



DECEMBER 2019

Village of Valemount Newsletter



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VALEMOUNT**

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Decorations and Safety

It is that time of year when holiday decorations start going up. Here are a few things the Village of Valemount would like everyone to remember when decorating for the holidays:

- If you have a freshly cut tree this year be sure to keep it well watered.
- If you have an artificial tree, ensure that it is fire retardant.
- Check that your lights have no breaks, exposed wires, or loose connections and use either ULC, CSA, OR ETEL approved electrical devices.
- Candles are more popular at this time of year. When burning candles, be sure they are not near flammable items; never leave candles burning unattended or when going to bed.
- Some holiday plants (poinsettias) can be toxic to pets, make sure to keep them out of their reach.



Annual Wes Hudson Light Up Contest

Start decorating your home or business for the holidays.

Prizes will be awarded for residential and commercial. Prizes for each include:

1st place \$50

2nd Place \$25

Judging will take place between December 6th and December 15th.

Holiday Hours

The Village Office and Visitor Information Centre will close for the holidays on **December 20 at 12:00 pm** and will reopen on **January 2 at 8:30 am**.

On behalf of the Village of Valemount Mayor, Council, and staff we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Reminders to Residents

Taxes and Utilities

2019 Taxes and utilities are due December 31, 2019. After this date, outstanding taxes and utilities will transfer to arrears and begin accumulating interest.

While the office is closed over the holiday season, payments can still be made by telephone banking, online banking, or email transfer to dof@valemount.ca.

Payments by cheque can be mailed to the Village of Valemount, PO Box 168, Valemount, BC VOE 2Z0. Any mailed payments must be received by January 1, 2020.

Utility notices for the 2020 year will be mailed out in mid January 2020.

Animal and Business Licenses

Animal and business licenses expire on December 31 of each year. Please ensure that you renew your animal or business licence in January 2020.

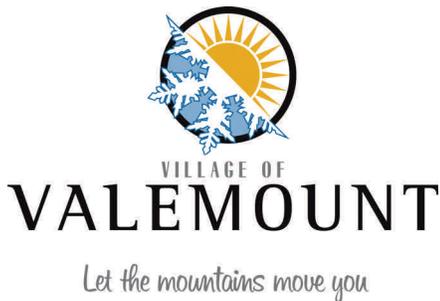


Visitor Information Centre

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Consignment:

The Visitor Information centre is seeking local artisans to sell their products at the Visitor Information Centre. Some of the benefits of selling your products at the Visitor centre include:

- We are the first contact for visitors to the area
- We had over 22,000 visitors in 2019
- We provide a store front in an excellent location.
- We provide an easy way to provide new or remove consignment items.
- We handle the collection of payments
- We only retain a 20% commission
- We are open year round

Late Night Shopping!!

- The Visitor Information Centre will be offering a 25% discount on select merchandise on December 6.
- The discount will be offered during regular business hours (8:30 am–12:30 pm and 1:30 pm–4:30 pm)
- We will not be staying open late for late night shopping.



New Zoning Amendments to Help Create More Affordable Housing

“Land Use Planning and Development Support” is one of four of Council’s strategic priorities. This zoning amendment is a major step in working towards supporting “affordable, age friendly living.”

On November 12, 2019, the Village of Valemount held a public hearing and adopted a new Zoning Bylaw amendment that allows:

- More (4) residential dwelling units in all commercial zones;
- Duplexes and secondary suites in more zones; and
- A reduced minimum property size in multiple zones, as well as decreased minimum floor area for single family dwellings, to allow for the development of smaller, more affordable properties and homes.

For over two years, the Village has been researching ways to create more affordable housing opportunities. We have reached out to other communities to see what’s working and what isn’t and poured over legislation to explore creative solutions.

We understand that housing, development and land use are very important and complex issues. The Village of Valemount has seriously considered what our role is in housing and housing affordability. What can we do to make our community stronger and more socially and economically resilient?

It has been said many times that land use and zoning are some of the most useful tools in a local government’s toolbox. Therefore, the Village of Valemount, with the help of the Housing Committee, has updated the Village of Valemount Zoning Bylaw No. 610, 2007 to reduce regulatory hurdles, and to support more opportunities for affordable housing in Valemount.