

February 2021



COVID 19: What can the Village do?

The province of British Columbia prohibited all local governments from declaring a local state of emergency and from imposing any local measures to deal with the pandemic. This has led to confusion about what powers the village has in order to impose restrictions and enforce Public Health Officer (PHO) orders. This confusion is compounded due to our proximity to Alberta, which allowed its local governments to impose their own public safety measures as they saw fit. Below are responses to the most common questions asked of the Village:

What is the Village doing to protect the community from COVID19?

The Village's role is limited to relaying information from the province to the public. The village has provided information through its different communication channels, visited many local businesses to communicate changes to the PHO's orders, and implemented operating procedures to protect village staff and the community at large.

Can Village bylaw enforce COVID19 rules?

No, the power to enforce PHO orders was never granted to local governments in BC. Instead, the province asked that all local governments enhance enforcement through ongoing communication with the public and authorities. As mentioned, the Village provided education to the public, but also conveyed violations to designated authorities, such as: RCMP, Public Health Authority, and WorkSafeBC. The Village cannot place fines on anyone found violating PHO orders.

Can the Village stop visitors from coming to our community?

No, the province has not enacted a travel ban; they have recommended against non-essential travel but not enacted any laws to prohibit it. All the village can only ask that people avoid non-essential travel and to adhere to the PHO's guidelines when they do choose to travel. Regardless of how one feels about the no non-essential travel issue, all the village can only echo what the Province has decided.

Animal Control Services

The Village was not successful in hiring a candidate to provide Animal Control on behalf of the Village. As a result, the Village has moved on to its alternative plan to have Public Works offer this service as part of their regular duties.

Animal Control service is now available within regular business hours only, Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays. Animal Control can be reached by calling the Village Office 250-566-4435.

Any calls regarding a dangerous dog should be directed to the RCMP by calling 911; they will contact the Village for assistance.

For more information, please review the Village of Valemount Animal Control Policy, No. 80, 2021 and the Village of Valemount Animal Bylaw No, 700, 2013, which are available on the Village website at www.valemount.ca/animal-control-and-licences.

Anti-Idling Bylaw

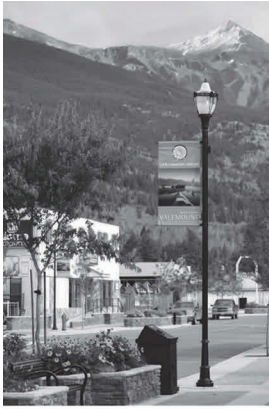
Did you know?

Even in winter, vehicles warm up most efficiently by driving them. No more than 30 seconds is needed to warm up a modern engine. When an engine is sitting idling it contributes to local air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and increases engine wear and fuel consumption.

In March 2020, the Village of Valemount adopted Anti-Idling Bylaw No. 816, 2020.

According to the bylaw, idling for more than five consecutive minutes is prohibited unless the temperature is outside the range of -20°C to +20°C.

Please review the Anti-Idling Bylaw on the Village website at www.valemount.ca/bylaws for more information and the exemptions to the bylaw.



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COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND
AFFECTED AREAS PROGRAMS

Wish to apply for project funding? The Community Initiatives & Affected Areas Program is now accepting applications for Valemount.

Learn more at:

- valemount.ca/grants
- ourtrust.org/grants-and-programs-directory/cipaap/

Apply by 12:00 PM,
February 19, 2021.

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Utility Notices and Information

- Utility notices were all mailed by January 20th. If you do not receive your bill by mid February, please call the Village Office.
- Utility payments are due by December 31, 2021, but if paid by March 10, 2021, an 8% discount will be applied.
- And unpaid 2020 utility amounts have been applied to taxes in arrears and are subject to interest charges.
- At the November 10, 2020 Council meeting, Council amended the presented Fees and Charges Bylaw increases from 9.5% for water and sewer to 3% increase for all rates (water, sewer, and solid waste).

How to pay utility bills:

- Due to COVID-19 we encourage residents to only visit the Village Office if necessary. Payments can be made via online banking, telephone banking, or email transfer to dof@valemount.ca. Cheques can also be sent via mail to Village of Valemount, PO Box 168, Valemount, BC, VOE2Z0.

Contact Us:

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Business Façade Improvement Program

THE VILLAGE OF VALEMOUNT IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2021 PROGRAM

Applications and program guidelines are available on the Village website at www.valemount.ca or for pick up at the Village office.

If you are a property owner, business owner, non-profit society, or home based business located in one of the approved areas you are eligible to apply for funding to cover some of the costs of exterior façade improvements.

Please visit www.valemount.ca/grants for full details.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON AN FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS UNTIL ALL FUNDING IS ALLOCATED.

Wood Stove Exchange Program

The Village of Valemount 2021 Wood Stove Exchange Program will begin accepting applications on February 8, 2021.

Rebates:

EPA/CSA Wood Replacement: \$1,250

**Pellet Stove, Propane Appliance or Electric Heat Pump:
\$2,500**

Secondary Heat Source Replacement: \$1,000

Please visit our website at www.valemount.ca/grants or email grantclerk@valemount.ca full program details or to determine eligibility.

