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## The complex cost of the carbon tax

By RACHEL FRASER

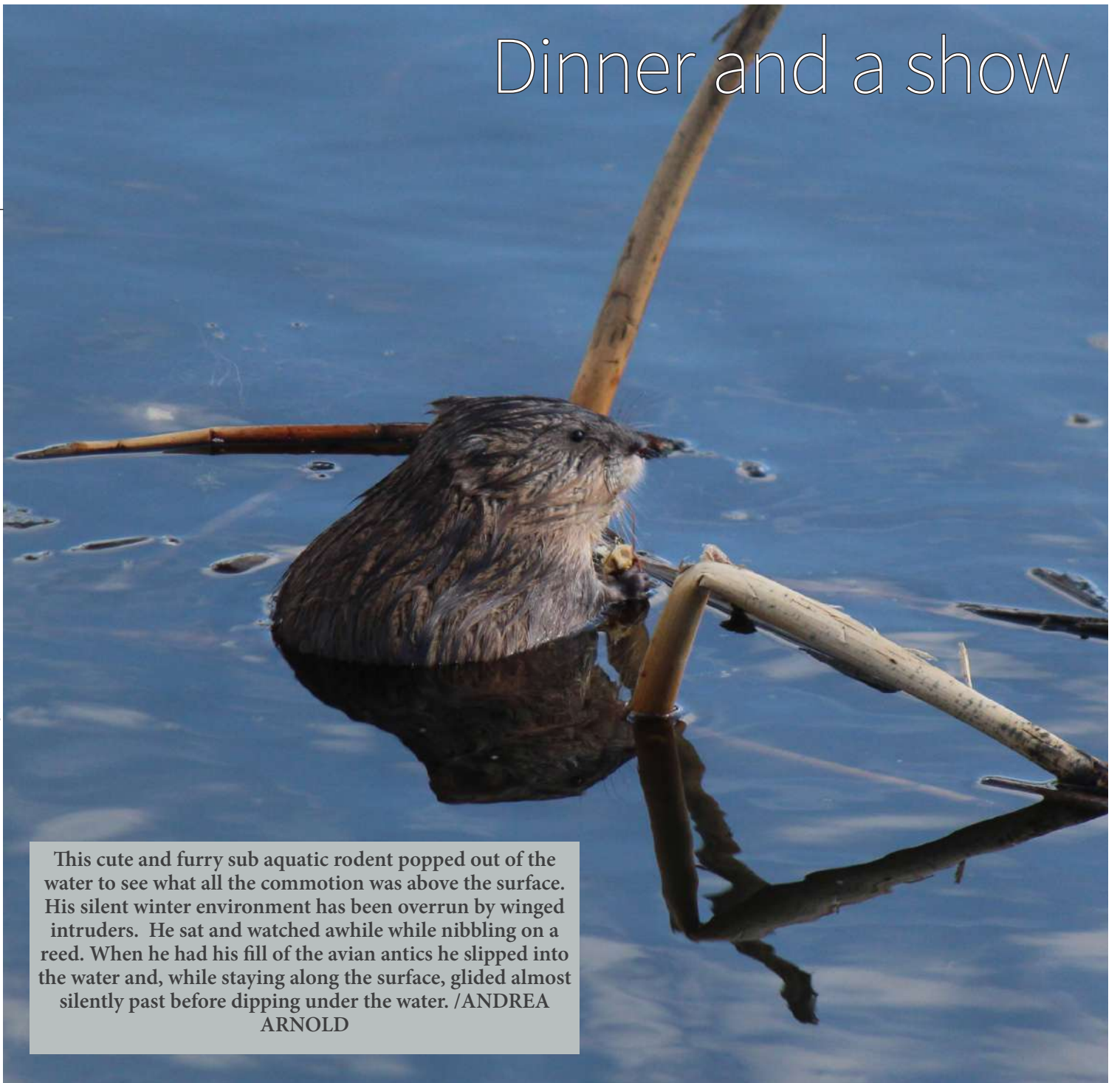
The \$15 per tonne increase in the B.C. carbon tax went into effect on April 1st, 2024, which works out to about three cents on a litre of gasoline, but what that actually means to the bank account of the average British Columbian is far from clear.

Amid protests claiming that the tax contributes to an already out of control cost of living and inflation, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says the co-joined Canada Carbon Rebate puts more money in the pockets of most Canadians. Over 200 economists have signed an open letter saying it's the cheapest way to effectively combat climate change, and that it has a negligible effect on inflation and cost of living.

Trudeau's reliance on the federal rebate to sweeten the deal isn't as reassuring in B.C. as it might be in most of the country; while the BC carbon tax matches the federal tax rate, our rebate, known as the Climate Action Tax Credit, is structured differently. The Federal program is revenue neutral, and BC's carbon tax was originally, also, which means all revenues must be returned, either in rebates or in equivalent reductions to other taxes. Unlike the Federal program, which is required by law to return 90 per cent of revenues directly to households, the BC NDP changed the tax code to remove the revenue neutrality and the reporting requirement in their 2017 budget.

The federal rebate is based on household structure – singles get a certain amount, and households with dependents get more depending on the number of dependents – but the BC rebate is based on household structure AND income. Only those with annual incomes of \$39,115 or less, or families with \$50,170 will receive the full rebate, and only an estimated 65 per cent of British Columbians will qualify to receive even a partial rebate.

In 2023, the Globe and Mail broke down how BC's carbon tax revenues were being spent at the time: "Of \$2.24B in revenue, about \$2B goes back to some taxpayers: the low-income tax credit costs \$363M and



## Dinner and a show

This cute and furry sub aquatic rodent popped out of the water to see what all the commotion was above the surface. His silent winter environment has been overrun by winged intruders. He sat and watched awhile while nibbling on a reed. When he had his fill of the avian antics he slipped into the water and, while staying along the surface, glided almost silently past before dipping under the water. /ANDREA ARNOLD

the reduced small business taxes amount to \$1.61B. The rest goes to spending \$248M on CleanBC programs, small investments in a range of initiatives to cut emissions."

The \$15 per tonne tax increase translates to \$229M in new revenue in the 2024 Provincial budget. In recent years, the portion of revenues directed to the rebate was relatively small, but new spending on enhancements to the Climate Action Tax Credit will be \$687M. The provincial budgets do not include a full accounting of what the \$2.65B in total projected carbon tax revenues for the 2024/2025 fiscal year will be used for.

Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) Yves Giroux told MPs in the House of Commons on March 27th, 2024, that for Canadians as a whole, based on the federal tax and rebate programs, 80 per cent of households end up better off from a fiscal standpoint. However, when you factor in the effects the tax is assumed to have on some sectors of the country's economy, Giroux said, "Then, we find that most Canadian families, in provinces where the federal backstop regime (the federal rebate) is in place, will see a small negative impact of the carbon tax."

The National Post reported

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# Care-a-Van gets new website

BY ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

Care-a-Van, the volunteer-run transportation service for seniors and disabled residents of Valemount, unveiled its new website [care-a-van.com](http://care-a-van.com) at the beginning of the month.

The bus is operational on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and usually makes 10 to 12 trips both days, said volunteer Derek McClure. Two volunteers pick up clients at their homes, helping them onto the bus' wheelchair lift if necessary. Then, they use a system of seat belt-like straps that cross over the person in a wheelchair to keep them secure during the ride.

Inside, the bus is spacious enough to hold two wheelchairs and two scooters at once. It also has seats for those who do not use wheelchairs, plus two recently-installed heaters to keep riders comfortable. McClure's dog, Niko, eagerly greets riders as they board the bus, and keeps them company as they ride.

According to McClure, the service made over 450 trips last year, taking clients to the grocery store, social outings, and the health clinic. He said social contact is one of the

most important benefits of Care-a-Van, something he tried to emphasize on the front page of the new website.

"It's funny, we take some people and they're kind of sleepy, they're not full of energy," he said. "But when we pick them up [from a gathering], the social good of the coffee and playing games and stuff, you can notice the difference."

Users of the service agreed that it provides a valuable opportunity to get out of the house.

Monique Jamin said the Care-a-Van has helped her keep spending time with her friend Jim Mueck, who uses a wheelchair.

"I've been spending time with Jim a couple times a week over the last 25 years. At some point, I couldn't put his manual chair in the back of my car, so I couldn't take him out," she said. "This bus means that he can get out."

Volunteer and past user of the service Betty Gray agreed. She said when her prostheses made it difficult to drive, the service still made it possible for her to go grocery shopping.

"It's necessary, absolutely necessary," she said. "Otherwise, seniors sit in their homes going nowhere. It just gets them out to things, you know? That's really important."

The Care-a-Van also has an evacuation plan in place for mobility-compromised Valemount residents, according to McClure. Last summer, the hospital in McBride gave McClure a call to ask if he would be willing to help evacuate disabled patients – while the evacuation did not come to pass, it got McClure thinking about an evacuation plan for Care-a-Van users.

"The worst time to get an ambulance would be during an evacuation," he said. "And when you get to where you're going [in an ambulance], you have to be put on some sort of bed or stretcher or something [...] you're taking what mobility people have away from them."

By evacuating through the Care-a-Van service, McClure said, people will be able to keep their independence.

Running the service involves a lot more than just driving the bus, McClure said. The bus requires near-constant maintenance.

"We need more support staff to keep this thing going. It's been a full-time job for me for about three years," he said. "Driving, training folks, cleaning the bus – there's always a light burned out, there's always something to be done."

McClure said that the service is always in need of volunteers to help keep the bus operational. In particular, it needs to be vacuumed and swept regularly to keep dust and gravel off the floor, as debris may interfere with people's wheelchairs.

According to McClure, every volunteer for the service is a senior citizen. He said Care-a-Van will need a succession plan eventually, but volunteers' hands are full with the weekly upkeep of the bus. He hopes to recruit new volunteers to keep the service running for generations to come.

However, McClure said that the service has enjoyed a lot of community support over the years. Local mechanics have volunteered to do occasional repairs, and Care-a-Van had a successful car wash fundraiser with the help of the fire department last year, he said. The support of Dannielle Alan, who sits on the board of directors for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, was also crucial in getting the service up and running.

"There's just so many people that contribute to this," McClure said. "That's the most amazing part, how helpful people in the community have been."

McClure hopes the website will be a way for him to highlight the contributions of the community, and says that a "Thank You" page for everyone who contributed in 2023 is coming soon. He will also use the website to advertise the Care-a-Van's services, such as its bimonthly trips to Golden Years Lodge. It also makes it easier for people interested in using or volunteering for the service to contact current volunteers, as it displays the service's phone number and email address on the "Services" page.

Multiple volunteer positions are available: the service needs drivers, people to secure wheelchair users on rides, grocery shoppers, cleaners, minor maintenance workers, and a social media manager. Interested people can email [contact@care-a-van.com](mailto:contact@care-a-van.com). People can also make donations at the [care-a-van.com](http://care-a-van.com) webpage, or send cheques to PO Box 1026.

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Care-a-Van volunteer driver Derek McClure goes over the day's schedule with fellow volunteer Jack Hoy, sitting out of frame. Some days last over 12 hours as clients have early-morning and late-evening health clinic appointments, McClure said. /ABIGAIL POPPLE

# Robson Valley represented at Arctic Winter Games

## Local volleyball referee called on to officiate at games

BY ANDREA ARNOLD

McBride resident Tammy McNally spent six days in March in Palmer, Alaska where she was volunteering for the Arctic Winter Games, a biennial multi-sport and Indigenous cultural event involving circumpolar peoples residing in communities or countries bordering the Arctic Ocean.

She received a call from the Head Official Kim Killion and Holly Odegard Sport Technical Director in December asking her if she would return again this year as a volleyball referee. McNally worked with Killion and Odegard 10 years ago in Fairbanks Alaska and has been officiating volleyball games for 34 years.

“I loved playing,” she said. “Then when I was pregnant and couldn’t play, I began officiating as a way to keep involved in the sport.”

She has covered a variety of skill levels ranging from beginner up to college level. She has been to the Arctic Winter Games six times now, one of which she was head official, scheduling and overseeing the other volleyball officials. In addition to her experiences at previous Arctic Winter Games, she also officiated at an event in Nevada about 10 years ago called the Volleyball Festival.

“There were over 100 courts, and over 10,000 girls between the ages of 12 and 18,” she said. “It was crazy.”

For a number of years, McNally lived with her husband Terrance outside Mackenzie, off-grid, with their closest neighbour 100km away. Yet, each weekend, she would make the four hour trip (one way) to Prince George to participate in tournaments.

In 2019, she decided she needed a break and took the year off, then covid restrictions stretched that break longer than she had planned.

In 2022, the McNallys moved to McBride, and in September 2023, McNally found herself back in a gym helping coach high school volleyball.

Once the referee coordinators for the district heard that she was back in the game, she was scheduled to referee every tournament the team attended, and a few extras.

Getting back into the saddle at a local level provided McNally the opportunity to return to the winter games where she was able to catch up with several of her officiating friends from Alaska, Greenland, and the Territories.

“Being an official at events brings you together with others that share common ground,” she said. “It brings easy camaraderie.”

The Winter Games is unlike any other competition in that they include cultural events and the camaraderie can be felt not only between the officials, but between everyone: officials and athletes as well as between teams.

“We even saw teams that had just played against each other taking a big group photo,” she said.

McNally and the other officials participated in the Opening Ceremonies, leading the athletes into the arena, reciting their officials oath and watching several cultural performances.

McNally officiated 10 games throughout the week.

“I really enjoyed watching the girls play,” she said. “This year, the under 19’s were the strongest women’s field I have seen in the six years I have attended.”

While there, McNally got to check out some of the other events.

“I went on a tour to a Muskox farm,” she said. “We

(other officials and I) attended some of the arctic sports events and watched the knuckle hop - an Arctic sport where competitors bounce across the floor as far as they can on their knuckles and toes, and the snow snake competition - a competition to see whose javelin length stick slides across a flat, snow-packed surface the furthest.

“It was neat to watch,” said McNally. “One of the judges told us that if the snow

hadn’t gotten soft in the afternoon we would have likely seen one of the participants break the world record for distance.”

There were community performers, and a market setting complete with shops, food and a caribou petting zoo.

“Pin trading - where participants trade Arctic Winter Games pins representing their contingent - was very popular throughout the six days too,” she said. “I didn’t participate in that event though.”

Throughout the days of play, officials are evaluated and the top are picked to officiate the gold medal game. McNally was one of the crew selected.

McNally does not plan to step back anytime soon.

“I love the people,” she said. “I love volunteering at a sport I love.”

The 2026 Arctic Winter Games is scheduled to be held in Whitehorse, Yukon, and McNally hopes she can attend, catch up with her friends she sees only once every two years, and likely make a few more.



McNally said she had to dodge a couple of seemingly out of control balls throughout the tournament. Here she is seen leaning back as far as safely possible to avoid being hit. /SUBMITTED

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that adding to the complexity of how the tax affects Canadians is the economic effects of a changing climate, and cited a report by the PBO in 2022 that tried to account for that, saying “Extreme weather had already reduced Canada’s GDP by 0.8 per cent between 1981 and 2021 and that the GDP could be further reduced by five per cent by 2100. But the report noted that ‘accounting for the cost of climate change is not straightforward.’”

The Village of Valemount receives funding through the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP), a provincial initiative to help legislated climate targets and prepare communities for the impacts of changing climate. As part of the CleanBC roadmap, these are the type of climate-related initiatives that the Carbon Tax ostensibly helps to fund, but there is no direct funding mechanism or reporting tying the two together. According to Valemount’s Director of Finance, Lori

McNee, the Village received \$48,082 in each of 2022 and 2023 and has been promised \$140,884 over the next 3 years. A portion of these funds have been used to purchase an electric truck for Public Works, as well as a charger for the PW yard. The remainder has not yet been allocated.

The increase works out to 3.3¢ more per litre of gasoline, to a total 17.61¢ carbon price built into every litre. Diesel increased 4¢ per litre, and propane 2.3¢.



### Gilbert Smith Forest Products

FOREST OPERATIONS MAP  
INVITATION TO COMMENT

The public is invited to review and comment on Gilbert Smith Forest Products, Forest Operations Map (FOM). The FOM shows proposed cut block development under Forest Stewardship Plan #855 within the Thompson Rivers Natural Resource District (DTR). The validity period of the FOM is 3 years from the FOM date of April 11, 2024. This development is located in Oasis (CP FF) and will be open for public review for 30 days. Gilbert Smith Forest Products FOM for the Oasis development is available for public review and comment online at: <https://fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects#splash>

The FOM is also available for in-person review and comment by appointment at Gilbert Smith’s office located at 4411 Borthwick Ave, in Barriere BC. Office hours are 7:30am – 4:30pm. To set up an appointment email [m.cusack@gsfpcedar.com](mailto:m.cusack@gsfpcedar.com). Comments will be accepted between April 11th 2024 - May 11th 2024, and can be submitted through <https://fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects#splash>, emailed to [m.cusack@gsfpcedar.com](mailto:m.cusack@gsfpcedar.com) or mailed to Gilbert Smith Forest Products, PO Box 689, Barriere, BC V0E 1E0, Attention: Maxine Cusack.



# Editorial

## All good things must come to an end



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BY SPENCER HALL

As the old proverb goes, all good things must come to an end and I'm sad to say this is the case for the beloved column Gardening with Pete.

Over the past 23 years, long-time Dunster resident Peter Amyoony has published his column dealing with the "down to earth nuts and bolts of organic gardening" in the Robson Valley Times, then in the Rocky Mountain Goat and has been a part of our publication since the paper launched in 2010.

Amyoony's final column before his full retirement kicked off was published in our March 28th issue.

For over two decades, Amyoony has shared his expertise in a conversant and friendly tone that would put even the most novice gardener at ease. His columns have given us advice on a wide variety of topics, such as dealing with garden pests, how to grow rosemary, and why we

shouldn't hesitate to plant that perennial bed. Sabine Keil put it best in a 2016 letter titled "How could you not love Pete?"

"He knows my garden better than I do. He's never spent time in it. He doesn't know where it is. Yet, he's never failed me with good garden advice," Keil said.

Since I've started with the Goat, several readers have shared similar sentiments with me about Pete's column.

From all of us at the Goat, I'd like to thank Pete for sharing his knowledge with us for so many years and making our thumbs a little greener each week. We wish him the very best in his retirement.

What impact has Pete's column had on your gardening skills? Let me know by email at [goatnewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:goatnewspaper@gmail.com)



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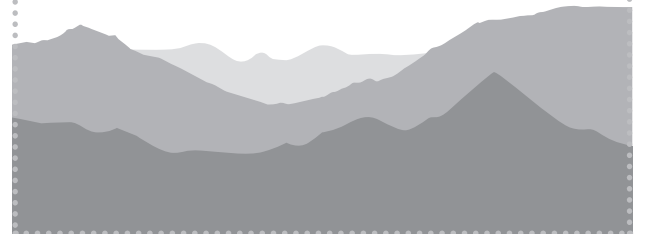
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## Atmospheric river events



A few things got me thinking about the RMG's Dore River rip-rap article. One is my memory of the Zymoetz (Copper) River's banks being extensively rip-rapped after an atmospheric river flood which resulted in my family's evacuation in 1978. The problem with straight runs of rip-rap, however, is that it accelerates water flows. This resulted in extensive erosion where this large tributary meets the Skeena. If, instead, the rip-rap armor also occasionally had perpendicular jutting formations, deflecting some water away from the bank and forming sediment-accumulating eddies, the river's banks would be calmer and slower, nutrients would accumulate, ecosystems enhanced, and downstream properties protected.

Also, I'm wondering whether it has occurred to local residents or government reps why it is that the Dore River experienced such huge floods in recent years. Sure, a hundred-year flood event is due in many local watersheds, and climate factors seem to indicate that we can expect more extreme weather, but what are your thoughts concerning the removal of mature primary forests which would naturally buffer large rain or snowmelt events? Extensive biogeographic alterations to the Dore's water-absorbing potential (through the biomass/carbon removal created by clearcutting and the dramatic run-off of the road network that feeds the logging/plantation zones) now dominate the Dore Rivershed. Their contributions to any given climate event's flood potential are like a sacred cow that is omitted from the discussion. Because we are told that the climate, or atmospheric rivers, or high snowmelt due to higher than normal temperatures coupled with deep snow are the 'cause', we neglect taking into account other factors that exponentially compound the issue. Incidentally, the Zymoetz was also clearcut extensively in the '60s and '70s.

This point should be driven home by analysis of the famous atmospheric river event that dominated the news, knocking out both highways and railways and flooding the Sumas

Prairie dairies. What we got was dramatic Climate Change sensationalism. The extensive 'salvage' logging that was done upriver was not mentioned. Under the mismanagement of our forest ministry, policies greenlighted clearcutting vast upstream areas under the premise of removing beetle-killed pine. All species, healthy or not, were cut after extensive road networks were built. While flooding would have happened, the extent of the damage would never have been near what it was without the aid of such upstream practices which greatly accelerated the runoff. For further understanding: BC Floods and Clearcut Logging (Nov. 2021)

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# Global Thoughts

BY GWYNNE DYER

## Russia: The Really Dangerous Ones Are Sane



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

There are plenty of crazies in Russian politics who make bizarre claims about their country's victim status ("the evil West made us do it") and issue blood-curdling but implausible threats about using nuclear weapons on their enemies. However, the really dangerous ones are quite sane.

Dmitry Medvedev, Putin's most trusted and longest-serving crony, often sounds crazy: since the invasion of Ukraine he has been the main source of Russian threats of nuclear war if things don't go well for Moscow in Ukraine.

In February, for example, Medvedev warned that the Western alliance must not allow Ukraine to take back its Russian-occupied territories, since "attempts to return Russia to the borders of 1991 will lead to...a global war with Western countries using the entire strategic (i.e. nuclear) arsenal of our state on Kyiv, Berlin, London, Washington."

And just in case the forces of Satan thought Russia was bluffing, Medvedev asked himself the key question: "Will we have the courage to do this if the disappearance of a thousand-year-old country, our great Motherland, is at stake?" He replied: "The answer is obvious."

There is a huge logical leap between the actual outcome Medvedev is trying to deter ('return Russia to the borders of 1991') and the alleged consequences of having to give back the conquered Ukrainian land ('the disappearance of ...our great Motherland'). He was clearly aware that he had to bridge that gap with rhetoric. He is therefore really sane.

Sane is worse, because it means that the regime's leading figures and their propagandists have accepted that the regime's survival (deliberately conflated with the survival of the Russian state and people) now depends on destroying the basic rule that has kept the great powers more or less at peace for the past 79 years.

That rule says that henceforward borders may not be changed by force. Conquest used to be legal and was the motive for most of the wars in history. But the new rule was written into the UN Charter in 1945, and subsequently made even more explicit in the Final Act of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in 1975 (both signed by Moscow).

It's not the Russian crazies we have to worry about. It's coldly rational nationalists like Medvedev and chief propagandist Vladimir Solovyov, who now argues that the great project of extending Russia's borders to include

all lands and peoples that Moscow defines as 'Russian' requires the destruction of this basic rule.

Solovyov, a 'journalist' who serves as a trusted mouthpiece for Putin's regime, is now pointing out on his TV talk show, the most watched in Russia, that "Borders have always been violated. That's the historical reality."

"All sorts of accidental formations incapable of their own statehood may not survive this era," he says. "By that, I mean the Baltic states and all of Europe. I don't think that the European borders in their current configuration will continue to exist much longer."

Solovyov is not stupid. He understands the parallel between Hitler's mistaken belief that Britain and France would not respond to his invasion of Poland in 1939 and Putin's blunder in believing that NATO would not oppose his invasion of Ukraine in 2022. But he defends it anyway.

This kind of talk would not happen on Russian television if the Kremlin didn't want it to. Unfortunately, if the concept of inviolable borders is scrapped, especially when the great powers are involved, then we are heading straight back to 1939.



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# B.C. Rural Health Network seeking stories from rural residents

BY ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

As part of its advocacy for more healthcare services in rural areas, the B.C. Rural Health Network has launched a callout for stories from rural B.C. residents. According to the callout, the Network is seeking testimony from people who have had to travel to urban areas for treatment, or who have generally faced obstacles in accessing medical care within their rural community.

“Your story could help shed light on the importance of accessible healthcare services in rural communities,” the callout reads.

The Network is a quickly-growing coalition of non-profits, municipal and district governments, and individual activists, Executive Director Paul Adams told The Goat.

“We [advocate for] solutions on health care, and we do so in a collaborative way, working with communities and [...] ensuring that the lived experience of residents and the communities as a whole are part of the data that we bring forward and the positions that we create,” he said.

The aim of the story callout is to collect testimony that will inform this advocacy, said Adams. He added that this tactic has recently seen success with the Network’s advocacy for more affordable transit services for rural residents travelling to get organ transplants.

“We talked to people who have literally chosen to die rather than seek the [transplant] surgeries they need because of the [travel] cost involved,” he said. “We’ve made the public aware of that inequity, and the result of that is that we’re meeting with the Premier [...] to discuss how we can improve and change the [Province’s travel assistance] program.”

Stories will be incorporated into an internal database that the Network will use to identify common issues and determine how it should engage with communities on a case-by-case basis, Adams said. The Network will also use the stories to find spokespeople for specific issues like access to cancer treatment, he added.

“A limited number of people are willing to put their

face to a story,” he said. “So we need to collect as many of those stories as we can [...] then we need to find those champions who are willing to stand up and to actually put their face in the public spotlight.”

Valemount resident John Grogan said he hopes the Network uses the stories to successfully make rural healthcare equitable to its urban counterparts. He worries the callout may not reach enough people to get a comprehensive sample of residents, but said it is important to raise awareness of the issues facing rural communities like Valemount.

“Not having long term care [in Valemount] really has a negative effect on community. When we ship somebody away, the whole community is at a loss because there’s no opportunity for a living wage,” he said. “There are other issues [...] we don’t have any dental [care]. Not having a Greyhound bus regular service, what’s that done is really isolated us.”

Adams hopes that the Network will keep collecting stories for generations to come. He said the callout is being distributed throughout B.C.’s rural communities by Network volunteers, and invites those with stories to email [info@bcruralhealth.org](mailto:info@bcruralhealth.org).



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## Valemount local celebrates 101st birthday

BY ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

Local Alice Olson gathered with family and friends to celebrate her 101st birthday on Monday.

When asked how it felt to turn a year older, Olson joked, “The same as it did last year. I don’t feel any different.”

Originally from Sunnynook, Alberta, Olson moved to Valemount in May of 1956. She already had five kids at the time, and had another six after moving to the village – 11 children total.

That October, she moved into the house where she still resides. She built the house with her husband, Pete, and the help of neighbours.

“I love it here,” she said. “I told Pete I’d never move away from Valemount once I moved in.”

Olson’s advice for others is to accept life’s ups and downs. “Just take life as it comes, and you’ll be all right,” she said. “That’s about all you can do.”

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### Notice Disposition of Land: Airport Land Lease

Pursuant to Sections 26 and 94 of the Community Charter, notice is hereby given that the Village of Valemount intends to lease property to Code Project Enterprises Ltd.

The land to be leased is a 2000 sq. ft plot located on the east side of the airport, legally described as Block A, District Lot 5705 Land District 05 THAT PART OF DL 5705, to be occupied by an airport hangar.

The annual rental fee for the space, from April 2024 to April 2025, is \$698.84, to be increased by 3% annually for the term of the five-year lease.

For more information please contact:

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### Village of Valemount - Notice of Public Hearing

Please Take Notice that a Public Hearing for Street Vendor Permit 03-24 will be held:

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm**  
**Council Chambers, Village Office**  
**735 Cranberry Lake Road, Valemount, BC**

1. **Street Vendor Permit 03-24** proposes to allow The Funky Goat Eatery to operate for up to three years, 7 days a week, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot 2, DL 9778, Cariboo District Plan PGP35390 (1170 5th Avenue)



At the Public Hearing, anyone who deems their interest in land to be affected by the proposed Street Vendor Permit 03-24 shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Comments may be made in person at the Public Hearing. Written submissions can be submitted by email to [publichearing@valemount.ca](mailto:publichearing@valemount.ca), or via letter to the Village of Valemount. **Written submissions will be accepted until 12:00 pm on April 23, 2024.**

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 Street Vendor Permit 03-24 are available at [www.valemount.ca](http://www.valemount.ca). Paper copies will be available for viewing during regular office hours (Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.), until April 9, 2024 at the Village Office, 735 Cranberry Lake Road.

### Village of Valemount Five Year Financial Budget – Public Document

All interested members of the public are invited to view the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan Budget. Hard copies will be available at the Village Office 735 Cranberry Lake Rd, during regular business hours, and on our website under the Finance tab.

The public consultation period is from April 4 to 18, 2024. Comments are to be received by the Director of Finance at [dof@valemount.ca](mailto:dof@valemount.ca) prior to **April 19 at 12:00pm**. All comments received will be provided to the Village Council for consideration in advance of the third bylaw reading, which is expected to be on the agenda at the April 23, 2024 Council meeting.

### Parking and Trailers

A few notes about parking within the Village of Valemount:

- Parking within the Village of Valemount is parallel on all streets and lanes unless specifically indicated by either signs or painted lines on the pavement.
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### Village of Valemount Job Opportunities

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# Live Different 2024 - Changing lives

By ANDREA ARNOLD

In mid-March, a group of 19 Robson Valley residents joined forces with nine others to build two homes through the Live Different organization, for single moms and their families in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico during spring break.

Derrick Shaw, principal of Valemount Secondary School, has been participating and heading up these trips since 2014, and he would like to include appreciation and gratitude for another very important group that was involved in this, and all the other trips.

“The community of McBride has been more supportive than I could have ever imagined,” he said. “The expense of just getting there has more than doubled in the ten years I’ve been involved. I would say about 98 per cent of the kids would not be able to go if it wasn’t for donations.”

Shaw said that this year, through the recycling bottle trailer located at the McBride transfer station, the Dunster Music Festival, concessions and private donations, they raised \$28,000 in 18 months, to make this trip happen.

Over the years, Shaw has travelled with an assortment of ages, but he really likes to see the younger generation participate. This year, 15 of the participants in the group were students, 11 of whom are from the Robson Valley.

“I believe everyone who participates has a take away from the trip,” he said. “They all will see the world through a different lens. They can help shape the world, and they can make connections, no matter what their stage in life.”

## Building relationships

Only two of the students from the valley had volunteered on this trip in the past. The rest experienced it all for the first time, and Shaw was so proud of them.

“They killed it,” he said. “They (physically) worked hard, and it took a day or two for them to see what we were doing, but they built relationships with the community members. On dedication day, when we handed over the keys, there were lots of tears.”

One special connection that Shaw witnessed over this trip was that of team member Kirby and one of the boys, Diego, that would be moving into the pink house that was being built.

“Diego was unable to say Kirby, so he started calling him Kevin,” said Shaw. “By the end of the build, the relationship was so strong, that Diego had switched to calling him Papa Kevin. That was a hard goodbye.”

While the connections and positive experiences that participants have while on the trip can be life changing, Shaw cautions that some of what the volunteers are exposed to can trigger some negative emotions. They work in an area that is extremely impoverished, and some of the living circumstances can be shocking.

“We hold debriefing sessions every night,” said Shaw. “We discuss many things, including resilience and empathy. The people we build for are resilient like no one else, and they are so grateful.”

## Exploring the neighbourhood

They were building near the dump this year. The dump is not an area that they usually venture into during builds as the level of poverty among the residents may be too shocking. A few years ago, Shaw asked if he could help take out the garbage. He can’t be sure, but he figures there were at least 20 people living in the dump. They came out and for just a few pesos, unloaded the truck for them. He saw an elderly couple sorting through bags looking for aluminum to sell.

“I even met a Canadian who had chosen to live there,” said Shaw in disbelief. “The dump is on fire 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The smoke changes colour, but there is always a billowing cloud coming from the area.” This year, there was a makeshift shelter near where one of the builds was taking place. There was at least one small child and her mother living in it. During construction, the mother approached and asked how she could get on the list for a home. Live Different member Angelina Garcia will be following up with her to complete the screening process.

## Trip highlights

One of the highlights each year for Shaw is the opportunity to visit families that have been recipients of homes that his teams have built in the past. He feels lucky to be able to see how a family’s life and whole world has been changed because of their new home.

In 2020, just one week before the team was set to depart for Mexico, they received word that they would not be allowed to make the trip. Covid had shut down all travel. They had been fundraising, so the money that would have gone towards building supplies was sent to the Live Different crew that is in place in Mexico. The items were purchased, and through the giving of the Robson Valley, two families were provided with new homes.

Shaw had the opportunity to meet with one of these families, and although the Robson Valley team was not present during the actual build, he said that the family still views “us” as the people who made it possible.

This year, 10 members who had worked on a home in 2022 had the opportunity to return and visit with the family. Shaw reports that they have vegetables growing and more vegetation around the home. He pulled out his phone and showed the family an image of the article that was run in the Rocky Mountain Goat following their return.

“They pulled their phones out and started taking pictures of the picture of their picture in the newspaper,” said Shaw. “They were giggling the whole time.”

There has only been one home — the one he helped build on his first trip in 2014 — that does not still have a family thriving in it.

“We visited in 2016, and it wasn’t being very well kept,” said Shaw. “It was starting to look run down. The next year, it was boarded up and it still is. No one lives there, and no one seems to know what happened to the family.”

Live Different has since started to provide new residents with training to maintain their homes to ensure the builds last a long time.

When construction is complete, the homes are furnished with beds, linen and other items. The pantry is stocked with more food than these families can imagine. Some of them work for \$21 a day in the fields for Drisscol, picking the very berries that are in the grocery stores in McBride.

Karmen, the mother of the family receiving the blue house, took time to thank each of the people working on her home. She acknowledged what each person did in order to be there, how much effort went into fundraising and expressed her deepest thanks.

“She understood how many burgers we had flipped and how many bottles we had collected,” said Shaw.

Karmen will be living in the 20x22 foot, two bedroom space with eight other family members.

## The volunteer experience

Shaw says that the team eats really well while they are there. In fact, one mom didn’t believe her child had done any work when he arrived back home because he didn’t look like he’d been doing physical labour. At the base where the teams are housed, a kitchen crew provides them with all their meals. The kitchen team is a family unit. It was started by Theresa who passed away following a battle with Covid, and her family has stepped up to continue her legacy.

On the final night, the whole team, along with the kitchen crew sit down for dinner at a restaurant as a treat for a job well done.

Over the course of their 10-day trip, the team works hard but they are also treated to a day of exploring. Some years, they travel 45 minutes on a road into the mountains that Shaw described as a road that makes local forestry roads look like a dream. The trip takes them to a place

appropriately named Oasis. There are two pools of water for swimming, and the area is green and lush with palm trees and growth.

This year, they did not make that trip. Instead they were offered, for the first time, the opportunity to go kayaking in the ocean. Then some of the group made the climb to the top of an inactive volcano and the day wrapped up with beach time and a bonfire.

## Learning experiences

This year, Shaw experienced a few firsts that resulted in a deeper understanding and realizations, and he was able to help some of the students understand more about the poverty in the area.

“There is a corner store not too far from the base that the kids can walk to in the evening,” said Shaw. “It is like the Dunster Store, with a little bit of everything. The kids found small Ziploc bags containing only a few cups of dog food and they were confused.”

Shaw explained to them that the people in the area could not have the cash to buy a big bag of dog food, so it was portioned out into the smaller bags so that they could afford to feed their pets.

“That hit home hard for some of them,” he said.

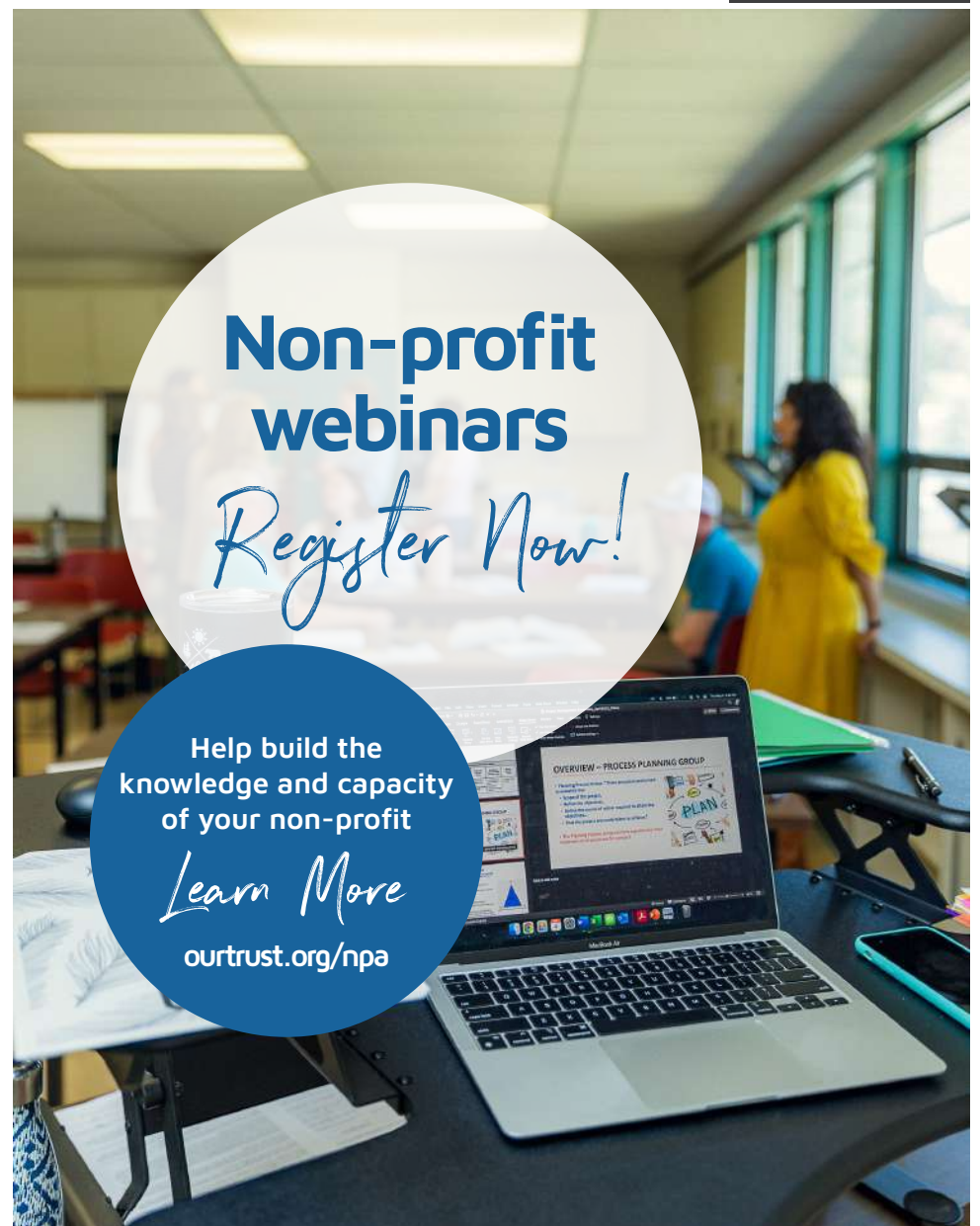
Shaw had known about the dog food, but he was surprised to find that the same applies for medication.

He had hurt his back and went to the store to get some pain killers. When he returned to the base and opened the package, he was surprised to see that one pill had been neatly cut out of the packaging. Garcia explained to him that it is common practice for locals to only buy one or two pills because they do not have the money to pay for a bottle or box full.

“She took me to get something stronger, and when the pharmacists opened the box there were only four pills left in it,” he said. “She asked how many I wanted. I said, I guess four.”

Some of the team members developed a rash this trip as well. As a precaution, they received medical attention and were given a prescription for a cream. When Shaw went to get the prescriptions filled, he was astonished to

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## Through the Lens with Leon Lorenz



The American dipper thrives in a land of ice, snow and rushing mountain streams. It plunges into this freezing water searching for all sorts of crawly things to eat without even getting wet or cold as they have a thick layer of down and large preen glands to oil ( waterproof ) their feathers with. It is also North America's only truly aquatic songbird. /LEON LORENZ

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learn that the pharmacist does not keep the prescription. In fact, he had to go to three different locations to get everything he needed, and he still had the papers in the end.

This experience also illustrated to him the ease in which drugs can hit the street in Mexico. The medication for the rash cost the equivalent of \$2.50 Canadian, and there was nothing stopping him from going to more locations and buying more using the same prescription.

“This was an ah ha moment for me like the dog food was for the kids,” he said. “I appreciated the exposure to a completely different world.”

It has only rained a few times during the building in the 10 years he’s been going. This year it rained twice, a very rare occurrence. He said that everything stops when it rains. The ground becomes so slippery that even a walk becomes a slip slide fiasco. Then, when the rain stops, the ground dries up as fast as it gets slippery.

### Live Different visits Robson Valley

The Live Different road crew travels around and presents to groups about what the organization does. The crew is arriving at the Shaw home over the weekend and will be staying with them until after their presentation to students in McBride on Monday.

Shaw has known one of the members of this crew, Angela Nolh, since she was only nine years old. Her mom is Angelina Garcia, the permanent Live Different team member in Mexico who screens the applications that come in for new homes. She also provides her services as a nurse. She also travels to provide medical services.

Shaw is excited to be able to show Nolh a little slice of the valley and has plans to take her mountain biking, to the Ancient Forest and possibly Kinney Lake.

### Closing thoughts

Shaw loves doing the trips, but admits that fundraising and organizing is a lot of work, and that he is getting tired. However, he also admits that getting to the location this year and seeing the relationships building and seeing the participants learn how they can make a difference for others was, as it is every year, the payoff.

He loves to talk about his experiences and invites anyone who has questions to give him a call. But, he also suggests that others who have been on the trips are also approached. He has seen countless volunteers develop a new outlook following their return.

“Everyone has a different level of take away,” he said. “It might not be instant, but something from the trip will stick, and change the way each individual sees the world, or lives.”

He wants the whole Robson Valley to know that for each family that receives a house, their whole world changes, and so we as a community, are changing the world.



Rozina accepts and returns a loving and grateful hug from one of the smaller recipients of a home during the 2024 Live Different experience this past March. / SUBMITTED

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# Valemount's Five-Year Financial Plan open for public comment

BY ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

The Village of Valemount's Five-Year Financial Plan is open for public comment until April 18th. The plan proposes a tax increase of 5.5 per cent for the 2024 budget year.

In accordance with the Local Government Act and the Community Charter, local governments must annually adopt a financial plan that encompasses the current fiscal year and the following four fiscal years – five years total. It includes proposed expenditures, expected revenues, and policies for taxation and the distribution of funds.

For the fiscal year of 2024, the plan anticipates just under \$13M in expenditures for the general budget. Grant revenue will cover the majority of this cost, with just under \$8M anticipated. The remainder will be paid for through taxes, rentals, and user fees, along with fees for obtaining licences and permits.

The proposed 2024 tax ratios for residential property owners are slightly higher than 2023, rising from 2.575 to 2.722. Tax ratios are used to calculate the amount one owes in property tax by multiplying the assessed value of a property by the taxing authority's set tax ratio – so, a higher tax ratio equates to higher taxes.

The tax ratio for recreational buildings rises dramatically from 2023. Last year, the ratio was 0.985, but the proposed ratio is 7.120 – over a 700 per cent increase.

The Plan is available for review within the March 26th Village Council meeting agenda. Comments can be sent to Director of Finance Lori McNee at dof@valemount.ca.

Comments will be provided to Council for them to review before the proposed Plan is read at their April 23rd meeting.

The Goat reached out to McNee and CAO Anne Yanciw, but did not receive a comment by presstime.

# Valemount organizations react to ReDi Grant decisions

BY ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

Results of this year's Resident-Directed Grants (commonly referred to as ReDi Grants) have sparked some calls for transparency among Valemount-based organizations.

Funded by the Columbia Basin Trust, ReDi Grants are distributed annually to local organizations. Because one condition of ReDi funding is the opportunity for resident input on grant decisions, Valemount has a public engagement session each year before the grant adjudication committee makes its decisions.

Organizations present their grant application to an audience of residents, who then complete a survey – available both online and on paper – to determine how much community support there is for a project. Respondents score each project on a scale of zero to five, with zero meaning “not supported” and five meaning “highly supported.”

According to results from the 2024 survey, which received 358 responses, the Valemount Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) had the highest

level of community support, with 74.67 per cent of respondents expressing support.

The Elementary School PAC's proposed project was a kitchen renovation, for which they were seeking \$69K. PAC member Isla Jackman told The Goat the denial was a frustrating setback, especially for an organization run by busy parent volunteers.

“In our planning for the year, these are the types of grants that we feel confident in spending our time on, because it's the most locally supported grant that we have access to,” she said. “There's other options and we will get back on our feet, but it just takes the wind out of our sails for the year.”

The second-most supported project, a travel fund organized by the Valemount Secondary School PAC, had their grant request denied for the same reason.

The requested \$20K would have gone towards sending students to out-of-town sports games and other educational opportunities, PAC members said during the ReDi public engagement session.

Secondary School PAC Chair Shanon

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# Parents face wrench in plan to expand school kitchen

BY ABIGAIL POPPLE, LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER, RMG

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for the Valemount Elementary School has hit another roadblock in its efforts to expand the school kitchen. The PAC applied for a Columbia Basin Trust Resident-Directed grant to fund a kitchen expansion, but on March 26th the Village Council decided against approving the request at the grant adjudication committee's recommendation.

The roughly 10-by-10 foot kitchen – which includes an oven, stovetop, refrigerator, and snack cart – is too cramped to cook for the school's 60-plus students, said PAC president Leaha Johnson. The PAC applied for \$69K in grant money to demolish a wall and expand the kitchen, create more storage and food preparation space, and install a deep freezer. The money would also have gone to purchasing more food for future meals.

“[The kitchen is] just really small for what our dream is to have for the students,” Johnson told The Goat. “We would ultimately love to, Monday through Friday, have lunch provided for the students.”

Currently, Indigenous Education Worker and Meal Worker Cheri Dehnke prepares lunch for the students every day. She also stocks PAC-funded snack carts every day, which provide nutritious snacks to any student free of charge.

Dehnke said the kitchen's small dimensions make it difficult to prepare and store food.

“Basically an adult and a student are all [the people] that can be in there,” she said. “There's one stove, there's usually two big crockpot things and a pot of soup in that tiny kitchen. We make it work, but then one of your crockpots is on the trolley, one is on the only counter you have, so if there's any cutting or anything then it's hard.”

Aside from the lack of space, the home appliances in the kitchen aren't built for mass cooking, Dehnke and Johnson said. According to them, the refrigerator and freezer are too small to store mass quantities of food for Dehnke to serve later, so she has to cook big batches of food all at once.

Given the physical constraints of the kitchen and a lack of funding, the hot meal program only runs twice a month – meaning food-insecure students are missing out on nutritious, hot meals, Johnson said.

“If parents can only provide their kids with cheap options, but the school is able to provide them with nutrients and vitamins and healthier means to get their food [...] it would be nice to have something like that in place for kids,” she said. “As a group, we can help lift up these families when they're struggling the most with their kids being nourished. I think that's really what the point of [the PAC] is: we're here to support and provide for the kids.”

Additionally, while the PAC works with local restaurants and collects donations to provide free hot lunches for the students once a month, that program has been less successful this year, Johnson said. Just three of the usual eight restaurants have volunteered to participate, which Johnson attributes to businesses struggling to cope with inflation.

The lack of food storage space makes it hard to run this part of the program, too, said Johnson.

“If we're going to open up the program to be a little bit more expansive, a single fridge and freezer isn't going to hold [a lot of food],” she said. “We don't have deep freezers, we don't have the space [to store food for long periods]. With the expansion of the kitchen, we would have deep freezers and a bigger fridge.”

The Council has been advocating for a bigger kitchen for years, according to Johnson.

School District 57, which encompasses the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, told the Council that it could not fund renovations, she said.

The District board provided a letter of support for the Council's grant application, explaining that it would not fund the project. However, the grant adjudication committee told the Council that funding kitchen renovations was the responsibility of the District, according to Johnson. Resident-Directed grants cannot be used to pay for projects that are the responsibility of local governments, in accordance with CBT's rules for grant applications.

Other Parent Advisory Councils have run into similar problems when they have asked for funding from the District, Johnson said.

“There's a school in Prince George that has the same size kitchen as we do for an elementary school with, like, four times the kids we have and they've been asking for 20 years from the school board for an expansion of their kitchen and have been denied it,” she said.

The Goat reached out to the District Parent Advisory Council for more information, but did not receive a response.

Johnson said that next year, the PAC will keep applying for funding with different groups, and may explore using empty rooms in the school as extra food preparation space.

“If we were able to get a couple of deep freezers and a couple more fridges, maybe just even an island to do some preparation in the classroom across [from the kitchen], that's really all we'd need,” she said. “It's a dream to have a bigger kitchen. I think the program and the dreams of that [bigger kitchen] is super important, but we're certainly not going to get that at this point. It's a little wrench in our cog right now, so we'll figure it out.”



Education Assistant Heather Ludford stretches out in the school kitchen. The 10-by-10 space is just big enough for an adult and one student to use, said meal worker Cheri Dehnke. /ABIGAIL POPPLE

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Manahan said the School District can't subsidize the costs for sending students on long trips, meaning Valemount students may get left out of career fairs, sports games, and other events.

"If you're low-income you may not have \$100 to spend on a kid [for travel costs]," she said. "It's not the kids' fault that they have social barriers. They should be afforded the same opportunities and privileges as the kids in the cities."

Both Jackman and Manahan felt the adjudication process was opaque – concerns they raised at the March 26th Village Council meeting where grant decisions were made.

"If the [adjudication] committee had had better questions about what we were missing or why they said no, I would have appreciated that," Jackman told The Goat.

Manahan agreed more feedback and transparency would be appreciated.

"If it's a community-based committee, why can't I find the minutes to their meetings?" she asked.

Manahan also said the adjudication committee could have reflected a more diverse demographic, including parents.

In an email to The Goat, Village CAO Anne Yanciw said the opportunity to join the adjudication committee was advertised in The Goat, put on the Village website and Facebook page, and included in the community newsletter.

"The Village, like many organizations, is challenged in finding volunteers. We would be delighted to see more volunteers apply," she said.

Yanciw added that the Council and adjudication committee have to consider more factors than just resident feedback.

"The committee considers resident feedback very carefully," she said. "The Trust cannot support projects that are the responsibility of government [...] and that was one factor the committee considered when making their recommendations."

Two other organizations had their applications denied: the Valemount Curling Club and the Valemount Community Sports Day Association.

The Curling Club had requested just over \$50K to repair the exterior door to the curling rink, which does not close properly and accumulates a significant amount of frost around its frame. A board member of the Curling Club, who asked to stay anonymous, said

they were disappointed in the denial.

While the Curling Club is looking into other grants, the board member said it would be difficult to secure other funding because many grants require a portion of the total funds to already be raised.

"It's unfortunate that the grant wasn't given even in part," they said. "That would help because we could go to other grant sources and have the total [of the two] end up somewhere close to the amount needed to complete the project."

The Valemount Community Sports Day Association hoped to use their requested \$57.5K to create a master plan, which would have informed how to repair ageing infrastructure and collect community feedback for a plan going forward. Among other reasons like its high cost, their request was denied because the committee determined the plan falls under the responsibility of the local government, so the Trust will not fund it, according to President Laura Keil.

"I would say [the items in the plan] are above and beyond what [the Village is] required to do. That said, I understand why the committee may have made that decision," Keil told The Goat.

Keil said the Association will work with the Village to find another way to make the plan. The Association and Village will be soliciting community feedback before any decisions are made, she said.

While just over \$372K was available for ReDi grants this year, only about \$248K was approved for grants – meaning around \$124K will be rolled over into next year.

Members of the five organizations whose applications were approved told The Goat about their future plans.

Pump it Up! Committee Chair Sean Kelly said the committee is grateful to have received funding. The organization's \$120K request was approved, and will go towards funding the creation of a pump track in the village. Because other grants require applicants to have a substantial portion of money raised before they apply, the ReDi money will allow Pump it Up! to pursue other grants, Kelly said.

Patricia Thoni, a member of the Yellowhead Outdoor Recreation Association, was also pleased to see her organization's request get approved, she told The Goat. The \$22K will go towards brushing the road up Swift Mountain, making the space more accessible to drivers. Brushing will begin as soon as the road is clear of snow, Thoni said.

The Robson Valley Spay and Neuter Society had their



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\$4K request approved. Money will go towards helping people afford to spay, neuter, and deworm adopted pets, organizer Wendy Cinnamon told The Goat. She added that funds will also be used to care for stray cats that the Society looks after before they get adopted into a permanent home.

The Valemount Entertainment Society was granted their requested \$40K to upgrade audio/visual equipment and repair chain link fencing around their building, among other things. Society Coordinator Michael Peters said he is pleased to receive funding, and the resulting upgrades will benefit the Valemount community for years to come.

Finally, the Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society had their request partially approved – \$61K of \$110K – to fund landscaping and furniture purchases for their Ash Street Housing project. The Society did not respond to The Goat's request for comment.

For assistance in applying to future grants, organizations can meet with the Village grant writer, Taggart Wilson. He can be contacted by email at [grantclerk@valemount.ca](mailto:grantclerk@valemount.ca), or by phone at 250-566-4435.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Thompson-Nicola Regional District

When? - Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 1:30PM

The Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District gives notice that it will hold a Public Hearing in the TNRD Boardroom, 4th Floor - 465 Victoria Street, Kamloops, BC, to consider proposed Bylaw 2839, 2024.

#### What is Zoning Amendment Application No. BA 261, Bylaw 2839, 2024?

It would rezone 878 Harrwood Drive, in Blue River, BC (PID: 009-489-525) from R-3: Residential Multi-Family zone to R-1: Residential Single and Duplex zone as shown outlined on the adjacent map, to allow a single-family dwelling,

All persons who believe that their interest in property may be affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to provide input at the Public Hearing. Anyone who wishes to present at the Hearing virtually (via Zoom) must contact Legislative Services prior to noon on April 16th, 2024, to arrange virtual access. Anyone may also make written submissions on the matter of Bylaw 2839, 2024 (via the options below), which must be received at our office prior to noon on April 16, 2024. The entire content of all submissions will be made public and form part of the public record for this matter.

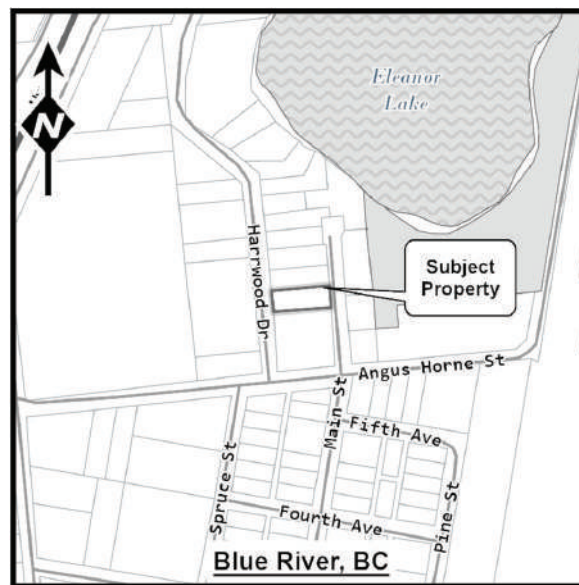
#### How do I get more information?

Copies of the proposed Bylaw and all supporting information can be inspected from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday (except statutory holidays) at our office, from March 25, 2024, until 1:30 p.m. on the day of the Hearing; or please contact us via any of the options below.

#### For info & submissions

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No representations will be received by the Board of Directors after the Public Hearing has been concluded. A. Krause, General Manager of Development Services



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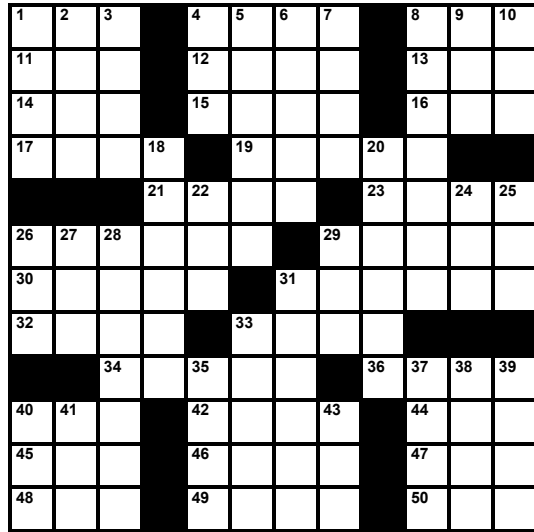
# PUZZLES



## CROSSWORD

Answers on P13

- Across**
- 1 Soda container
  - 4 Quick guess
  - 8 Corn site
  - 11 Shade of color
  - 12 Jason Lee title character
  - 13 Pedestaled vase
  - 14 Time to remember
  - 15 "Wait, there's more!"
  - 16 Blood
  - 17 Treaties end them
  - 19 Register
  - 21 Welcoming
  - 23 Stocking stuffer
  - 26 Not so distant
  - 29 Facial decoration
  - 30 Arctic
  - 31 Tracked down
  - 32 In good health
  - 33 Skirt
  - 34 Acted as a ringer
  - 36 Jacket
  - 40 Grasp
  - 42 Ends partner
  - 44 Compete (for)
  - 45 Had a bite
  - 46 Alternatively, in \_\_\_ of
  - 47 Plugs
- Down**
- 1 Consider, with on
  - 2 Pervasive quality
  - 3 Close at hand
  - 4 Cousteau's domain
  - 5 Bigger, in a way
  - 6 Property destruction
  - 7 Website chatter
  - 8 Attendance
  - 9 Ida, neighbor
  - 10 Complete
  - 18 Kenyan's neighbor
  - 20 Culturally significant
  - 22 Stock holder
  - 24 Every now and then it's golden
  - 25 Certain digital watch face, for short
  - 26 "Awesome!"
  - 27 Trick taker, often
  - 28 Connects (to)
  - 29 Look for a seat
  - 31 Concealed



- 33 CNN et al
- 35 Gussy (up)
- 37 White House office shape
- 38 Assistant
- 39 Try out
- 40 Joke
- 41 Flight deck guess
- 43 "Boston Legal" action

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Answers on P13

## SUDOKU

**HOW TO PLAY**

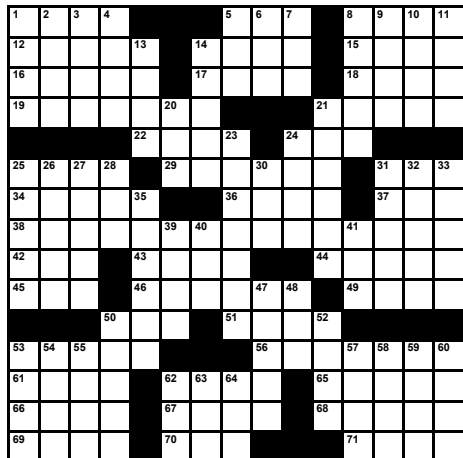
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 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.

## The Toughie


Answers on P13

- Across**
- 1. Whale herds
  - 5. Place for med. researchers
  - 8. Kind of engr.
  - 12. S.A. plain
  - 14. Tuxedo part
  - 15. Rights org.
  - 16. "You don't have to tell me"
  - 17. "\_\_\_ Made to Love Her" (Stevie Wonder song)
  - 18. Dig like a pig
  - 19. They walked "Like an Egyptian"
  - 21. Radios use them
  - 22. Atmospheric pollutant
  - 24. Item in a gladiator's arsenal
  - 25. "Hamlet" has five
  - 29. Colored like a rainbow
  - 31. Cable alternative
  - 34. Jeweler's magnifying glass
  - 36. Rolling rock
  - 37. Arrival time, abbr.
  - 38. Tasty treats
  - 42. The Giants' Manning
  - 43. "Mon \_\_\_!"
  - 44. Speech outline
  - 45. Key to get away on your computer
  - 46. Soul singer, Franklin
  - 49. Pro's opposite
  - 50. Cause of a buzz
  - 51. "Funny!"
  - 53. Yawn-inducing
  - 56. Cowboy's scarf
- Down**
- 1. Smooth-talking
  - 2. \_\_\_-Seltzer
  - 3. "Buddenbrooks" novelist
  - 4. Smooch, in Surrey
  - 5. Contemporary
  - 6. "Love \_\_\_ Many-Splendored Thing"
  - 7. City map abbr.
  - 8. French revolutionist
  - 9. Subj. with graphs
  - 10. Dullard
  - 11. Makeshift shelters
  - 13. Hooters
  - 14. Car's glare shield
  - 20. Brit. record label
  - 21. Wish harm upon
  - 23. NASA great Robert
  - 24. Gulf of Finland feeder
  - 25. "The Zoo Story" playwright
  - 26. Barbecue fuel



- 27. Frock
- 28. Relaxation destiny
- 30. Returnable envelope, for short
- 31. Mars or Mercury
- 32. Conduct
- 33. Rope
- 35. Ultimate object
- 39. Delicate
- 40. Middle grade
- 41. Coffee container
- 47. Something to kick
- 48. Exclamation of mockery
- 50. Cinderella's Godmother
- 52. De novo
- 53. Tie with a clasp
- 54. Open just a bit
- 55. Pin down
- 57. Barbara Streisand and Barry Gibb
- 58. "Alice's Restaurant" singer
- 59. \_\_\_ contendere (court plea)
- 60. PGA part
- 62. Chinese food additive
- 63. Rocks at a bar
- 64. Roadside grazer

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## In the Time of Totality

Today we celebrate the same solar phenomenon that was most feared by the ancients. In their defense, the solar eclipses tended to sneak up on them when they least expected, seeding uncertainty on the most primal level. Tracking eclipses was an early key to knowing our true place in the sky. One to 4 million people are predicted to travel to tomorrow's total solar eclipse in Aries, which would make "The Totality" the biggest travel event of the year.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Your charisma overfloweth. To handle the attention and status that comes with this, you'll need to be an expert at managing people's expectations. When you put your mind to it, this is very easy for you. Remembering to stay ahead of the game is the tricky part. Preparation is key. Imagine interactions before they happen.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). This week, learning will be a pleasure, a relief and a quest. You don't even have to love the topic to love the feeling you get when you're understanding something new for the first time. When learning is uncomfortable, it's usually a sign to adjust the amount or level you're trying to process. Go back to the foundation and build from there.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Though one action might be easy, there won't be just one. Consider how you'll feel after 12. Don't start anything that will be difficult to scale. Group dynamics will be a part of this. Each person will be wanting the same level of attention from you as they see others getting, so do what you'll enjoy and be able to keep up with.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You show up, ready to give your caring attention. That is enough. There's much to be gained in a passive role. You will witness without trying to fix anything, observe without judgment, be a helpful presence without offering comment. This approach works for both your external and internal world. Nonjudgment frees energy.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Among the great pleasures of the modern world, having a wealth of information at your fingertips is a delight you'll never get enough of. Choosing your topics well and asking the questions that will bust them right open is your stellar talent. You get the feeling you can go as far as your curiosity will take you, and you're right!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Innovation often emerges as a response to challenges, which you'll prove this week. You'll get the chance to think critically, experiment wildly and advance incrementally. The trick is to commit sparingly. Success is won through your ability to focus yourself well. Devote yourself to one fascination at a time.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The playbook can't teach you how to do the hard stuff, like risking your

heart, building a solid relationship or going for your dream. Those complex and personal accomplishments are only ever executed as one-of-a-kind, fresh and unique experiences. Dive in and do it the way only you can. There are no wrong actions. Go with your instinct.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are so many reasons to avoid giving advice this week. Nobody likes a know-it-all, and being overly eager to direct and inform others could imply you're trying to prove yourself, which the powerful don't feel they need to do. You'll hit a groove of feeling and being self-assured, in your zone and cool.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your X factor will work for you in little ways that will culminate in a big break. A "big break" is really just charming the right person at the right time. And since you charm everyone, sooner or later your powers are bound to align with your greater purpose. The person of influence will be just another one of many fans.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You still have a long way to go. It will motivate you to remember why you chose this path, like the rush of accomplishment, admiration from peers, love, a sense of purpose... The prize may be far off, but you don't have to wait a minute for those feelings. You feel them right now. Just choose one and try it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Games of make-believe can help you enjoy yourself to the fullest. For instance, imagine the person before you is the best match in the entire world for you for what needs to happen in the moment you share. How would you celebrate the incredible luck? Delight in your life as though you had secret knowledge of its absolute perfection.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You make the work look fun, and indeed you are quite fulfilled this week, your passion ablaze with the fuel of recent inspiration. The more work you do, the more help you get. To graciously accept all the help that's offered may feel like a job in and of itself, but like most jobs, you'll get better at it with repetition.

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:** You're no stranger to hard work, and you've taken clever and less laborious routes, too. This year brings something more surprising -- plain ol' luck! Embrace the ease, prosperity and abundance that's running to you. It allows you to build a solid foundation for future endeavors as well as share the wealth. For the transformations you seek, invest in personal growth and empowerment. Love will inspire you, and key relationships will help to unlock your hidden potentials and emerge stronger, wiser and more resilient than before.

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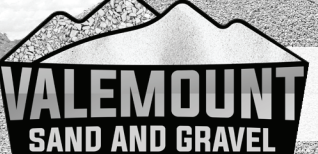


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Apr 26 – Meet at 9:30am to walk along the Marsh boardwalk

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THUR APR 11 seniors are invited to join us at RVCS 99 Gorse Street from 12:30-3pm for **“Building Birdhouses with Vern!”** All supplies are included, snacks provided, and there's no cost for registering. Contact 250-566-9107 or [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org) to book your spot. Brought to you by the Seniors Outreach Activity Program, made possible with grant funding by Columbia Basin Trust.

APR 14-20 is **Volunteer Week**. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers in the Robson Valley. RVCS would like to especially acknowledge those who have supported the RVCS Community Garden in Valemount, the Roots of Life Childcare Centre, Better at Home for seniors and Food Security programs through RVCS. If you're interested in helping out, give us a shout: 250-566-9107 / [info@rvcsbc.org](mailto:info@rvcsbc.org).

THURS APR 18 Join RVCS for a creative workshop of **poured painting with Brenda** in Valemount at 99 Gorse Street from 1-3:30pm. The result is an intricate design of colors and shapes that looks like a professional piece of art. This class is open to anyone 60+. Registration is required by April 12th: 250-566-9107 / [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org)

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MON through FRIs The Valemount Seed Library is available in our lobby during business hours at RVCS Valemount (99 Gorse St). Office hours: Monday 10am-6pm and Tuesday to Thursday 8am-4pm. Come take free seeds to grow in your garden this summer. By saving seeds, we can maintain genetic diversity, adapt to changing environmental conditions, and save money by not having to purchase new seeds every year. For more information call 1-844-324-2004 or email: [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org).

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TUES, WED, THURS **StrongStartBC** at Valemount Elementary School 11:30-2:30 starting Oct. 3rd. Free drop-in program for children 0-5 years accompanied by their caregivers. Enjoy play-based early learning incl. songs, stories, art and more. Stop by the school for more info.

WED **Oldtimers band and music night** at the Golden Years

Lodge 7pm. All welcome! Play music, listen or dance.

TUES & FRI Drop-in soccer at Valemount Secondary. Age 12+. \$5 and waiver must be signed.

THURS Free **Drop-In/Coffee House** at the Golden Years Lodge the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 10 am until 2 pm. It's open to everyone regardless of your age. If you currently have any 'mobility issues' call the CARE-A-VAN 778-915-8550 for a ride in the accessibility bus.

WED & SAT **Yoga classes** for every body. Hatha yoga Wednesdays 6:30-8pm. Yin Yoga Saturdays 9-10:30am. Breathwork, strengthening and relaxation. \$15 drop-in or 10-class pass \$120. Please bring mat, props. Call/text 250-566-1740.

TUES and FRI at 7 PM **Curling and Drop-In Curling** Valemount Curling Club 98 Elm St. Clean shoes required.

SAT 10am-11:15am **Creative writing group**. Join us for writing and friendly conversation at the Rocky Mountain Goat office. Everyone welcome. Contact Laura for more info at [laurashere@gmail.com](mailto:laurashere@gmail.com) / 250-566-5135.

SUN 1-3 pm **Crafty Stitchers meet** downstairs at the Valemount Public Library, all welcome! Call 250-566-4367.

SAT 10am-1pm the Valemount United Anglican Church has a **thrift store** at 7th and Cedar!

SUN **Pancake breakfast at the Valemount Legion** Sundays 8 to 10:30 am. By donation!

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## MCBRIDE

MONs **Family Place Drop-In** is on Mondays from 9am-noon at RVCS (942 3rd Ave). Join for connection with other families, parenting resources and fun for you and your 0-6 year old children. No registration required, unless otherwise stated. For more information call 1-844-324-2004 or email: [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org). Upcoming themes:

Apr 15- Play at Steve Kolida Park

Apr 22- Sensory play at RVCS

Apr 29- Play at Steve Kolida Park

THUR APR 11th RVCS McBride Seniors Program is hosting a **Museum Visit** from 1:30-3pm. Come out and join us at Valley Museum and Archives in McBride and explore their telephone exhibit. It explores the revolution of communication technology, showcasing vintage telephone switchboards and related equipment. We will be meeting at the Museum at 1:30 pm on April 11, 2024 - seniors, come join us! No registration required. 250-569-2266 for more info.

FRI APR 12 Valley Museum and Archives in McBride hosts PG Artist Cat Sivertsen facilitating **Marking Time: an experimental drawing workshop** to renew, refresh and inspire your art making practice. 10:30-12:30 Please call the museum to register or drop by 250-569-3000 \$10/per participant

SAT APR 13 Valley Museum and Archives in McBride hosts PG Artist Cat Sivertsen facilitating **Playing with Time: a mixed media workshop** 9am to 1pm. Please call the museum to register or drop by 250-569-3000 \$10/per participantw

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THUR APR 18 from 1-3pm RVCS invites you to our **cozy Coffee House** at 942 3rd Avenue, McBride RVCS. Are you craving a warm cup of coffee and side of conversation? Look no further! No registration required. For more info call 250-569-2266 or [events@rvcsbc.org](mailto:events@rvcsbc.org).

TUES APR 23 from 10:30am-3pm **SERVICE CANADA** is visiting McBride at the RVCS office (942 3rd Avenue) to assist residence with matters pertaining to employment insurance, Canadian Pension Plan, Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Social Insurance Number, and Canada Dental Care Plan.

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THURS APR 25 12-2pm join us at RVCS McBride 942 3rd Avenue for some delicious **soup and a bun**. Thank you to Eleanor Johnson for making the soup this month. Soup is by donation- all are welcome! Call 250-569-2266 for more info.

## Ongoing McBride Events

MONs **ASL Club** meet weekly at the EFree church McBride. 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Beginners welcome! Contact Lonnie Lorenz if you have questions 250.569.7657 Will resume April 15

MON through THURS, McBride RVCS (942 3rd Ave) now has a **FREE FOOD PANTRY** that's available to all! Emergency top-up food is accessible to our clients, preschool program and anyone who walks through the door. We share and accept donated foods that are safe and fresh for use. Contact RVCS at 250-569-2266 or email [foodsecurity@rvcsbc.org](mailto:foodsecurity@rvcsbc.org). The local Food Bank is also available: 250-569-3186.

TUES **Tuesday Night Jam** is now playing in the CN Station Lobby, 6:15-8:30. It is an open jam; musicians, singers, and onlookers welcome. For more information call David at (250) 569-2569.

TUES **Chess Club** - 5-6pm at the McBride library. All ages and abilities welcome.

WED **Free Drop-in Pickleball** 7:30-9pm @ the McBride Highschool. Everyone welcome (grade 8 and older) Bring clean gym shoes. Equipment and basic instruction provided. No experience, or high level of fitness required.

THUR & FRI **Weekly Adults' Programs** at the McBride Library: Fibre Artists (Thurs, 10:30am), Writing Group (Fri, 1.30pm). Call 569 2411 for details.

MON & WED it's time to **Dance during Community Fitness** with Jodie at the Elks Hall. Twice weekly from 7:15pm-8pm this drop-in program offers free admission to seniors and youth. Other age groups are invited to pay by donation or pay what you can. Call 250-230-8035 for info.

## DUNSTER

## Ongoing Dunster Events

WEDSs 11am-2pm **Dunster Coffee House** Come for coffee, tea, muffins and/or a bowl of soup at the Dunster Schoolhouse. All ages welcome! If you are looking for a quieter coffee date, there will be tables set up in the classroom for this.

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Contact: [admin@dunstercommunityforest.ca](mailto:admin@dunstercommunityforest.ca)

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On April 6th, the McBride Men's Shed held a work bee to remove derelict van from the shores of the Beaver River. One of the members, Robert Collins Jr. who is an avid fisherman and river user brought the van to the group's attention. The van had been adjacent to the river for over the past 20 years and with changing river course was in danger of falling into the river where it would be a physical hazard to rafters and river users and result in an environmental hazard to local salmon and fish stocks.

The group also removed and disposed of the van and cleaned up countless bags of garbage from the site.

Group president Terry Winkler wanted to express his thanks for all the work put in by the crew, to Robert for bringing the issue to the group, Bob Hurry of TGP for providing the mini excavator, Mark Froese for providing the truck and trailer for the van removal and thanks to Chris Fry from Thunder Valley towing for disposing of the van. /SUBMITTED PHOTOS



There used to be only three R's in recycling, but now there's six ways to help minimize the amount of waste we create:

**RETHINK**

Stop and think about what you buy and use. Rethinking purchases is an opportunity to decrease the amount of waste created. Consider what you can do differently to reduce your impact on the environment.

**REFUSE**

Refusing wasteful products has a big effect on waste production. Say no to single use items like plastic bags, straws and to-go containers. View bills and statements online, not printed and mailed copies.

**REDUCE**

Traditionally, reduce was the first R. Adding rethink and refuse has made helps reduce waste. When purchasing something, consider if you really need it. Make decisions that decrease the amount of waste produced. Shop at farmers markets and secondhand stores where items have little or no packaging. Also buy in bulk and avoid single-serving sizes.

**REUSE**

Can a product be used again? This eliminates the need for single-use items. Reusable grocery bags, cloth napkins and travel mugs are great examples of reuse in action. Clothing or furniture that is no longer used can be donated to thrift stores, shelters and community programs.

**REPAIR**

If something breaks, try to fix it. If purchasing a new product, consider if it can be easily repaired in the future. This speaks to the sustainability of a product and how often it may need to be replaced.

**RECYCLE**

Many items can be recycled in transfer station multi-material recycling bin, like cardboard, paper, and plastic containers. There are also recycling opportunities through extended producer responsibility programs for used oil, electronics, tires, batteries, appliances and beverage containers.

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**Canada Reads 2024**

FICTION

**THE FUTURE** *Shortlisted for 2024 Canada Reads*

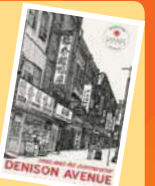
In an alternate history in which the French never surrendered Detroit, children protect their own kingdom in the trees. Its residents deal with pollution, poverty, and the legacy of racism—and strange and magical things are happening: children rule over their own kingdom in the trees and burned houses regenerate themselves.



FICTION

**DENISON AVENUE** *Shortlisted for 2024 Canada Reads*

A poignant meditation on loss, aging, gentrification, and the barriers that Chinese Canadian seniors experience in big cities, Denison Avenue beautifully combines visual art, fiction, and the endangered Toisan dialect to create a book that is truly unforgettable.



FICTION

**BAD CREE** *A CBC BOOKS BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR*

Mackenzie, a Cree millennial, wakes up in her one-bedroom Vancouver apartment clutching a pine bough she had been holding in her dream just moments earlier. When she blinks, it disappears. But she can still smell the sharp pine scent in the air, the nearest pine tree a thousand kilometres away in the far reaches of Treaty 8.



FICTION

**SHUT UP YOU'RE PRETTY** *CANADA READS FINALIST, 2024*

A woman contemplates her Congolese traditions during a family wedding, a teenage girl looks for happiness inside a pack of cigarettes, a mother reconnects with her daughter through their shared interest in fish, and a young woman decides to shave her head in the waiting room of an abortion clinic.



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