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Valemount Council to appoint members of public to vacant council seats

By LAURA KEIL

Valemount mayor and council will be sworn in by acclamation this year, after only one person put forward their name for the office of mayor and only two put forward their names for four councillor positions.

Incumbent Owen Torgerson is running again for Mayor. Incumbent councillors Hollie Blanchette and Pete Pearson are pursuing another four-year term. Existing councillors Sheri Gee and Donnie MacLean have opted to step down. No other people put their names forward.

The Village of Valemount extended the nomination papers deadline from Fri. Sept. 9th until Mon. Sept. 12th, however, the short extension did not attract any more candidates.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs told the Goat that If there are fewer candidates than positions to be filled for an elected

office after the nomination period, the nomination period is automatically extended until Sept. 12 at 4 p.m.

"If there are still not enough candidates by that time, the local government must appoint a person to each vacant office within the first 30 days after the first meeting of the local government," said Aaron Hinks, Ministry spokesperson.

If a local government fails to make an appointment required by subsection (1), or if there is no quorum of the local government able to make the appointment, the Local Government Act says the Minister of Municipal Affairs must then appoint a person to each vacant office.

The Local Government Act states that anyone appointed to local government would still have the same powers, duties and rights as anyone elected, and would have to meet the same criteria. To run for local office, you must be a Canadian

citizen 18 years of age or older, be a BC resident for a minimum of 6 months before filing nomination papers, and not be disqualified from running for office for any legal reason.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs says it has connected with village staff to clarify the next steps and offer support as needed. The Ministry did not clarify by presstime how the appointing process works, other than to say Council would have to agree on who to appoint.

Valemount Chief Election Officer Carleena Shepherd says the Declaration Appointment by Acclamation will take place Sept. 19 at 4 PM, to allow time for potential challenges to the three existing nominations. The deadline to challenge a nomination is Sept. 13th at 4pm. The date of the local election would have been Oct 15th, 2022.

Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Area H incumbent Dannielle Alan and

School District Trustee Area 3 - Robson Valley incumbent Bob Thompson are also slated to be elected by acclamation after no other candidates came forward.

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Remembering

On Sunday morning, members of McBride Emergency Services marched in memory of the fallen First Responders who died on September 11, 2001. McBride District Fire Department Deputy Chief Courtney Lipke participated in the March for the first time this year. "It is important to remember all those who passed," said Lipke. "Many of the First Responders who perished were firefighters, but it is important to remember them all. When we respond to a call we never know what we are going to experience. Sometimes we aren't needed at all, and other times we give everything we have to make sure that everyone returns home safely. This march is a reminder of our mortality." /ANDREA ARNOLD



McBride Emergency Services marched in silence down Main Street, this banner a reminder of the tragedy of 9/11 stretched across the fire truck. / ANDREA ARNOLD

McBride Election Update

BY ANDREA ARNOLD

The names of those running in the McBride 2022 Municipal Election were made public on Friday September 9, 2022.

For the office of Mayor, current Councillor Lucille Green, and incumbent Mayor Gene Runtz have thrown their hats into the ring.

Six community members have joined the race for the four Councillor seats. Peter Caputo, Glen Frear, incumbent Allan Frederick, Joe Kolida, incumbent Diane Smith and Kat Vickery.

The only Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Electoral Area H candidate is incumbent Dannielle Alan. Unless Alan withdraws from the election, she will be voted in through declaration of election by acclamation on September 19, 2022. If this happens, there will be no need for voting stations to be arranged. School District 57 has already announced that Bob Thompson will continue to serve the

Robson Valley as Trustee as he is the only candidate.

In upcoming issues, the Goat will be providing candidates the opportunity to express their backgrounds and platforms.

General Election day is Saturday, October 15, 2022 8:00am-8:00pm. In McBride voting will occur at McBride Council Chambers, 100 Robson Centre. There will be an advanced voting opportunity Wednesday, October 5, 2022 from 8:00am-8:00pm also held at Council Chambers, 100 Robson Centre.

The village is providing a special voting opportunity for those who are qualified under the Local Government Act and who, on Friday October 14, 2022, and before the end of the voting hours for the special voting opportunity, have been admitted as patients to the McBride & District Hospital 9:00am-10:30am or as residents of the Beaver View Lodge or McBride Mountain Manor in McBride 10:30am-12:00pm.

McBride Harvest Fun Fair

BY ANDREA ARNOLD

It has been many years since McBride has hosted a Fall celebration of any kind. But this year, McBride residents are being invited to participate in a celebration of Fall. The McBride & District Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Harvest Fun Fair and Open House on October 1, 2022.

The one day event will be full of food, games and friendly competition. Residents are invited to participate through entries in the Agricultural Fair portion of the event.

Participation will require some planning and preparation.

“We do not have the space to do a traditional agricultural fair so our goal is to do a scaled down version with different categories that we can switch up each year,” said organizer Gina Gallacher. “There will be ribbons and prizes.”

This year's categories are as follows: Crops/Flowers, Kids Crops/Sunflowers, Photographer, Home Arts, Scarecrow Building, Pumpkin Carving, Pies, and Cake Decorating.

In the crops/flowers category, judges will be looking for squash and dried flowers entries. Kids have their own subcategories - pumpkins and sunflowers. The home arts category covers all fibre arts and paintings.

The pie contest requires participants to register two pies. “One pie will be used for judging and the other one will be put in a silent auction in support of the McBride Food Bank,” said Gallacher.

The cakes that are entered for the decorating contest will not be judged on taste, only decorations. Participants register one decorated cake, and following the judging the cakes will be silently auctioned for the McBride Hospital Auxiliary.

Gallacher says entries for all these categories have to be at the pavilion in the Steve Kolida Park by 9:30am on October 1 for judging, and entries can be picked up at the end of the event.

The Scarecrow Contest and the Pumpkin Carving require teams to build a scarecrow, or carve a pumpkin prior to the event. The creations need to be brought to the train station on the 1st and will be paraded from 1st ave down Main street to 2nd and around into the park to be set up for judging.

“Entries will be returned at the end of the day,” said Gallacher. “Participants can join one or both categories. There will be prizes.”

The Photography contest has three categories, Nature, Kids and Their Pets, and Celebrate McBride. The Celebrate McBride photos must clearly be identifiable as McBride images, with no explanation needed. Photos need to be electronically submitted, along with the photographer's name and telephone number by September 26, to Gallacher through email at gamg654123@gmail.com. Participants are invited to enter one photo in each category.

She says photos will be printed by a local business's color printer and will be on display at the event. “Judges will see both the electronic and printed version.”

The registration deadline for all other Agriculture Fair categories is September 30.

Several restaurants close for fall season

BY LAURA KEIL

Valemount's usual variety of restaurants is pared down this fall as several businesses take a break in operations.

The Swiss Bakery closed Sept 3rd for repairs, maintenance and a vacation and is slated to re-open Oct. 3rd. On Sept 11th, Scooters announced it was also taking a break until Oct 13th. A&W closed last week for renovations until late September. In October the Caribou Grill intends to close for two months (likely from October 4th until the end of November, according to the owners).

Other restaurants have pared back their hours, many due to ongoing staff shortages that continue to affect the region due to limited housing options as a result of pipeline construction and a tight labour pool.



The McBride and District Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Harvest Fun Fair and Open House on October 1, 2022, and is inviting residents to participate through the Agriculture Fair portion and games in the park. / ANDREA ARNOLD

At the park, a Fun Fair will be set up with many family friendly games like a Paper Airplane Toss, Pumpkin Bowling, Sucker Pull, Duck Race, Fishing Game, Bingo, Apple Pull and many more. \$5 gets participants tickets to play 10 games, where small prizes and candy can be won. The money raised by the fun fair will go to the Chamber of Commerce for things like maintenance of Horseshoe Lake, fireworks at Halloween and other various events.

“I am so excited for this event as it lends to a lot of community involvement and socialization for all of us,” said Gallacher. “Join some of the contests if you can, and

come out and have a family fun filled day.”

The Chamber of Commerce Open House will run from 11-2, and will allow people to meet local businesses and organizations.

“This will be an opportunity for participants to showcase their services, do a membership drive, look for volunteers or employees, provide information, welcome new residents, campaign, etc,” she said. If you are interested in having a booth, free of charge, please contact Linda Fry lfry@telus.com or Gina Gallacher at gamg654123@gmail.com.



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2022 NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Pursuant to Section 645 of the Local Government Act, the following properties, land and improvements, will be offered for sale by public auction to be held at the Council Chambers, Village of McBride, 100 Robson Centre, 855 SW Frontage Road, McBride, BC. on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., unless the delinquent taxes plus interest are paid before that date.

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Sandra Salt, Director of Finance

Editorial



Proudly using wood products a great move for our communities

BY LAURA KEIL, PUBLISHER/EDITOR

Last week I reported about the first shipment of finished product, 8x8 pieces of hemlock, from the Valemount Community Forest's new mill.

Beyond this, test pieces from the new mill have been purchased by locals for backyard projects; waste chips are shipped to pulp mills, burned as

biofuel, and the sawdust used on farms.

While these are humble beginnings, the hope, according to Valemount Community Forest manager Craig Pryor and VCF board members, is that the mill will not only find more markets but also encourage spinoff industries at the industrial park.

This is a powerful idea, as "value-added" wood products are known for their profitability and job creation. They can also be highly diverse. Think mom and pop shops with unique ready-made wood products. There are already a couple low-profile businesses such as the family-run Treasures of the Forest furniture biz that uses pieces from Valemount's cedar mill.

In the environmental world, climate change gets most of the airtime but another

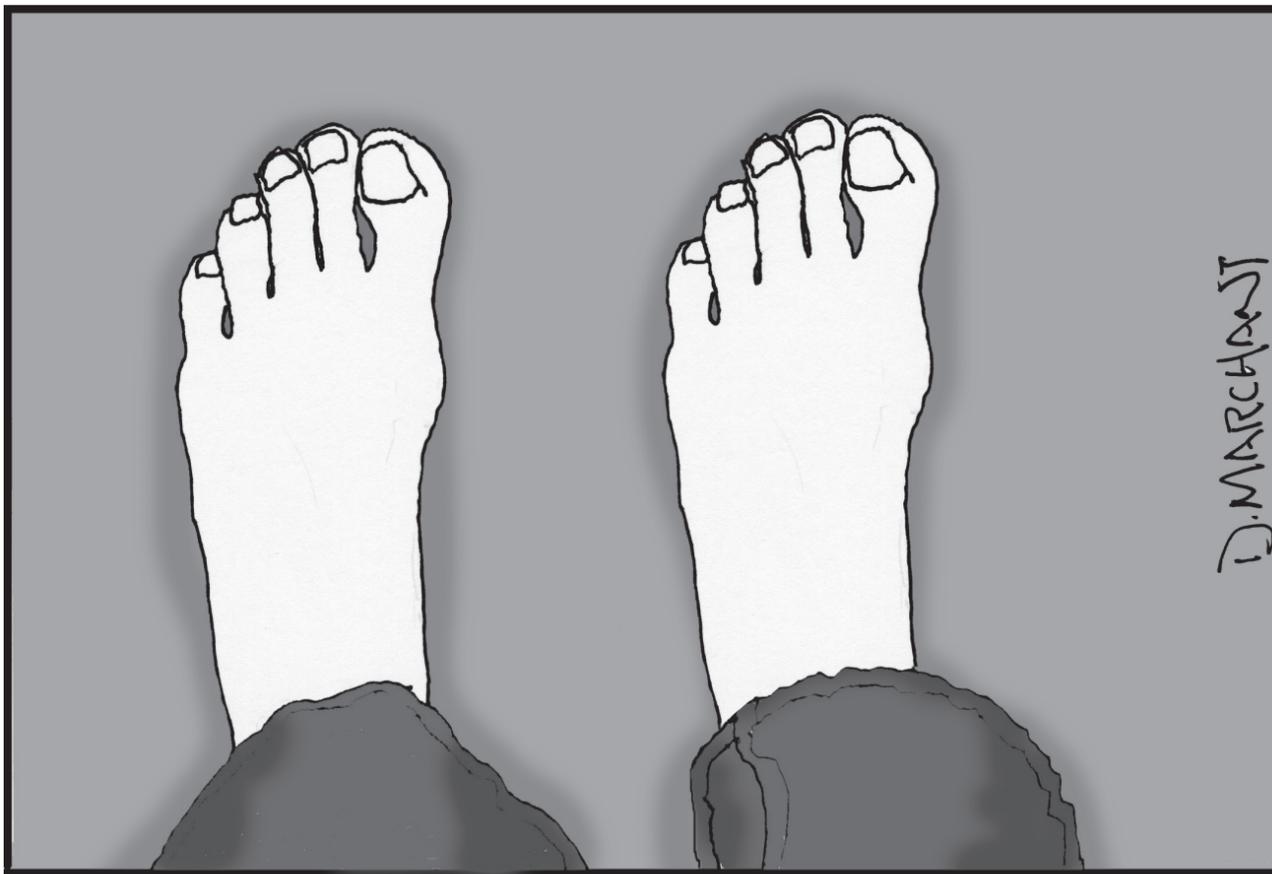
unfortunate crisis is building: plastic pollution. Most products that we recognize as plastic take thousands of years to degrade. And even when they do disintegrate, they often just break down into smaller and smaller pieces which can wreak havoc on wildlife and ecosystems. Responsibly harvested wood products are making a major comeback.

In Barcelona I was amazed at the complete absence of plastic take away containers and the use of tiny wooden spoons any time we bought gelato. Similarly in Warsaw, our coffee cups were made entirely of thick paper, including the lids. And why not? They only have to last an hour at most. Why use something that ends up lasting a thousand years? Plastic is only recyclable to a point, not indefinitely, which means ultimately it still ends up as trash.

Shifting to paper products not only reduces our plastic waste, it also strengthens our identity and integrity as forestry communities. It honours an important local industry and our future world.

Imagine a seaside community not embracing sea products. Or a farming valley not embracing farm products. Similarly with our forestry communities.

I encourage every business to look at ways they can link into forestry-based products and brag about it every chance they get.



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Political history is full of wildcards

Political history is full of wildcards, and after two rounds of milktoast leaders that failed to please their animated base or win the coveted "political centre" Pierre Poilievre is the next leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, Loyal Opposition, and who knows what after the next election. I will be honest, I do not really pay attention to Party Leadership campaigns. This time was no different. My impression of Poilievre was very much formed by the mainstream media coverage. Blowhard, loud, provider of simple and incomplete answers to complex issues. But since his campaign posted a record number of party membership sign ups (and not just for the Conservative Party, but in all of Canadian Political history) I started looking into the guy. So who is this guy and how will he affect Canada?

To start with, the media's portrayal of Poilievre has been utterly uninventive... Trump North. While this is a valid comparison in terms of the grievance base he is chasing, that is where the comparison stops. And this is where the Canadian centre-left needs to be worried. What happens if you take the savvy political opportunism and marketing genius of Trump, but shed the inherited-trust-fund kid, gaffe-prone, entitled, race and gender baiting dark elements? Well you get Mr. Poilievre. Now I can already see some eye rolls but an honest assessment must be held. When you listen to Mr. Poilievre in long-form interview, you get a very, very different picture of the guy than the incriminating 5 second sound bites the CBC loves to throw around. It has to be said that unlike Trump, Poilievre is smart. Not just smart, but incredibly witty. Take the following example:

"The question on the women, I didn't say many of those things," Trump said. "I don't remember that on 'The Apprentice.' I don't know where they got some of the words, to be honest with you. In fact, I'm going to have somebody call up and find out where the words came from, because I don't recognize those words." Donald Trump on media coverage of himself.

Now take Mr. Poilievre:

"The CBC thinks that its job is to hold the people accountable to this government".

It is a false equivalence to compare the two. One is incoherent, the other is witty on the spot. If you did not laugh at that quip, you are completely and hopelessly politically indoctrinated. But it goes even further. In politics and war there are many high stakes games to play. Most end in disaster, but once in a while they end in an unforeseen absolute victory. The biggest of such games is the doubling down. Now again there is a smart and a dumb way to double down. Boris Johnson doubled down intelligently all the way to the PM office of Britain, to the disbelief of almost everyone, although as of late his luck has run out. Whatever his critics say, nobody called Johnson dumb. Trump's preferred

method of doubling down is the opposite of savvy. He prefers the childhood playground tactic of "it wasn't me" despite multiple videos showing just that. Now let's take Poilievre's biggest doubling down. When asked if he would really shut down the CBC, not just reform it to be better and less biased he replied that this was the mistake all his predecessors made. Steven Harper tried to reform the CBC instead of cutting it, and they went after him mercilessly so why even pretend anymore? Now shutting down the CBC is perhaps one of the highest-stakes games a Canadian politician can play. But if you actually look at the data, the viewership is horrible, and nobody pretends that the CBC is unbiased anymore. Matter of fact, most on the political Left say it certainly is not neutral...and that is a good thing. I am not sure how sustainable this model for tax-funded public broadcasting is.

Which brings me to my final and most existential point. What happens when Canadians see for themselves Poilievre in his best light? This is the 2016 surprise moment the political Left should be very scared of. None of the major media gives long form interviews to leadership candidates. But once major parties have a leader, they cannot just assassinate through sound clips any longer. So if you land on the political Left, play devil's advocate. Why is Poilievre becoming such an incredible moment in grassroots Canadian politics? His bio should make it simple. Far from a North version of Trump, Poilievre is a very different version of anger. Again, in his sound bites all you hear is a middle-aged man ranting. But in reality there is so much more there, and anger is running very high amongst Canadians at the moment. Poilievre is an orphan. His adopted parents divorced when he was a teenager. His wife is a tri-lingual Latina immigrant. If there is a political leader who can righteously and authentically rail against the Eastern establishment, it is him. And this is where the political Left is overestimating their position. Politics is not actually about exactly what was said or what happens, it is about gaining people's trust to look out for them. So who can actually look the social and economic underclasses in the eye and honestly say "I understand the daily struggles you face and I will do whatever I can to represent you?" Let's just go to the actual quotes to finish off this point.

"The budget will balance itself" Justin Trudeau, inherited-celebrity-turned-politician who became Prime Minister despite admitting to not actually having any executive or Ministerial experience. He is the likely rival to Poilievre in the next federal election campaign.

"Surging energy prices harmful to families should drive green transition," Chrystia Freeland, globalist journalist turned politician, now finance minister despite having zero executive or finance experience. She is the likely successor to Justin Trudeau if he does not run again.

"The cost of government is driving up the cost of

living," Poilievre said. "Almost a half a trillion dollars of inflationist Liberal deficits mean more dollars chasing fewer goods, driving higher prices." Pierre Poilievre, orphaned Calgary kid who worked as a Telus Collections officer before putting himself through University and getting into politics.

We can add in school-boy quips like "Just inflation" (playing on the PM's name while quoting his actual words back to him), or "Minister of Inflation" when addressing Chrystia Freeland.

While this can be labelled as petty or even childish, it is also very relatable, and so is Poilievre to many, many everyday Canadians struggling to hang on. And this is where the analysis switches to projections. Well, there really is no calculating a wildcard. But some stats should worry the establishment. In the last surprise Federal election, the goal posts did not really move, except in one category: percentage of the popular vote that went not just centre-right but right. If you added up the PPC, BlocQ and Conservative Party, total votes were just over 47 percent. This is an incredible number of Canadians actually voting right of centre. Due to the concentration of votes in certain ridings, this of course is not reflected in the seat count. But other numbers are even more telling. Mr. Poilievre was the only major politician to openly endorse the Freedom Convoy this past February. Despite government and colluding media's best efforts to portray this as fringe right-wing politics, the actual data says otherwise. One Global news poll showed that as much as 46 percent of Canadians "sympathized" in some way with the protestors. When a family doctor loses her licence to practice, you do not just alienate one ex-doctor, you alienate a thousand clients as well. These people do not actually join the convoy, but they quietly cheer them on, and even donate \$20 online to the cause. And so here we are. Am I projecting Pierre Poilievre as Prime Minister? No, actually not. Despite 90 percent of our landmass being incapable of growing sugar maple trees, the cultural roots and political tentacles of Laurentian Canada run deep in Canada and these elicit viscerally across the whole nation. But, the wildcard is always at play. What happens if significant numbers of Canadians get evicted in the next two years due to a housing market collapse? What happens if inflation remains uncontrolled and our dollar keeps sinking to historic lows? What happens when a minority government keeps on refusing to be accountable to anybody, even delaying parliament another whole year while a celebrity Prime Minister tours the globe talking lofty platitudes at taxpayer expense during hyperinflation? Regardless of the outcome and your biases, Canadian politics is not your grandpa's 10th page news story any longer.

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Notice of Advance Voting

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT ADVANCE VOTING will be held as follows:

Wednesday, October 05, 2022

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Council Chambers

735 Cranberry Lake Road

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There is no need to pre-register to vote as the registration of all electors for this election will take place at the time of voting. In order to register at the time of voting, you will be required to complete the application form available at the voting place and to make a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

To register as a resident elector, you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on general voting day [Saturday, October 15, 2022];
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a resident of the Village of Valemount on the day of registration (at the time of voting); and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

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- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a registered owner of real property in the Village of Valemount for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- not be entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

In addition, for non-resident property electors:

- The only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.
- If more than one person is a registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

In addition, in order to register at time of voting:

Resident electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, **proof** that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, **written consent** from the majority of the property owners.

TYPES OF DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AS IDENTIFICATION

You must produce at least two (2) documents that provide evidence of your identity and place of residence, at least one (1) of which must contain your signature. The following classes of documents will be accepted:

- a) a Driver's License;
- b) an Identification Card such as
 - i. a photo BC services card or a non-photo BC services card;
 - ii. a non-photo BC services card;
- c) an Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by ICBC;
- d) a BC Care Card or BC Gold Care Card;
- e) a Ministry of Social Development & Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance (Form SDES8), now "Monthly Form EA181);
- f) a Social Insurance Number Card;
- g) a Citizenship Card;
- h) a real property tax notice;
- i) a credit card or debit card; or
- j) a utility bill (electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable services)

The above listed identification documents **MUST** be accepted by election officials. An election official may also accept any other forms of documents that provide evidence satisfactory to the election official (e.g., a valid, current passport)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE MATTERS, please contact:

Carleena Shepherd, Chief Election Officer

Phone: 250-566-4435

Email: corporate@valemount.ca

2022 Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan Amendment

All interested members of the public are invited to view the 2022 Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan Budget AMENDMENT online at: www.valemount.ca. The public consultation period for this amendment is from September 6 - September 21, 2022.

Comments are to be received by the Director of Finance at dof@valemount.ca prior to September 21, 2022 at 12:00pm. All comments received will be provided to Village Council for consideration in advance of the adoption of the bylaw, which is expected to be on the agenda at the September 27, 2022 Council meeting.

**Village of Valemount
Notice of Public Hearing**

Please Take Notice that a **Public Hearing** for Temporary Use Permit TUP-22-02 will be held:

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Council Chambers, Village Office

735 Cranberry Lake Road, Valemount, BC

1. Temporary Use Permit 22-02

Proposes 1 recreational vehicle to be used as a residence for a period of 2 years.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 6 District Lot 7355 Cariboo District Plan 23725 (65 Ash Street)



At the Public Hearing, anyone who deems their interest in land to be affected by the proposed Temporary Use Permit TUP-22-02 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, or via letter to the Village of Valemount. Written submissions will be accepted until **12:00 pm on September 27, 2022**.

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-22-02 are available at www.valemount.ca. Paper copies will be available for viewing during regular office hours (Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm - 4:30 p.m.), until September 27, 2022 at the Village Office, 735 Cranberry Lake Road.

VILLAGE OF VALEMOUNT PUBLIC NOTICE**PROPOSED COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW
AMENDMENT**

Pursuant to the *Community Charter*, notice is hereby given that the Village of Valemount is proposing to amend its current Procedure Bylaw by adopting **Village of Valemount Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 862, 2022**.

Council Procedure Bylaw No. 862, 2022 proposes amendments to Council procedures related to:

- *Attending a Council or Committee Meeting by means of electronic or other communication facilities.*

The proposed Council Procedure Bylaw No. 862, 2022 may be inspected at the Village of Valemount Municipal Office located at 735 Cranberry Lake Road between 8:30am - 12:30pm and 1:30pm – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday (except holidays), or viewed online at www.valemount.ca.

The Village welcomes public feedback regarding the proposed procedure bylaw changes; we ask that questions and comments be submitted by 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 27, 2022 to:

Carleena Shepherd, Deputy Corporate Officer
Village of Valemount

P.O. Box 168, 735 Cranberry Lake Road
Valemount, BC V0E 2Z0

T: 250-566-4435 Email: corporate@valemount.ca

**VILLAGE OF VALEMOUNT
2022 TAX SALE**

As authorized by Section 645 of the Local Government Act, the following properties will be offered for sale at public auction at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, September 26, 2022 at the Village Office, 735 Cranberry Lake Road, Valemount, BC, unless delinquent taxes and interest owing are paid before that date.

Director of Finance, Lori McNee.

FOLIO	STREET ADDRESS	LEGAL DESCRIPTION
5.000	1275 5th Avenue	Lot 2, Plan 9689, Cariboo Land District, PID 012-874-833
122.020	1350 Main Street	Block B, Plan 13964, Cariboo Land District, PID 012-322-130
139.000	1215 4th Avenue	Lot 9, Plan 10361, Cariboo Land District, PID 012-692-794
230.120	1095 4th Avenue	Lot 11, Plan 16682, Cariboo Land District, PID 011-736-038
415.470	1055 14th Avenue	Lot 47, Plan 26762, Cariboo Land District, PID 006-932-975
70000.170	101 Elm Street Bay #17	Hartman Manufactured Home Park, MHR # 23478

TAX SALE INFORMATION

The tax sale is a public auction of properties within the municipality which have outstanding property taxes from 2 years prior to the current year. The tax sale is held annually on the last Monday of September (September 26, 2022) at 10 a.m. at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Hall of each municipality in BC.

Notice of the time and place of the tax sale and the description and street address of each property subject to tax sale must be published in at least 2 issues of a newspaper.

The lowest amount for which a property may be sold at tax sale is the upset price (the sum of all the property taxes outstanding as at the date of the tax sale, plus all applicable penalties and interest, plus an additional 5% of all taxes, penalties and interest, plus all applicable Land Title Act fees).

The purchaser must immediately pay the amount of the purchase price to the collector.

A tax sale property may be redeemed from tax sale within 1 year of the date of the tax sale by the owner of the property, an owner of a registered charge against the property or another person on their behalf.

During the period of redemption, the owner may bring an action in the Supreme Court to have the tax sale set aside and declared invalid under certain specified grounds.

If the property is not redeemed, the property is conveyed to the purchaser free and clear of all mortgages, charges, liens, etc. except those imposed by a senior government (Province of British Columbia, Government of Canada).

**VILLAGE OF VALEMOUNT 2023
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. 864, 2022, being a bylaw to grant a permissive tax exemption to the following properties for the 2023 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	(2023) \$1,456.09 (2024) \$1,514.34 (2025) \$1,574.91
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	(2023) \$1,108.22 (2024) \$1,152.55 (2025) \$1,198.66
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	(2023) \$1,648.53 (2024) \$1,714.47 (2025) \$1,783.05
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	(2023) \$7,387.72 (2024) \$7,683.23 (2025) \$7,990.56
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	(2023) \$2,253.59 (2024) \$2,343.73 (2025) \$2,437.48
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	(2023) \$269.99 (2024) \$280.79 (2025) \$292.02
Lot A, Plan PGP14950 District Lot 9778 PID 009-014-276 Folio 265.100 Cariboo Land District	Royal Canadian Legion Valemount & District Branch No. 266 25% Exemption	Buildings and Land	(2023) \$1,012.22 (2024) \$1,052.71 (2025) \$1,094.82
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	(2023) \$809.68 (2024) \$842.06 (2025) \$875.75
Parcel A, Plan PGP9569 District Lot 7356 PID 030-413-681 Folio 128.200 Cariboo Land District	Valemount Affordable Rentals Society 25% Exemption	Building and Land	(2023) \$755.76 (2024) \$785.99 (2025) \$817.43
Plan A, Plan PGP12206 District Lot 7356 PID 012-499-030 Folio 217.000 Cariboo Land District	Valemount Learning Society 25% Exemption	Building and Land	(2023) \$298.54 (2024) \$310.48 (2025) \$322.90
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.	(2023) \$10,508.69 (2024) \$10,929.03 (2025) \$11,366.20
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.	(2023) \$33,032.89 (2024) \$34,354.21 (2025) \$35,728.38



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Local group changes more lives in Mexico

By LAURA KEIL

For Derrick Shaw, one of the most rewarding parts of building a house in Mexico is getting to visit with previous house recipients and hear how it gave them the boost they needed to improve their lives.

Shaw and a group of 10 locals traveled to Camalu Mexico on the Baja peninsula this summer to complete two different projects: a new 3-room house for a family of five, and an addition for a woman in need of a space for her physiotherapy. The woman was paralyzed following a car accident 19 years ago but has recently regained some movement in her toes

and needs significant physiotherapy. The addition creates a space to receive that care.

Shaw says they had two fewer days to complete the projects this time around but still managed to get them done. This year's trip was not a school sanctioned trip due to covid regulations, but Shaw, the Valemount Secondary principal, hopes to do it through the school next year. He says participants experience volunteerism and witness extreme poverty, something that makes an impact, especially on youth.

"I do believe that no matter where you are in life, and what your experiences have been, when you go down and meet a family and build them a house, you will

have some sort of new awareness."

He's noticed a change in the youth who have done Live Different. He says it helps foster the idea of a life of service to others.

Participants pay \$1900 to Live Different which provides food, lodging, and transport from San Diego.

This year their flights were largely covered by recycling donations since 2019. A collection bin has been set up in McBride for this purpose. Locals have also donated cash.

Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Shaw at Valemount Secondary.



(L-R Back) Rosara Buck, Jessica Buck, Karli Lawless, Sharon Mortensen, Ulla Vollmer, Aisling Ives, Derrick Shaw, (Front) Johanna Laitinen, Lorena, Noe and Noelia, Eduardo, Dan Lawless and Mark Monroe (holding the RMG). /SUBMITTED



Lorena and Noe with Noelia, Eduardo and Emmanuel in the front. The family asked one of the volunteers to paint the words on the kitchen wall that translates to "God blessed me with this house." /SUBMITTED

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Primary duties include: managing the ad design & approval pipeline in coordination with the graphic designer, creating ads/posters for clients and the Goat, helping proofread the newspaper, handling payments, managing retail inventory, keeping files and archives organized, posting daily on the Goat's social media.

For the full job description email laurashere@gmail.com

This position is 37.5 hours/week (8hrs/day Monday-Friday, with 1/2hr for lunch).

The post-training wage is \$22/hour.

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- Great team player with excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent computer skills
- Excellent English language ability

PREFERRED SKILLS (training will be provided for areas lacking):

- Familiarity with: Microsoft Excel, Quickbooks, Wordpress
- Graphic design skills

For more information contact Laura at 250-566-5135 or email your application to laurashere@gmail.com



Kathleen Mary Waters April 15th 1962 - August 28th, 2022

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Kathleen Mary Waters in the early hours of August 28th at her home in Vernon, BC. She fought a long and courageous battle with cancer before her passing. Kathleen grew up in Kelowna but lived in many communities throughout Alberta and BC. She had a beautiful voice and she loved to sing which she would do any chance she got. She loved to laugh and her hilarious sense of humour brought many smiles to those around her.

Kathleen was predeceased by her parents Paul and Martha Waters, her brothers John, Robert, and Kevin and her son David Byford (Nov 2021).

She is survived by her son Darron Byford, grandson Gareth, honorary grandchildren Jen and James, her brother Blake as well numerous other family and friends in the US and Canada.

What she will be remembered most for was her love of Jesus. She loved to talk and share with others her faith. Her daily goal was to do what was pleasing to God. We rejoice in her heavenly reward.

There will be no service at this time.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF TV & RADIO FOR VALEMOUNT!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wed. Sept. 28, 2022 5:00 pm
VCTV Studio 211 - 99 Gorse Street

The Valemount Entertainment Society provides TV & radio service to Valemount and operates VCTV, an award-winning local TV station. We're searching for dynamic directors for our Board to guide TV and radio for the community. Attend our AGM and be part of the excitement!

For more information, please contact Michael Peters 250-566-8288 or tv@vctv.ca



Keeping students safe

By ANDREA ARNOLD

School is back in session and as students are making their way to and from school, RCMP are advising motorists to be aware.

The Nanaimo RCMP put out a bulletin reminding BC residents of road laws and the potential for injuries.

“Every year dozens of children across BC are needlessly injured in school zones and playgrounds. One injured child is too many.”

They want to remind motorists that when a school bus is stopped and the red lights are flashing, all motorists must stop. If children are present and the red lights are not flashing, play it safe until the kids are on board and the bus starts to move.

“Please remember that kids exiting a school bus may cross the road in front of the bus,” said McBride RCMP Corporal Colin Bissell. “Passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing creates an incredibly high risk of a catastrophic event.”

Playground speed zones remain 30km/h seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

“School zones (speed limits of 30km/h) are in effect from 8:00am - 5:00pm on all days when school is in session and will be strictly enforced,” said Bissell.

The message from the RCMP also reminds parents and guardians to help keep their children safe through decision making and actions. While preparing for school, make sure backpacks fit properly and are not too heavy. During pick up and drop off, encourage children to use the door closest to the sidewalk, park in a way that this is easily achieved, and remind your kids to never accept a ride with someone they don't know. The RCMP recommends you set up a safe word with your children to be used if arrangements have been made for someone other than yourself to pick them up.

If your child makes the trip to and from school by foot or bike, remind them to only use crosswalks, and to always look both ways before crossing a road, make eye contact with approaching drivers, and make sure the vehicle is slowing down before starting to cross. If a bike is the



Buses lineup to pick up students outside the elementary school in McBride. The bus drivers stagger the buses to help block off the street to traffic during pickup to help keep the children safer during loading. /ANDREA ARNOLD

primary mode of transportation, remind the child to dismount and walk across when at an intersection.

For all students, impeding the ability to hear their surroundings is dangerous. Earbuds, regular headphones and noise cancelling headphones create a lack of

awareness of what is going on around them. This may cause a vehicle or another person to get too close to them, or worse. Lastly, parents are asked to remind your child to never go within two arm lengths of a vehicle if a driver has stopped to talk to them.

Changes to Woodstove exchange program

By ANDREA ARNOLD

The provincial Wood Stove Exchange Program has been renamed the provincial Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program. The name was changed to more clearly state the goal of the program - to reduce wood smoke exposure in BC communities. The program offers people incentives to change out non certified, or non Environmental Protection Agency/ Canadian Standards Association, EPA/ CSA approved, wood stoves for cleaner heating options. It also helps educate residents on more efficient operating techniques for wood-burning appliances, about wood smoke and its health effects.

Valemount's Clean Air Task Force has been working with the exchange program for several years. With the name change comes some changes to the overall program, but in a statement provided to the Goat, the task force says they will continue to work with village staff to ensure the success of the wood stove exchange program and maximize its benefits to the community.

For the 2023 program, the task force plans to make some changes to the local Wood Stove Exchange Program based on the new guidelines issued by the province.

Propane-fired appliances will no longer be accepted as a replacement for a wood-burning appliance. This is in alignment with the climate targets in the Clean BC Roadmap to 2030.

Residents will be able to receive up to \$1300 to exchange to a EPA/CSA certified wood stove, \$1750 to exchange to a pellet stove and \$3500 to exchange to a heat pump. An addition to the incentive program is the option to install an electric insert for a \$400 rebate.

These amounts are up from the 2022 provincial rebate amounts of \$300 for cleaner burning wood stoves (wood-to-wood exchange) and \$750 for cleaner heating alternatives like electric, propane, or pellet stoves and \$1000 for an electric heat pump exchange. These increases are made possible through an increase in incentive levels from the province along with the amounts provided by the Village of Valemount and the Valemount

Community Forest.

If residents have an existing EPA/CSA certified wood stove in use, but want to install a heat pump, they will have the option of keeping the wood stove as well.

Lastly, if someone wants to remove and destroy any non-certified wood stove without exchanging it for another heat source, there is an additional rebate of \$300 available to them.

Another expense, the need for Wood Energy Technology Transfer certification grew exponentially last fall, after Ken McNaughton allowed his WETT certification to lapse, residents were forced to bring in inspectors from out of town. In March, Council approved \$3500 through the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) to assist residents in bringing in a WETT Inspector to certify new appliances.

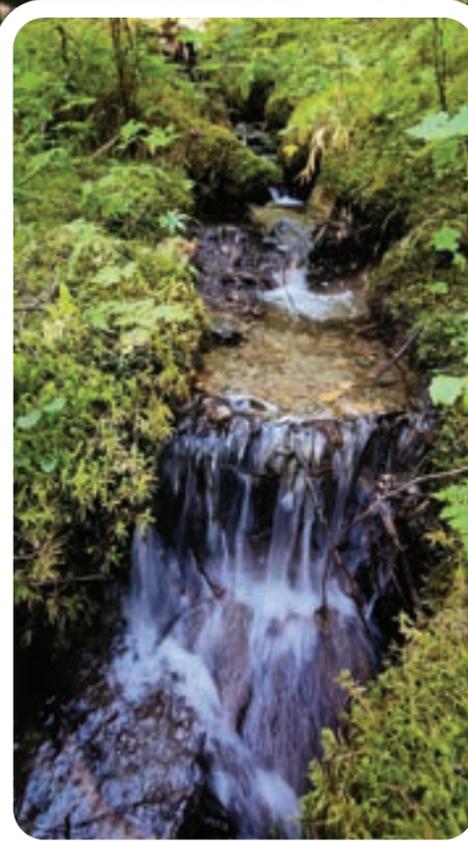
These rebates are for residents within the Village of Valemount municipality. Most of the exchanges that have happened so far have changed out non- EPA/CSA certified wood stoves for certified units. The Village has extended the program to include the exchange of EPA/CSA certified wood stoves more than 5 years old to an alternative replacement. The Regional District also offers provincial rebates through the provincial Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program for anyone living within the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George however if they live in Mackenzie or McBride they are excluded from eligibility.

The rebates from the province are higher for the Village of Valemount than other areas because Valemount has a "Red Air Zone" status. This means that the air quality measures well below the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS).

“Implementing these positive changes to the program and increasing the rebate amounts to switch out for cleaner heating options are meant to see the reduction of harmful particulate

matter released into the air which will improve overall air quality in the community,” said Tracey Dennis, Village of Valemount Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program Coordinator.

Zen Garden a great walk in the woods



By LAURA KEIL

One of Valemount's newest mountain bike trails is being hailed by hikers as a fantastic walk in the woods.

Zen Garden is a 0.3km trail that zig-zags between two other access trails on the northside of 5-Mile. Access to the trail from 5-Mile is possible via Truck Yeah and an old road that's now used as a connector for many downhill bike trails. As signage is limited, it's best to go with someone who is somewhat familiar with the route.

The zen garden trail is comprised of a series of boardwalks that criss-cross a lovely mountain stream that descends the slope in a series of small crystal-clear pools. The sound of babbling water alone is enough to lower your heart rate. Much of what makes

Zen Garden so peaceful are the small details - horizontal devil's club leaves fanning out over a picture-perfect waterfall between two rocky pools of ultra-clear water; a seedling growing out of a moss-covered stump; the dappling of sunlight coming in sideways through the trees.

The trail was the brainchild of Randy Pruden and Dave MacDowell. It's rated as a Blue mountain bike trail, and riders will find a lot of tight turns and some wet spots on the approach. The trail can be done as a partial loop, returning up via a lower portion of Truck Yeah. The entire hike there-and-back from 5-Mile is roughly 4km long. For those on foot, it's a very reasonable hike, though the base of the trail plus the access trail does involve about 120m of elevation change and some short muddy sections.

Make your home FireSmart

Choose fire resistant plants

By making the right choices in your yard, your property will be more resilient to wildfire. Coniferous trees, with cones and needles, are highly flammable and should not be within 10 metres of your home. This includes spruce, pine, fir and cedar.

Find plants to lower the risk of wildfire damage at FireSmartBC.ca/Landscaping-Hub

Complimentary FireSmart Reviews

Are you interested to learn more about how to make your home and property FireSmart? The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is offering **complimentary** FireSmart Reviews to homeowners in your community this summer.

During a FireSmart Review, our team will identify your wildfire risks, and outline the steps to take for a FireSmart property. The work involved can be simple, easy and inexpensive – like creating a non-combustible zone around your home, relocating flammable items and clearing debris.

Request a FireSmart Review at rdffg.bc.ca or 1.800.667.1959

PUZZLES



ANSWERS ON P13

CROSSWORD

- Across**
- 1 The Internet, familiarly
 - 4 Complacent
 - 8 Somber
 - 11 Garden of Eden woman
 - 12 Get routed
 - 13 Con's opponent
 - 14 Animal friend
 - 15 Word agreement
 - 16 List shortcut: Abbr.
 - 17 Digestive section
 - 19 Brake part
 - 21 "Get your hands off me!"
 - 23 To the max
 - 26 Sainly glow
 - 29 Cinched
 - 31 Do a surgeon's job
 - 33 Big name in root beer
 - 34 Like some laws
 - 35 Pull
 - 37 High school-based Fox show
 - 39 Unable to relax
 - 43 Postpone, with "off"
 - 45 Deteriorate, in a way
 - 47 Eliminate
- Down**
- 18 Volcano output
 - 49 Landscaper's purchase
 - 50 Garment feature
 - 51 Sportscaster's shout
 - 52 Take to the sky
 - 53 Bond, for one
 - 1 Needed a handkerchief
 - 2 Always
 - 3 Computer test program
 - 4 Early writing tablet
 - 5 Apple-pie creator
 - 6 Manipulated
 - 7 Extraordinary intellect
 - 8 Prisms' color bands
 - 9 Gallery work
 - 10 A Disney dwarf
 - 18 Like glee club music
 - 20 Muddy deposit
 - 22 Hitherto
 - 24 Blushing
 - 25 Newspaper inserts
 - 26 Spring

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- 27 A Tarzan playmate
- 28 Margins of victory, in horse races
- 30 Lemieux's target
- 32 "Fore!" and "Duck!"
- 36 Voice
- 38 Continental currency
- 40 An N.B.A. team
- 41 Reach a breaking point
- 42 A little "out there," as humour
- 43 Remuneration
- 44 Wear and tear
- 46 Marlins' home

Answers on P13

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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

The Toughie by Myles Mellor

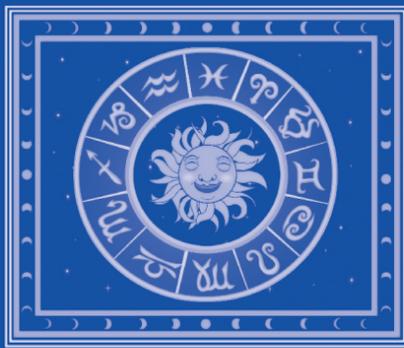
- Across**
- 1. Bird's gullet
 - 5. Cohen on ice
 - 10. Digs up the garden
 - 14. Prefix with pad
 - 15. English philosopher
 - 16. Units in Physics
 - 17. Played for a sap
 - 18. ___ against time
 - 19. Boxer Spinks
 - 20. Chinese uprising
 - 23. Shrovetide dish
 - 24. Fruit weight in EU
 - 25. Most assuredly
 - 26. Qatar's capital
 - 30. Gather on the surface, chemically
 - 34. Choral compositions
 - 36. Ballet attire
 - 37. Valentines Day gift
 - 42. 1st and 5th (abbr.)
 - 43. Attack verbally
 - 44. Decorative strand
 - 47. ___ while
 - 48. Start to Ok and not unusual
 - 51. Gray, in Grenoble
 - 53. "The Great Forest" painter
 - 55. Eleagant sportscar
 - 60. Big deal
 - 61. Australian "bear"
 - 62. Referendum
 - 63. Winter blanket
 - 64. Fluff
 - 65. Leaning tower
- Down**
- 66. Composer of "Ol' Man River"
 - 67. Takes a break
 - 68. Goblet feature
 - 1. Plump
 - 2. Fix the bottom of your shoe
 - 3. Peter the Great's father
 - 4. Ream out
 - 5. Fly like an eagle
 - 6. State of Brazil
 - 7. Remains of a wound
 - 8. Czech mark
 - 9. Fielding's last novel
 - 10. Reflecting instrument
 - 11. Tiered treat
 - 12. Artist Schiele
 - 13. Fig. in identity theft
 - 21. Unencumber
 - 22. Legal scholar's deg.
 - 27. Like some medical buys, abbr.
 - 28. Snarky laughs
 - 29. Make up the damage
 - 31. Like last year's styles
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- 35. Leave a mark on
- 37. Willow in England
- 38. Eggs, to Caesar
- 39. Marks, as a ballot
- 40. Mother of Jupiter
- 41. Rubber glove material
- 45. Med. drama sites
- 46. Affectionate dog
- 48. Rapt
- 49. Cause of jungle fever
- 50. River feeder
- 52. Sea bank
- 54. Answers an invitation
- 55. Fried cornbread
- 56. Pepe Le Pew's defense
- 57. Mr. Potato Head pair
- 58. Sully
- 59. Boat race equipment
- 60. "Naughty!"

Answers on P13

HOROSCOPES



BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Advice from the Virgo Sun

The Virgo sun favors the industrious and tenacious. A degree of success is attainable to all who have the skills and do the work, but the biggest wins come with the addition of a fortunate variable such as accidentally perfect timing, help from the powerful or surprise funding. If you have the skills, the readiness and the desire, all you need is the willingness to hang in there through the weather changes for your moment to come.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The decision is yours to make. Better to choose wrong than to hand the decision over to someone else. Even someone more qualified won't handle this like you can. Be guided by your instincts. Mistakes are inevitable, and perhaps brilliant. There are few forces in the world as creative as mistakes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Expectations are dangerous. You're willing to take the risk and set your hopes precariously high, but you're not willing to gamble with other people's expectations of you. You'll underpromise and overdeliver. You'll encourage realistic thinking and discourage others from placing you on a pedestal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll grapple with themes of ownership and may question what is really yours, what is under your control and what you have to give or let go of. Keep in mind that the concept of ownership is human-made and differs according to culture and timing. The right answer is subjective, and you'll decide for yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A memory isn't necessarily a story unless you turn it into one. The omens highly recommend you do, as storytelling is a succinct way of helping people understand who you are and where you're coming from. Recall, mold and edit your memories for maximum impact. A practice of regular sharing helps with this.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You care about people, and you'll ask what they think and how they feel. Even if you don't agree, you'll learn from their opinions. Seeing things through other eyes for a moment will broaden you. It's your heart that benefits the most, though you'll also conduct lucrative and relevant business based on what you absorb.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) People go out of their way to avoid getting hurt, but pain is not the enemy. Pain is a message, a teacher and a call to greatness. While it would be foolish to seek pain, it's equally foolish not to expect it. You'll get strong because you accept that building strength can be uncomfortable. You'll push through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is only one choice -- move or else you'll stay stuck -- so you don't have to worry about which

direction to go or what option is best. Any move you make is a wiggle that will help free you. It's a simple matter of doing what you can until you can do a little more and a little more. Before you know it, you're out of the bind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your mood turns toward the social this week. You increase your options in this regard by being adaptable to all sorts of societies and circumstances. Due to your kindly awareness of others, people learn they can trust you. They let you into their world, where you can observe and grow your interpersonal skills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Focused on the journey ahead, the boat captain forgets about what's happening in the wake. Waves form nonetheless. It's impossible to make a move without making a difference. You'll contemplate your own impact. Though you can't possibly know its extent, being mindful and intentional contributes the best results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may get impatient with what's asked of you this week, but as long as you're learning, you're golden. Any bit of knowledge that adds to your accomplishments is as good, if not better, than a business or financial investment. A person may be deprived of the former, but experience is forever yours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Influence is ever-present. Even when you're solo and without media, social influence is present in language, the design of the material world, your food and more. This week, you'll be aware of how you participate in society. You'll notice how your individual thought processes converge and diverge with the norms.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may be unsure of which pursuit to land on because you are interested in so many different things and cannot discriminate to favor just one. Being engaged in life like this is beautiful. Trust yourself to ride out the cycle. Resist any pressure to choose. You'll know when the time is right to narrow your focus.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Your cosmic gift is a self-possession that serves as armor to deflect interfering or controlling forces, or as a sponge to absorb good guidance. You've the discernment to recognize which is which. Whether engaged in duty or delight, you will live it to levels of mastery. More highlights of the year: strong feelings of deja vu, a fortuitous coincidence that leads to many happy outings with a charming someone and a financial arrangement that will continue paying you for years to come.

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SEPT 19: After Maternity: The next steps discussion
SEPT 26: Indigenous stories and crafts in honour of truth and reconciliation

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SEPT 19: Tech Café
SEPT 26: NO DROP IN

TUES from SEPT 20, 27 & OCT 4 2:45-3:45pm at RVCS (99 Gorse St) for an hour of fun after school during **Play BIG: Big Movements for Small Children!** We will have obstacle courses, games, and explore nature plus more! This program is available for 5-8 year olds and requires registration. Please call 250-566-9107/events@rvcsbc.org to secure a spot!

THUR SEPT 15 from 2-4pm, get ready for a whole lot of fun at **Goats & Grandparents!!** All ages are welcome, but we encourage participants to bring grandma/grandpa along to meet some furry friends! Registration is not required. Call 250-566-9107 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more info. This event is held at Whiskey Fill Farm Co (840 Whiskeyfill rd) and includes goat visits, along with snacks & crafts..

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SAT & SUN SEPT 17-18 **Fall Fest at the Valemount Bike Park**. The two-day event will feature low-cost shuttle rides on Saturday and Sunday, a costume event, food, music, scheduled group rides, a kids

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TUES SEPT 27 10:30am-4:00pm come on out for the **2022 Seniors Fair** at the Valemount Community Hall, presented by the Valemount Elder Care Collaborative! Admission is free, plus there will be a free lunch, door prizes, local senior organizational info, guest speakers & more! All ages are welcome! No registration required.

THUR SEPT 29 3-5:30pm at RVCS (99 Gorse St) is a **Vermicomposting Workshop with Cathy Greenhough**. Learn about this easy, indoor composting technique that produces rich compost throughout the year. Registration not required. Call 250-566-9107 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more info.

MON SEPT 26th at Golden Years Lodge (afternoon, time TBD) Jess Rothenburger from Rural Coordination Centre of BC will demonstrate **how to access your public health records with an email address**. Introduction to MyHealthKey (Hosted by Elder Collaborative).

TUES SEPT 27th from 10:30 - 4 at the Community Hall Seniors Fair. **The Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie will be keynote speaker**. We also plan a panel discussion on aging that would include her, Dr. Markham and a few others. There will be scheduled talks, presentations throughout and free lunch (Hosted by Elder Collaborative).

TUES SEPT 27th 6:30 - 8:30pm **Open House for Valemount Cares at Community Hall** with the latest set of drawings. The Construction Team will be there to connect to local contractors as tenders will be out in January.

WED SEPT 28th 10:30 - 1pm **Open House for Valemount Cares at Solden Years Lodge** and a chance for seniors to meet / share concerns with Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie. Free Lunch.

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SEPT 19: Train safety day and Info session with Stacey for WorkBC at the park
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SEPT 21- Arts & Craft Day!
SEPT 28- Donkey & Donuts n Goats n Grandparents! *11am-1pm, NOT 1 to 3 pm.

THUR SEPT 15 from 4-6pm, join the next **Men's Shed meeting** at RVCS McBride (942 3rd ave). Have questions about home improvement projects? Want to know more about car repair work? Come with your ideas and partake in the group discussion!

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Fall Planting Of Trees And Shrubs

Many people think that spring is the only time for planting in the garden. It is certainly the busiest time, but many things can be planted at other times of the year and do just as well.

Of course, we have heard of planting bulbs such as tulips or daffodils in the fall, but many are not aware that many trees, shrubs or perennials can also be fall-planted and will settle in before the ground freezes. They will be ready to "spring" to life next April or May and bloom soon after. Early blooming shrubs and perennials such as spirea, trollius or lilac actually do best if transplanted in late summer or early fall – late August to mid-September.

Just last week (the first week of September) my neighbour and I dug holes and transplanted eighty blueberry bushes. On Sept 8th and 9th, I planted sixteen apple, plum, cherry and apricot trees. They had been grown in large pots for a few years and wintered over very well as long as the pots were well mulched with sawdust.

If you want to plant or move some trees, shrubs or perennials here are a few tips I have picked up over the years.

1. Dig a hole large enough to accept the root ball so the tree will be at the same level as it was. Don't add any manure, compost or fertilizer to the hole. Just fill in with the native soil and tamp in well.
2. When digging the tree or plant, try to leave the root ball intact as much as possible. It is o.k. to remove weeds or quack grass roots.
3. When you place the root ball in the hole, add a pail of water and then fill in around the root ball with soil and firm it down. Leave a "well" around the tree – build up a donut of earth about 2 ft. (.7m) across to hold the water and direct it down around the root ball.
4. If you are in a windy spot, drive one or two steel posts or fence posts outside of the root ball and fix the tree to them with burlap or pieces of old garden hose with wire

run through it.

5. If you have damaged any roots in the move, prune up to 1/3 of the branches from the tree or shrub. Try to prune for shape.
6. For the next two or three weeks, give 3-5 gal. of water every few days. (Little rain showers don't count!!)
7. If a sudden cold snap arrives before the end of October and there is no snow cover, mulch the root zone with straw or sawdust to keep the heat in the soil and keep the roots growing. Don't forget to put tree-guards or woven wire around the bottom of the trunk to protect from mice and voles.
8. When spring arrives, add compost, manure, straw or sawdust in a ring 2-3" (5-8cm) deep out to the "drip-line" but not against the trunk. This will feed the tree for the next year.

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FABULOUS CHALET in the beautiful mountains of Blue River B.C. 2550 sq ft on three floors. Bright main floor has an open concept living space, bedroom, main bath and laundry room. Upstairs has a large master bedroom and a good sized second bdrm both with their own private decks. Also another bathroom with a luxury spa tub! Super well built home and efficient wood/electric forced air furnace plus air conditioning. All this on a double sized town lot with a mostly fenced yard. This home will go fast! Check it out on my website.

FEATURED

830 Beaven Cres. VALEMOUNT

\$549,000

Custom Details Throughout! Looking to be wowed by this super unique home then you must take a look! This 3 bdrm 2.5 bath home packs a lot of punch in 1.5 stories, over 2000 sq ft of completely finished space. Gorgeous Master Suite could also be another living space boasts floor to ceiling windows, fireplace, 30ft vaulted ceilings and more. The studio/loft can be utilized as another bedroom or study and leads onto a private deck with glorious mountain views! Skylit open concept kitchen has new counters and 2 pantries giving tons of storage. Updated main bath w/vessel sink and a fabulous "Spa" Bathroom. Fantastic .69 acre lot beautifully landscaped and truly is your own park! 16' x 24' garage w/ 200 amp service & 2pc bath. Zoned for 2 dwellings and vacation rental!

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MCBRIDE
1090 Dyke Road
 - 12 stall barn with full hay loft
 - Quonset with 14' overhead door and mezzanine
 - Large rancher with full basement
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 - Approximately 12 acres in hay
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 - Creek, wooded area and beautiful views!
\$575,000

NEW!

DOME CREEK
Lot A Bend Stn
 - 9.8 acre recreation or remote homestead
 - On the Fraser River
 - Great gardens - lots of wildlife
 - No road access
\$149,000

MCBRIDE
3085-River Bend Road
 - Beautiful 10 acre riverfront property
 - 2/3 Bdrm 2 Bath home with walkout basement
 - End of the road -pasture - trails
 - New garage, storage and greenhouse
 - A must see - priced to sell!
\$498,000

SOLD!

MCBRIDE
Lot 1 Lamco Road
 - 68 acres on West Twin Creek
 - Remote and off the grid
 - Perfect for homestead or recreation
 - Private
\$125,000

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\$595,000



Approx 20 acres in size, this property boasts the most amazing 360° views for your future venture. Just a short drive from town and with easy access to the highway, the property is well situated for a variety of commercial or recreational ventures. Relatively level and with a good percentage cleared already, there are a number of suitable building sites in place. This is a one of a kind property and at an all new affordable price.



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1410 7TH AVE



**\$419,000
NEW LISTING!**

Huge family home on a very spacious 0.41 acre lot. Upstairs is the perfect family layout with 3 bed, 2 bath and a gorgeous sunken living room. Options are ample downstairs as it is completely unfinished. You will almost get lost in your backyard as you tour around the mature trees while gazing up at the mountain views. Location couldn't be any better for your kids as this property is right across from our elementary school. Two storage sheds and a carport complete this attractive package. You do not want to miss out on this one!

1422 BRUCE PLACE



**\$400,000
NEW LISTING!**

Looking for a commercial building on a spacious property right on Valemount's busiest street? Well look no further because here it is. 1735 sqft building on a 0.36 acre property. There is currently a commercial kitchen in the back and mainly an open concept layout to the rest of the building allowing you to bring many master plans into action. You can not get better store frontage than this!

1485 CRANBERRY LAKE RD



**\$1,149,000
NEW LISTING!**

Paradise is what this property is! Whether you're out meandering your 30 acres or enjoying your newly renovated home or just relaxing on your sundeck you are going to be living the dream! The entire main floor of the home has just finished a major facelift. Both bathrooms upstairs have been completely redone, new flooring and paint throughout, new light fixtures and new front door are the main updates. Many outbuildings on this property: a spacious barn, chicken coop, tack shed, workshop and storage buildings. Property is ideal for horses, with a 60ft round pen, many fenced and cross fenced pastures. Needing a mortgage helper? No problem as downstairs has been ran as a 3 bed B&B for many years. Location could not get any better as you are literally a two minute drive from town. Call for a tour today!



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