



Visitor Information Centre



Valemount Visitor Information Centre is now open!

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

Come and see the new merchandise and local consignment products we have for sale. We have also added some new additions to our Wildlife Interpretive Display.

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

Animal Control

At this time, the Village of Valemount does not have an Animal Control Officer. If you encounter an aggressive dog please take note of the following:

- a description of the dog;
- the date and time of the incident; and
- The owners name and address (if known)

Report the incident to the RCMP.

At the In-Camera Council Meeting of June 23, Council resolved to seek a contractor to perform animal control services on behalf of the Village. The Village will be seeking proposals from interested candidates. Please watch for notices detailing further information.



Council Meetings

The public can now attend Council Meetings in the following 2 ways:

1. **YouTube Live Stream:** Council Meetings and Public Hearings will be live streamed over YouTube on the “Villa Valemount” YouTube channel. Use this link to watch & participate in the public comment portion of Council Meetings and Public Hearings:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5_wVF4NRUpgTUZOoz-SAtg.
2. **Council Chambers:** A maximum of 2 members of the public will be allowed in the Council Chambers, due to occupancy limits to achieve social distancing.

What you need to know about attending via You Tube live stream:

- To **WATCH** Council Meetings or Public Hearings no account is required, simply use this link to watch: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5_wVF4NRUpgTUZOoz-SAtg
- To submit a **COMMENT** during the public comment portion of a Council Meeting, or during a Public Hearing, you will need to have a You Tube account. Once logged in you will use the chat function below the video live stream.

Public comments can still be submitted to the Village Office to corporate@valemount.ca up until 3 pm on the day of the Council meeting. Comments will be read out on behalf of the person not able to attend. Comments must be regarding an item on the current agenda, and no commitments shall be made by Council in replying to a question. Your submission must meet Public Comment requirements as found on the Village website at www.valemount.ca/mayor-and-council.

Please do not attend Council Meetings in person if:

- You have been out of the country in the last 14 days
- You have been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID19
- Are feeling ill or displaying any symptoms consistent with COVID19

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Permissive Tax Exemptions

Section 224 of the Community Charter, gives Council the authority to exempt certain land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes. Council considers Permissive Tax Exemptions for non-profit organizations that contribute to the well being of Village residents, make improvements to the quality of life for residents, and/or are an extension of Village Services.

A new application must be completed each year and must be accompanied by all required documentation. The deadline for applications to be received by the Village Office is July 31, 2020.

To be eligible for a Permissive Tax Exemption an organization must comply with the guidelines and be approved by Council.

Applications are now available at the Village Office located at 735 Cranberry Lake Road or online at www.valemount.ca.

Invasive 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, Dalmatian toad-flax, Yellow Hawkweed, 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>

