can be successful in peat or even in a box where it is cool and dry. If you had any problems with thrips (brown leaves and


stunted plants) dip the bulbs in a mild bleach solution before storage.

Any time after the tops have died down, potatoes can be dug and put in storage for winter eating. You can always dig a few hills and check to see if the skins are set and not “slipping” off. If the skins slip off while digging and handling, the tubers will not keep as long in storage. Storage around 38-40F (4-5C) is ideal for potatoes. For eight weeks after digging, remember they go into a “sweat” and give off excess moisture. Be sure to have good circulation at this time (open root cellar vents) or they will tend to rot.

This is also the time to get the garlic beds planted. Adding lots of good rotted manure and compost really helps to produce a great crop next summer. Next week I will go over how to plant so you have a great garlic crop. The Robson Valley grows some of the best garlic I have ever seen.

During the rush to get all the fall chores done, don’t forget to take time to enjoy the beautiful colours all around us and to fall backwards into a pile of leaves before you move them to the compost pile!




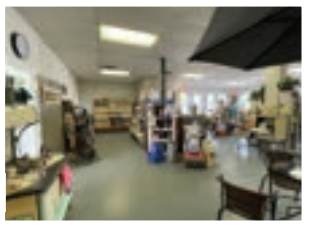


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