



# VILLAGE OF VALEMOUNT

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## July 2019

### Community BBQ



Join us for a Community BBQ On July 19, 2019 from 12 pm to 2 pm at Centennial Park.

Come out and enjoy a complimentary lunch and meet your government representatives including:

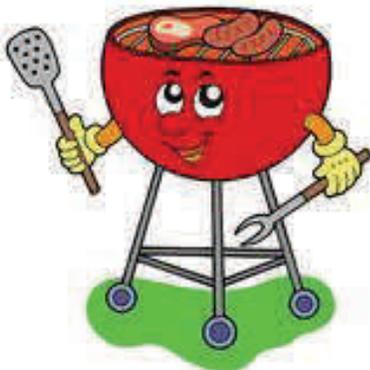
**MP Bob Zimmer**

**MLA Shirley Bond**

**Mayor Owen Torgerson and Councillors**

**RDDFG Directors**

Hosted by: the Valemount Community Forest and the Village of Valemount



### Do You Require a Building Permit?

The local Building Inspector provides building inspection services within the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Area H (Dome Creek to Albreda) and Villages of Valemount and McBride. Building permits ensure that health and safety requirements are met for current and future occupants.

Building permits are required for:

- Any new building or structure over 10m<sup>2</sup>
- Alterations, additions or repairs to an existing building or structure
- Interior structural renovations
- Demolition or relocation of a building or structure
- Locating or relocating a manufactured or mobile home
- Remodeling or constructing a deck
- Installing or altering plumbing within a building or structure
- Installing a new chimney or fireplace or other fuel burning appliance
- Enclosing a carport or changing a garage into living space
- Changing the use/occupancy of an existing building (i.e. from office to retail).

A detached accessory building less than 10m<sup>2</sup> (107.6 sq. ft.) is exempt from requiring a building permit, but must still meet setback requirements specified in the Zoning Bylaw.

If you are unsure about whether or not a building permit is required, please do not hesitate to contact the Building Inspector who is available from Monday to Friday. Avoiding building permits can be costly. Property owners can receive fines and can be faced with engineering costs as well as expensive repair costs should the structure or work not comply with provincial building regulations. It may also be difficult to sell your property, should the potential buyer request inspection records.

## Invasive Weeds

Non-native or alien plants are plants from other parts of the world that do not naturally occur in our area. Some non-native species are called **invasive** because they are able to spread and dominate or push out native species. They may cause environmental and economic harm, as there are no natural predators or diseases to keep them in balance. Not all non-native species are invasive – many ornamental plants won't survive outside our gardens. Other introduced species are beneficial food resources.

The most common Invasive plants in the Valemount area (all pictured below) are Canada thistle, Spotted knapweed, Dalmatian toadflax, Hoary Alyssum, Common tansy, Orange (and yellow) Hawkweeds, and Oxeye Daisy. Other invasive plants of concern in the Valemount area (not pictured) are Cypress Spurge, Chicory, Baby's breath, Himalayan balsam (aka Policeman's helmet), Bull Thistle, Marsh Plume Thistle and Mountain Bluet.

The following are two methods of control measures used to prevent the spread or to eliminate invasive plants:

- Mechanical treatment such as digging, hand-pulling - Remove entire plant, place in a garbage bag to prevent any seeds from dropping to the ground, and take to the landfill or transfer station. **DO NOT COMPOST INVASIVE PLANTS!**
- Chemical treatment consists of applying an approved herbicide. However, one must be very cautious in how it is applied, over-spray of an herbicide may have unintended consequences on shrub, trees and or the plants

It may take some perseverance over several years to eliminate or control an invasive plant. If you see something you know, or suspect is invasive, you can report the sighting using Report-Invasives BC or Report-A-Weed BC mobile apps on your iOS or Android device. These apps do not require you to know what the invasive plant is – you can just send a picture. You do not have to be in cell range to use these apps as the report will be held in your phone and sent automatically once you are in range.



## Permissive Tax Exemptions

Section 224 of the Community Charter gives Council the authority to exempt certain land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes. Council considers Permissive Tax Exemptions for non-profit organizations that contribute to the well being of Village residents, make improvements to the quality of life for residents, and/or are an extension of Village Services.

A new application must be completed every year and must be accompanied by all required documentation. The deadline for applications to be received by the Village Office is July 31, 2019.

To be eligible for a permissive tax exemption an organization must comply with the guidelines and receive approval from Council.

Applications are now available at the Village Office located at 735 Cranberry Lake Road, or online at [www.valemount.ca](http://www.valemount.ca)

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