



# September 2020

## Visitor Information Centre

Valemount Visitor Information Centre is open:

- Monday – Friday 8:30 am-12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

Closed for lunch from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Every Wednesday is Local Discount Day, Locals receive 25% off merchandise; this excludes books, maps, and consignment

## The Salmon are Here

Due to a rock slide at Big Bar Creek, 2019 was a devastating year for Chinook salmon who spawn in Swift Creek. We are happy to announce that the rock slide has been cleared and the salmon have arrived. The salmon can be viewed for approximately the next week at the bridge and viewing platform located at George Hicks Park. They can also be seen jumping at Rear-guard Falls



## Official Community Plan (OCP) Planning Week

Join us for Planning Week September 14-16 as part of the update process for the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws. Events will be held as follows:

- **September 14 – Lunch Stroll (12:00 – 1:00 pm).** Take a walk on 5th Avenue with the OCP team to discuss Valemount's downtown. Meet in front of Home Hardware.
- **September 15 – Outdoor Workshop (7:00 – 8:30pm).** Put your vision for Valemount on the map! Meet at Centennial Park for an interactive visioning session.
- **September 16 – Big Ideas Reveal (5:00 – 6:00 pm).** The OCP team will present and discuss early ideas, maps, and illustrations. Meet outside Rocky Mountain Goat News.

You may RSVP to these events, although it is not necessary. If you wish to RSVP please email [OCP@valemount.ca](mailto:OCP@valemount.ca). All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to sign up for project updates via email, please email [OCP@valemount.ca](mailto:OCP@valemount.ca)

## Property Tax Deadline

Reminder that the due date for property taxes is **September 30, 2020**. After this date any unpaid amounts are subject to a 10% penalty.

### Have you claimed your Home Owner Grant?

Home Owners Grants can now be claimed online or at the Village Office. To claim online, please visit the village website at [www.valemount.ca/home-owner-grant](http://www.valemount.ca/home-owner-grant) and follow the steps.

Any unclaimed Home Owner Grant amounts are also subject to a 10% penalty if not claimed by September 30, 2020.



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## Bid Contracts

The Village posts all bids on our Village Website and Facebook page. Bids are posted at [www.valemount.ca/bid-contract](http://www.valemount.ca/bid-contract). If enough time permits, we will advertise in the local newspaper and/or the Village Newsletter. For a project/purchase over a certain amount, the details will be posted on BC Bid.

You can register with BC Bid for notifications via e-mail of bid opportunities in the commodity groups and/or locations that you select when registering.



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## COVID-19 Updates

### Notice to Businesses and Employers

Every employer is required to have a COVID-19 safety plan that assesses the risk of exposure at their workplace and implements measures to keep their workers safe. You can learn more about developing your safety plan and returning to safe operation at [www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates](http://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates). Here you can also access a template for a COVID-19

Safety Plan, and the COVID-19 Safety Plan Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines that include information on the level of detail required and use of supporting documentation in developing your plan

In accordance with the order of the Provincial Health Officer, your plan must be posted at your worksite and website if applicable. View WorkSafeBC's overall COVID-19 Safety Plan at [www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates](http://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates).

### New enforcement measures for COVID-19

Police and other provincial enforcement officers are being given the ability to issue violation tickets for owners/organizers and individuals who refuse to comply with requests to follow PHO orders or safe operating procedures, or respond with abusive behaviour.

New enforcement measures will focus on \$2,000 fines to owners, operators and organizers for contraventions of the provincial health officer's order on gatherings and events. This includes hosting a private party or public event in excess of 50 people, failing to provide appropriate hand sanitation and washroom facilities, failing to provide sufficient space in the venue for physical distancing, failing to obtain a list of names and contacts at large event or having more than five guests gathered in a vacation accommodation.

When required, police and other provincial enforcement officers will also be able to actively enforce the order and ticket a series of other infractions, including:

- \$200 violation tickets for individuals who actively encourage others to attend gatherings or events that do not comply with established requirements, or refuse to leave or disperse when directed to do so by enforcement officers; and,
- \$200 violation tickets for individuals who refuse to comply with requests to follow the PHO order or safe operating procedures of a restaurant, bar or other licensed establishment, or respond with abusive behaviour towards employees.

Learn more at: [www.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0046-001568](http://www.news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0046-001568)