

May 2020



## Burning Ban

Reminder to residents!

Most open burning activities throughout British Columbia are now prohibited.

The following activities are prohibited:

- Category 2 open fires (backyard burning or burning grass);
- Category 3 open fires;
- Resource Management open fires;
- Fireworks;
- Sky lanterns; and
- Burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description (except when used for a campfire).

Please note that campfires are still permitted. Please follow campfire regulations found at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions>

Restrictions will remain in effect until the public is otherwise notified

## Spring Clean-up

Spring clean-up will take place **May 19 – 22**. This year, due to COVID-19, the Village is offering curbside pickup of **yard waste only**. We will be unable to pickup household items.

All yard waste must be bagged and includes:

- Leaves
- Branches
- Grass clippings

\*Please note that yard waste must be kept separate from garbage and other items or it **will not** be picked up. Please place garbage in your garbage bin for your regular scheduled collection day.

**Pickups must be scheduled no later than Thursday May 14 by 4:30 pm. To schedule a pickup please call 250-566-4435.**

## Trans Mountain and COVID-19

There are several work forces, currently or mobilizing, to work within our community on various projects that include Rail Transportation, Silviculture, and Pipeline construction. Trans Mountain's work is the most notable of these activities and they are currently preparing their worker's camp along Whiskey Fill Road and contractor and office grounds, south of Dasol. Trans Mountain is committed to keeping their workforce and our community members healthy and COVID19 free so that work can continue. Presently, there are dozens of Trans Mountain workers living within local accommodations and utilizing local food service providers. Trans Mountain has a desire to increase the number of workers within our community to help reduce crowding within their work camps, but only if it is safe for both local residents and their employees alike.

The Village would like you to be aware of the measures Trans Mountain is required to take in order to protect their workforce and our community. Information can be found using the link below:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/employers-businesses/industrial-camps>

More information on measures being taken will be updated on the Village website, and on Trans Mountain's website located at [www.transmountain.com/covid19](http://www.transmountain.com/covid19).

If you have a complaint about any workers in our community not following COVID19 measures, you may call the Provincial Orders Support Team Call Centre Call 1-833-309-4631 or email your complaint to [COVID19.communityenforcementsupport@gov.bc.ca](mailto:COVID19.communityenforcementsupport@gov.bc.ca).



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## Backyard Chickens

The Village of Valemount would like your feedback regarding backyard Chickens. Please visit the Village website at [www.valemount.ca](http://www.valemount.ca) to take a short survey.



## Community Emergency Equipment Inventory

The Village of Valemount would like to keep a database of equipment that is available to be used in the event of an emergency.

If you have resources that may be useful, please consider forwarding that information to the Village of Valemount emergency email at [vovemergency@valemount.ca](mailto:vovemergency@valemount.ca). Please include the following information:

- Name, address, phone numbers, and e-mail address of the owner of the equipment / supplies; and
- Type of equipment/supplies you have available.

### Equipment or supplies could include but is not limited to the following:

- Backhoe/Excavator/Dump Truck/Bulldozer/Tractor
- Chainsaw
- High-power winch
- Generator
- Large tent/canopy
- Large passenger vehicle

Provision of this information is 100% voluntary and will only be used by the Village in the event of a disaster or community-wide emergency. **Thank you for your participation!**

## 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.