

Operating Costs/Sustainability

The business case response only provided information on operational costs up to 2015 and did not include any costs for the potential property taxes that may be charged. In addition, assumptions have been made that funding sources would be maintained after 2015. No alternate plan has been provided in the event that funding levels are not maintained. If the operating costs for the Library and Museum increase and are not supported by additional confirmed revenue, Village property tax payers will experience increases as a result of increases to the requisition from the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG).

We need to have sufficient information to ensure that we are taking into consideration the impact this might have on the municipal taxpayer. As your elected officials (Mayor and Council) we are responsible to ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of the electorate with respect to Zoning, Land Use and Taxation. There is still significant information to be provided for the Village's consideration.

We look forward to receiving the additional information, from the Library and Museum Boards, to supplement the concept presented and anticipate future meetings with these Board members to discuss the concept further.

Village of McBride Mayor and Council

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Village of McBride Information Release

April 16, 2013

"Village Council responds to updated information from Library Building Committee"

On March 18, 2013 the Village of McBride was provided with a copy of "Another 100 Years – Into The Future" "A Business Case follow-up Response to the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George" which was dated February 25, 2013. We have had an opportunity to review this document and have the following comments:

Ownership

Various ownership options have been identified in the plan. The attorney the joint boards engaged recommended that a separate Charitable Society be formed to own and maintain the building. The Boards have yet to confirm what their ownership strategy will be.

Property Taxation

Assuming that a separate Charitable Society is formed to own the property, this property is not exempt from taxation and they would be required to pay the annual property taxes. The business case has not included property taxation costs in their operational costs.

In order for this type of organization to be exempt from taxation and assessed as non-taxable a request would need to be made to the municipal council to pass a permissive exemption under section 224(2) (a) of the Community Charter. In the event that this property was to become non-taxable the Village of McBride would have to distribute the amount of taxation amongst all the taxable properties within the Village of McBride. The Village collects taxes for other agencies. These agencies tell the Village how much money is expected to be collected from the Village of McBride properties and this amount is applied to the taxable properties to generate the monies needed. In other words the remaining taxable properties would be charged more to cover the loss of the taxable value from any exemptions provided.

Using the 2012 Taxable values and rates and assuming the proposed properties were provided an exemption from taxation, and assuming the Village and other agency requisition amounts were the same. This type of exemption would require an increase in the taxation rates of each class to generate the monies needed to meet the Village of McBride's obligations. The effect this property tax exemption would have on other village properties would be as follows:

Class 1 Residential Rate	Class 6 Business Rate
<i>increase of \$54.00/100,000 of value</i>	<i>increase of \$97.00/100,000 of value</i>

This would be a substantial increase to the property tax payers of the Village of McBride and Mayor and Council would have to consider this impact on the taxpayers when making these types of decisions.

SHARON'S SERENITY YOGA

CLASSES AT THE FIREHALL

FRIDAY, MAY 3 - 6PM,

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - 10:30AM

PLEASE E-MAIL ME IF YOU
ARE ABLE TO ATTEND.

THANK YOU!

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The Robson Valley Community Learning Project
is seeking to hire a part-time Community Gardening
Project Manager for McBride.

Duties will include:

- coordinating construction of the garden - raised beds, deer fence, compost bins, watering system and tool shed
- coordinating volunteers and donations
- writing reports and keeping financial and In-kind records
- coordinating educational and cultural events related to community gardening
- assigning plots to community gardeners and collecting fees
- attending Community Learning Task Group Meetings
- relating to the public and acting as a liaison between CL Task Group and Community Gardeners
- attending to the general maintenance of the garden
- using excellent verbal and written communication skills.

This is a six month contract position at a rate of \$1000.00 per month. Interested parties can contact either Nancy Taylor at 250-569-2266 (work) or 250-968-4358 (home) or email at nlunsterrnancy.ca or Bridget Uhl at 250-569-2266 (work) or email at grldless@hotmail.com by April 29, 2013.

Cultural Centre Project Update

You have mail! We invite you to watch your post office boxes this week for a fat brown envelope containing information about McBride's centennial celebrations throughout the coming spring and summer. Some of these events have been planned by the Cultural Centre Project's Fundraising and Publicity Committees. You'll be invited to share in the excitement of honouring our past and planning our future. (If you don't see this distinctive envelope during the next week, please drop by the library or phone us at 250 569 2411. We don't want to miss you!) We're also spreading the news far and wide. Envelopes like the ones you receive will be making their way to the homes of former residents, many of whom have fond memories of living in McBride and the Robson Valley. Won't it be wonderful if we can look back on the summer of 2013 and say, "Wasn't that a party?!"

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

THANK YOU

What a success! From the opening notes of the harp (Doreen Beck), artful vignettes of past celebrations (Sheila Anderson, Leona Eyben), humor (Bob Thompson), love songs and a heartfelt start to the event (Cassidy Braun), tapas (Golden Palace, Val Marcoff), 9 "tastings" prepped served (Sheila Anderson, Karen Craigue, Ray), historical background and "marriage officials" (Marilyn Wheeler), sing along and unpreen "Bridal Marches" (Joyce Godfrey), fashion with flair (Kaitleen Starlund, Mariah Blixrud, Samantha Phillips) making things run smoothly (Kelly McNaughton, Leona Eyben), behind-the-scenes (Naomi B-B and all the generous donations of gowns, photos, and treasures), the incredible flowers and silk bouquets (Sharon Reicher!) Without all this support and work, it would have been an empty hall with echos of the past. We owe the vibrancy to those who came, applauded and joined the Walk down Memory Lane.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On Tuesday, April 9 our family cat was trapped in a conibeer snare trap in McBride in the field between Dominion Street and the Dominion Creek Nature Trail. Our cat miraculously has survived but has not escaped injury. As you can imagine our two sons whom love their pet were very distressed and traumatized by the event as were we. All of which was unnecessary and completely avoidable. One of my first thoughts after finding our cat was how dangerous this could have been for one of the several children that live in our neighbourhood plus how catastrophic the result could have been if one of these children had encountered this trap either through accident or curiosity. Our cat was spotted in the trap by a resident walking the nature trail who phoned the Village office. Many thanks to this person and John Aitken with the Village Maintenance crew who released our cat. Appreciation as to our neighbours Mike and Astrid Frazier who assisted me in finding our cat and getting him home. To the person or persons who set the trap I find your actions cruel, inhumane and disgusting. To set a trap like this (meant for trapping animals on a trapline) in a residential area is extremely stupid and dangerous. You should be very thankful that it was not a child caught in the trap who very easily could have lost a foot or hand. You owe me money for the vet bill and an apology to my children. -Jennifer Quan, McBride.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST OF LUCK

to

Tony & Kelly Vizza

and

Rico & Connie Vizza

on your newest venture.

The new store looks fantastic and is a welcome addition to this community.

-From everyone at McBride Husky



Home
Housewares

NOW OPEN

Housewares Expressions

Kuraidori Electronics Lotto

Moccasins Toys Greeting Cards (by weeks end)

and more coming soon!

250-569-2415

OPEN Monday to Saturday 9:00am to 5:30pm

3 year old

Health & Safety Fair

For children born between
May 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

When: April 30, 2013

Where: McBride Health Unit

Time: 10-3 p.m. (must call to book)

Health fair includes:

- Vision Screening
- Dental
- Speech
- and more

For more information or to book your appointment
Please Call (250) 569-2251 ext. 2026.