



# July 2021 Newsletter

## Visitor Information Centre News

Starting in July, the Visitor Information Centre is open:

Mon- Fri, 8:30am - 12:30pm, 1:30pm - 4:30pm.  
Saturdays and Statutory Holidays from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Closed Sundays.

Purchase your Parks Canada Discovery Pass and B.C. recreational freshwater Fishing License.

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

## Animal Control Complaints

When reporting an animal control issue to the Village Office, it is important that you provide as much detail about the contravention and offending animal(s) as soon as possible, including:

- Time of day
- Witnesses present
- Location of incident
- Size of animal
- Breed and Color of animal
- Distinctive markings
- Is the animal collared or tagged?
- Picture

(Please do not approach an animal for a tag number if you feel unsafe in doing so)

The more details that are provided, the greater success Bylaw Services will have in connecting with animal owners.



## Bylaw Services

The Village is pleased to announce the hiring of its new Bylaw Officer, Evan Smith and that Carleena Shepherd, Deputy Corporate Officer, will be assuming the role of Bylaw Services Supervisor. Carleena will be overseeing bylaw services on behalf of the Village.

The hiring of a full-time bylaw officer and reorganization of the Bylaw Services was done based on the feedback provided by the public during a public engagement process in the spring of 2021. Council resolved to hire a full-time bylaw officer during the April 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

For animal control and bylaw complaints, the public is encouraged to call 250-566-4435, Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Email: [adminservices@valemount.ca](mailto:adminservices@valemount.ca)

## Internet Speed Tests

Residents in the Valemount and surrounding area are once again urged to perform internet speed tests.

Federal data shows Valemount meets internet service expectations; however, that is not what we have heard from residents of Valemount and surrounding area.

Testing internet speed provides specific data for a federal government study about the true state of connectivity in the Valemount area. We need to hit a minimum of 20% unique IP addresses for the study however we are hovering at just under 17%.

It is very important that you test often and indicate your location on the map when you perform the test.

To test your internet speed, please visit the village website for the link at [www.valemount.ca](http://www.valemount.ca)

**Take the test by August 15, 2021!**

## Upcoming Public Hearings

**July 27th**

- ◆ Zoning Bylaw No. 847, 2021
- ◆ Temporary Use Permit 21-01

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## Village of Valemount Property Owners

Is your mailing address up to date?

**If not, please update your mailing address with BC Assessment. They will provide your new mailing address to the village office. This will ensure that important information such as your tax and utility notices are mailed to you in a timely manner. [www.bcasessment.ca](http://www.bcasessment.ca) or call 1-866-825-8322**

## Invasive Plants (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.

The invasive plants of concern in the Valemount area (all pictured below) are Babies Breath, Spotted Knapweed, Burdock, Blueweed, Dalmatian Toadflax, Yellow Hawkweed, Canada Thistle, and Oxeye Daisy.

Allowing noxious weeds to grow on your property is in contravention of the Village of Valemount Good Neighbour Bylaw section 4.10, which states:

*No owner or occupier shall cause or permit noxious weeds to grow or accumulate on the property of that owner or occupier.*

The following two methods can help to eliminate or prevent the spread of 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 shrubs, trees and or other plants.

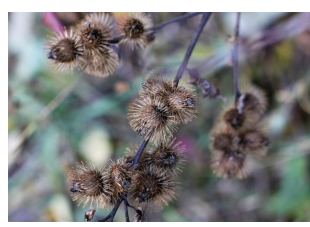
It may take some perseverance over several years to eliminate or control an invasive plant. If you see something you know, or suspect is invasive, you can report the sighting using Report-Invasives BC or Report-A-Weed BC mobile apps on your iOS or Android device. These apps do not require you to know 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. For more information on invasive plants please visit: <https://bcinvasives.ca/invasive-species/identify/invasive-plants/P40>



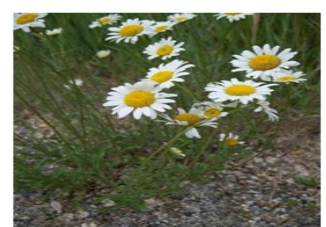
**Baby's Breath**



**Spotted Knapweed**



**Burdock**



**Oxeye Daisy**



**Blueweed**



**Dalmatian Toadflax**



**Yellow Hawkweed**



**Canada Thistle**