





RE-ELECT

**RICK THOMPSON**



**MCBRIDE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Working For You and Our Community



**LORANNE MARTIN**

for Village Councillor

Your voice for a strong community

**McBride Civic Election**

**All Candidates Forum**

**Thursday, November 13, 7:00 PM**

at the Roundhouse Theatre

presented by the McBride and District Chamber of Commerce

**BIRTHDAY WISHES NOV. 5 - 11**

Carole Jeppesen, Giovanna Clements, Nolan Frazier, Bonnie Chupka, Dylan Bouvier, Jason Stapley, Angelina Ondang, Brady Prince, Kelsey Gillette, Lily Whitehead, Rose Anne Forster, Trevor Jones, Alaina Chapman, Fred Wall, Ingrid Stangler, Jordan Froese, Randy Harstad, Rhonda Gordon, Tony Vecchio, Alazhah Derish, Andrew Foster, Anya Richter, Cara Nelson, Genny Redman, Robert Collins, Shanna Spencer, Stefan Kimpton, Willic Hryhrychuk, and to anyone else we missed, Happy Birthday.

**O.A.P.O #118 NEWS**

Birthdays Tea will be November 12 @ 2pm.  
Next lunch & meeting Nov. 26 @ 12 noon - the meal will be cooked by members & there will be a \$5.00 charge.  
Bus Trip Dec. 14 to Prince George. Register to Theima Molendyk with a \$10.00 refundable deposit.  
Chair Exercises Mon./Wed./Fri. 9am @ Beaverview.  
Stitch & Knit Thurs. 2-4 @ Beaverview.  
Christmas Dinner & Dec. meeting will be Dec. 10th. This dinner is sponsored by Bank of Nova Scotia.

**FUNDRAISERS**

-Submitted by Dawna Hickery

**THE MCBRIDE FIGURE SKATING CLUB needs YOUR HELP!**  
We are doing an ongoing GIFT CARD fundraiser. You buy a gift card for yourself, friends or family for \$25-\$100 and the club receives a percentage from the company. Businesses include ZELLERS, CANADIAN TIRE, WINNERS, PAYLESS SHOES, SPORT MART, SEARS, THE BODY SHOP, DOMINOS PIZZA, SUZY SHIER and many, many more. You can do all of your local grocery shopping using an IGA gift card, and support our club as you shop! Doing a renovation? Buy HOME HARDWARE gift cards to pay for supplies. Do you have people on your Christmas list that are impossible to buy for? Teen girls love LA SENZA, boys love FUTURE SHOP. For more information and for order forms, please contact Dawn Hickery at 250-569-3410. Leave a message with your name and phone # and I will return your calls.

**Frozen Cookie Dough Fundraiser.** (English Bay) - Grade 4 Swim Program is taking orders if your interested, contact any grade 4 student or myself (Dawna 250-569-8850). All orders MUST BE PREPAID. Deadline to order is November 9th, 2008.

**DORCAS NEWS**

Dorcass will now be open 1:00 - 4:00 and 7:00 - 8:00 Tuesdays.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Next Men's Health Group Appointment is Thursday, November 6th from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity for men to learn more about their health and how they can be more in control. Physical exams are given at the beginning of the appointment based on personal and family history. The last part of the appointment from 5:15 to 6 pm is group discussion with the doctor. You can come to this part as often as you like. Please let the office know if you are coming to the discussion so they can get out your chart and have your results available for you. Brochures are available at the hospital front office and appointments can be made at 250-569-2251 ext. 200.

**Take a Break in McBride...B.C.'s Friendliest Town!!**

**November 2008 Newsletter**

The McBride & District Chamber of Commerce is focusing on community based economic development. Our goal is modest: urge consumers to shop locally because it benefits their community.

Of particular concern to our community is the amount of money spent in larger centers like Prince George, Kamloops and Hinton. The rise of discount mass-market merchandisers like Wal-Mart has siphoned shoppers away from mom-and-pop stores, forcing many to close and leading to the decay of our downtowns.

Just how much of that local money comes back for re-circulation? None!

This is a critical juncture for our town. There is a danger of passing a point of no return and losing that part of the fabric of our life.

**Local retailers re-circulate their sales dollars within the local economy.** Studies have found that for every \$100 the retailers brought in through sales, the local firms returned \$68 to the local economy through wages and benefits, purchase of goods and services like office supplies and accounting, profits to local owners, and charitable giving. Local firms hire local vendors and contractors for such things as repairs, advertising, computer work and public relations.

Local businesses can join forces to woo shoppers with public education campaigns appealing to their civic pride as well as their pocketbooks. Local businesses can be competitive; service oriented and continue to foster a sustainable local economy while preserving our unique regional character.

The idea is to get people to think more about where their dollar is being spent and what it means to the community. There is a strong undercurrent of people who want to maintain the unique character of their neighborhoods and towns. Having a flourishing small-business sector is key to that.

If you have ideas, suggestions, or want to be part of the shop local movement, please plan to attend the November 19th Chamber meeting, 7:00 pm in the E Free Church reception room.

**Edmonton Snow Show**  
The Chamber of Commerce sent representatives and information to the Edmonton Snow Show again this year. All members were invited to send their brochures along and feedback from potential visitors has been positive.

Sledders tend to dominate the winter season, however we have also been promoting opportunities for back country skiing, snow shoeing and heli-skiing as well as our summer recreational opportunities.

**Reminder:** In September the Chamber sent out membership renewal forms and surveys along with a self addressed envelope. If you have not already done so, please send in your membership renewal to remain a member in good standing.  
**Thank you** to the members who have already renewed.

**McBride & District Chamber of Commerce**  
the voice of business  
the voice of progress...

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**Our General Meetings** are the Third Wednesday of each month **7:00PM** in **McBride E-Free Church**

Pick up a Community Calendar and mark the date!

Upcoming Events:

Civic All Candidates Forum  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Roundhouse Theatre.

McBride Festival of Lights and Late Night Shopping – November 28<sup>th</sup>

First Night Gala – December 31<sup>st</sup>

**THANK YOU - Bob Balcaen, MSS PAC, the Candidates and all who attended the Federal All Candidates meeting.**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. In deed, it is the only thing that ever has.  
Margaret Mead

Re-Elect Irene Rejman

For Councillor

Saturday November 15th,  
2008



Your voice for your community. Dedicated, Dependable, Team Player, Hardworking, Honest, Civic Pride. McBride is the best place to be.

**RE-ELECT FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL**

**ALLAN FREDERICK**

**WORKING FOR YOU**

**\* DEDICATED \* HARD WORKING \* EXPERIENCED**

**FLU SEASON**

Influenza Season is Quickly Approaching! Influenza is a viral illness that causes symptoms such as: sneezing, coughing, sore throat, fever, headache and muscle pain. Since the virus is transmitted from person to person, steps you can take to decrease your chances of getting influenza are to wash your hands frequently and get your yearly flu shot. \*The flu shot is safe, effective, and it's free for:

- People 65 and over
  - Children & adults with chronic health conditions and their household contacts
  - Healthy children aged 6 - 23 months
  - Household contacts & caregivers of children aged 0 - 23 months
  - Pregnant women who will be in their 3rd trimester during the influenza season
  - Residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities
  - Owners & operators of poultry farms
  - Health care workers
  - Emergency responders
- \*If you are eligible for the FREE vaccine please call the Health Unit at 569-2251 ext. 226 or your physician to make an appointment.

**Health Unit Clinic Dates:**  
Thursday, Nov. 6 - Thursday, Nov. 13  
Monday, Nov. 17 - Tuesday, Nov. 18  
& Thursday, Nov. 27

**Working hard to create quality jobs!**

Have questions about the proposed transmission lines?  
Plans are being made to invite BC Hydro and representatives of the EcoPHASER Corporation to make presentations and answer your questions. We are coordinating a date and time that will suit everyone's schedule. Announcements will be forthcoming.

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**ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROJECT**

Following Irene Rejman's town beautification initiative established few years ago, this past year we have introduced the "Adopt Highway" project.

We like to thank Dr. Mosley and his family for taking an active role in the "adopt highway project" and his contribution to "clean & green" McBride. The family has adopted both pullouts at the entrance to the Village. From May till October they picked-up litter and cut grass on weekly basis. The garbage was then bagged and taken to the transfer station.

We also like to thank Irene and her family for their contribution to the "green & clean" McBride such as planting flowers at the Fire Hall square.

We encourage other local groups and businesses to participate in the project. With larger participation, we may be able to erect advertising signs such as: "This mile has been sponsored by....."

Interested? Please contact Margaret @ 250-569-7556.

**GREEN INITIATIVE SAVES TAXPAYERS MONEY**

Thanks to a local group, McBride has now completed the first "green energy" project.



A wind turbine donated by Barbara and Dr. Jackson has been installed at the airport and it is now supplementing power generation.

Plans are being made to further advance this project by installing a re-chargeable battery which will provide electricity in case of the power outage. The turbine is capable of generating enough electricity to power the whole airport including the pilots lounge and build-up credits by turning the meter backwards.

In addition, as a result of subsequent improvements to the facility such as the pilot lounge and runway extension we now see an increase in the revenue generated by fuel sales.

Kudos to the Jacksons' family, Roy Howard, Kelly Mortensen and others involved for their efforts to put our airport "on the radar screen".

**SMALL BUSINESS SEMINAR**

We were disappointed that the Small Business Seminar had to be cancelled, and we look forward to working with the community to facilitate an event that better meets their needs and interests.

Should you have any suggestions, please contact edo@mcbride.ca

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Our EDO has recommended and Council has supported the plan to build a strong McBride for future generations. This can only be accomplished by establishing a solid foundation on which a public-private partnerships can then be developed.

During the first twelve months we have successfully establish the McBride Community Foundation—a small step to a sustainable social infrastructure.

We have put forward proposals for improvements to the existing economic infrastructure on which we propose to promote commercial and residential land development and subsequent job creation.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - MCBRIDE

**WHAT NEXT?**

Our Economic Development Action Plan for 2007/2008 has proven to be an invaluable tool. We have followed our promises to make improvements to our infrastructure so that we can start building our economy and creating well-paying jobs.

In 2008, we focused on the two main infrastructure components: extension of the power lines from Valemount to McBride and waste water capacity. In addition, we have begun making improvements to the streets of McBride.

The McBride Economic Development Office recognizes that the fastest way to successfully accomplish our goals is to seek public-private partnerships.

The Village Council and the McBride EDO, have created two partnerships: EcoPHASER—McBride Energy Corporation, and Northland Properties—Village of McBride. The goals of the first partnership are, to reduce power outages, extend 138 KV power lines from Valemount and establish "clean" technologies industrial park. The proposal is currently under consideration by BCTC and BC Hydro.

The second partnership: has been established to increase our waste water treatment capacity. For those who are not familiar with the issue: our lagoon has been operating at its capacity for many years.

To address the issue of waste water capacity

we came up with an innovative and integrated long-term approach to the resource management planning and sustainability. To demonstrate efficient use of the resources we are proposing a complex partnership including: Federal & Provincial Government, RDFFG, NDIT, FCC, Towns for Tomorrow, Northland Properties, McBride Community Forest Corporation, Village of McBride and HELP International.



Extensive business proposals for the three-phase project have been submitted to our partners this September.

**So, what's next?**

We have updated our Action Plan to reflect what was done and what needs to be focused on in light of the global economic changes. Some issues remain the same, such as the need for senior housing.

With the support of the Council, we will concentrate our efforts on asset building, senior housing, town improvements and small business development including the development of a local industrial park. We propose to produce clean, low-cost energy to support new ventures in the agriculture such as greenhouses

We propose that McBride serves as an example of a small, innovative community that focuses on both: preservation of our pristine environment and quality job creation. We have already entered into discussions with many light manufacturing, high-tech, bio-mass companies that are willing to support our forest industry.



Seniors care according to our survey, is a #2 issue of importance. We are unable to pursue this opportunity due to the limitations of the existing infrastructure.

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