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There are over 100 local artists and artisans that exhibit and sell their work through the non-profit Whistle Stop Gallery. True craftsmanship and artistry made right here in the Robson/Canoe Valley. Visit us today and see what we have created! Open 10am to 5pm daily in the train station





GOMMUNITY ANNOUNGEMENTS

Community Calendar - If you didn't get a chance to pick up your calendar they are available at Main Street Pizza/Mountainview Boutique starting Tuesday after 10 am.

The McBride and District Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank all who stopped by our table at the craft to buy raffle tickets, make donations or just say hello. Your support is so appreciated. Raffle tickets are still available from members and at McBride AG Foods, Welcome Home, Beanery II Bistro, and McKale House. Buy tickets 3/\$5 - and get a chance to win our wonderful Christmas food hamper which includes a turkey (sponsored by McKale House and McBride Self Storage). Second prize is a turkey (sponsored by Thunder Valley/Gigglin' Grizzly). The Angel Tree is displayed at the library where you can sign up for an in memoriam angel and make a donation till the end of December. See Pat at McBride AG Foods or Carol at McKale House to donate for the Community Christmas Card. Enjoy the wonder of winter and thank you all for your support!

Covid & Flu Vaccinations available at McBride Community Health Services, 1126 - 5th Avenue. Please call: 250-569-2026 to book an appointment.

LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM FOUND kitchen chair pad cover with leg ties, bright red, handmade. Was found neatly hanging in my tree at King St. and 4th Ave. on October 12th. 250-569-8807

ELKS & ROYAL PURPLE NEWS

Elks and Royal Purple Christmas Hampers. If you know of a family or individual who would benefit from receiving a Christmas Hamper this year, please call Tanya Phillips at 250-569-7788 by December 10th. Also, if you would like to make a cash donation towards the hampers, please contact Tanya. Your support in helping families and individuals in need within our community is greatly appreciated!

a little thinker...

What gets bigger the more you take away from it? A hole. RVGS NEWS

McBride RVCS: For more information call or email: 250-569-2266/events@rvcsbc.org. All events are located at 942 3rd Ave. McBride, and no registration is required, unless otherwise stated. MONs Family Place Drop-In is on Mondays from 9am-noon at RVCS. Join for connection with other families, parenting resources and fun for you and your 0-6 year old children. No registration required. For more information call 1-844-324-2004 or email: events@rvcsbc.org. December 11 No FPDI. December 18 Christmas crafts. December 25 STAT Holiday No FPDI.

TUE's Come and join us in McBride for ASL Sign Language 12pm-1pm at RVCS office in McBride. Drop in for beginners to advanced. Learning a second language improves cognitive and literacy skills for all ages. Plus it is lots of fun! Brought to you by McBride Family Literacy Program For more information call 1-844-324-2004 or email: events@rvcsbc.org.

WED's Youth ages 10-13 are invited to join the Youth Book Club Starting Nov. 22nd until Dec. 20th Wednesdays 3-4pm at the McBride office. Brought to you by the Family Literacy Program. Registration is required contact RVCS at 1-844-324-2004 or email events@rvcsbc.org for more information.

THUR., Dec. 7th Everyone is invited to attend our Signs of Abuse Information session at the McBride office from 11:00am-12:00pm. No registration required, refreshments provided. Contact the office for more information 1-844-324-2004 or email events@rvcsbc.org this information session is brought to you by the Anti-Violence Program.

WED., Dec. 13th Seniors are invited to join us and create a festive Christmas Wreath at the Elks Hall (172 Holdway Street) from 1:00-4:00pm. This is a free program, Funded in part by United Way, and brought to you by McBride Seniors Program. Registration is required please contact the office to sign up, or for more information: 1-844-324-2004, email events@rvcsbc.org.

MON through THURs, McBride RVCS has a FREE FOOD PANTRY that's available to all! Emergency top-up food is accessible to our clients, preschool program and anyone who walks through the door. We share and accept donated foods that are safe and fresh for use, this project is made possible thanks to grant funding from United Way of BC, and the residents of the Robson Valley! Contact RVCS at 1-844-324-2004 or email foodsecurity@rvcsbc.org. The local Food Bank is also available: 250-569-3186.

BUY, SELL, RENT & MISG.



ROBSON VALLEY TELE PHARMAC We are open Monday-Friday 9-5 Closed Saturday & Sunday www.robsonvalleyidapharmacy.com 250-569-8811 #3 - 411 Main Street, McBride **December 8 is Customer Appreciation Day Spend \$50 on Front Store Items** and Receive a FREE Blanket Robson Valley IDA Holiday Hours <u>Closed</u>: •Saturday, December 23-Tuesday, December 26. <u>Closed</u>: Saturday, December 30 - Monday, January 1. Regular Hours Resume January 2, 2024. Happy Holidays!!

For sale: Full size pickup headache rack. From an older model Ford, 64-in inside box measurement by 96 in Long. Well built. \$400 obo. Two bedroom, two bath home with shop and firewood storage shed. Basement. Across from the elementary school in McBride. Call 250-569-7504 ·· For Sale: Dining room cabinet with glass shelves and doors. Asking \$395.00. Contact 250-569-4094. .. For Sale-Frigidaire CFEF3054UWK Range (white) and a NuTone Allure Range Hood. \$350 for the pair. Phone 250-569-3110.For Sale-2 Storage Sheds 10x16 white metal exterior on 2 skids, 60" door. \$4,500 each. Ph: 780-903-9129 ·· Wanted: Fridge, good condition, contact Lee Ph:778-258-7800 ... For Sale-2000 Ford F250 Diesel, 7.3 litre. Runs and drives fine, many new parts. Selling for parts truck out of province, don't want to recertify. \$3,500 Firm. Ask for Lee. Ph# 778-258-7800 .. For Sale-Stihl and Husky chain saws, a good selection of bars and chains to get ready for firewood season. Phone Warren Ph: 250-569-7469.

Please contact The Little McBride Paper with all coming events, news, trivia, comments, etc!! Phone: 250-569-3110, email: contact@fpas.ca, P.O. Box 441, McBride, B.C. V0J 2E0 or drop off at 455 King St. If we don't know about it, we can't inform the public about it! And check out our website www.fpas.ca. Scott & Susan (Oscar & Broom)

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Sunday & Monday - 10 am - 9 pm Tuesday - CLOSED Wednesday - CLOSED Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 10 am - 9 pm For after hours text Elliott at 250-569-7099



Corporation of the Village of McBride

COMMUNITY UPDATE

December 5, 2023

Scotiabank's departure from McBride

Residents and business owners in McBride and the Robson Valley will know that Scotiabank has announced plans to close the McBride branch in September 2024 and move all remaining accounts and safe deposit boxes to the main branch in Prince George. This planned closure and removal of the Scotiabank ATM will leave McBride without a financial institution or access to cash. Village Council and staff recognize that in-person financial services are essential to supporting economic development and healthy communities and understand that the closure of Scotiabank McBride will result in significant negative impacts to local businesses and residents, including:

- Lay offs for seven local branch employees
- Greatly reduced options for banking access to those who lack reliable and affordable internet access or the ability to bank online, particularly seniors
- Significant costs to residents to travel to conduct in-person banking, including long distances on treacherous winter roads
- Significant costs to Robson Valley businesses to acquire, through travel or courier, cash and coin, to make deposits, to change signing authority, etc.
- Removal of the Scotiabank ATM will leave the community and traveling public without access to cash which will have many harmful consequences:
 - o reduction of shopping locally
 - reduced financial support/income for local service clubs, school sports teams and others who rely on cash for bake sales, craft fairs, garage sales, Farmer's Market and cash donations
 - \circ $\;$ reduction in tips for those employed in the service sector
 - reduced business for those in the agriculture sector who sell farm to table

What is the Village of McBride doing?

Village staff and Council recognize that in-person banking is essential to a healthy community and local economy. Ensuring that McBride is always serviced by an inperson financial institution is a top priority of Council.

- Village staff met with Scotiabank District Vice President on October 18 to learn about the planned branch closure.
- The Village has written to Scotiabank to request that the institution reconsider the decision to close the McBride branch. The Village will meet with representatives from Scotiabank in the near future to discuss options to retain in-person service in McBride.
- Scotiabank's departure may provide opportunity for a new financial institution to set up shop in McBride. On November 17, the Village met with the CEO and other representatives from Prince George-based Integris Credit Union to begin preliminary discussions regarding opening a credit union in McBride. Integris has served its members in north central BC for 76 years with long-served members of McBride and Valemount. Integris purchased Advantage Insurance (now Integris Insurance Services Ltd.) this past summer - giving Integris a foothold in the Robson Valley. The Village looks forward to ongoing discussion and planning with Integris. Residents and businesses should look to communications coming directly from Integris.
- The Village is reaching out to other financial institutions to highlight the opportunity to provide in-person financial services in the Robson Valley.
- The Village will provide regular updates to the community on this important issue on the Village website <u>https://www.mcbride.ca/98</u>.

*It must be noted that municipalities are restricted from providing direct support to businesses under the Section 25 of the Community Charter.

Scotiabank is required to hold a public open house in McBride to advise customers about the planned closure of the branch. The Village is in contact with Scotiabank to determine a date for this open house.

Village contact:

Karen Dubé Economic Development Officer

Email: edo@mcbride.ca, Phone: 250-569-2229

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ATTEND A FREE INTRO SESSION

TUES, DECEMBER 12, 2023

AT 7:00 PM

MCBRIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL 1300 - 2ND AVENUE MCBRIDE, BC

> 250-968-4493 rpk12305@gmail.com



Village of McBride

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT COUNCIL PROCEDURE NO. 823, 2023

The Village of McBride is proposing an amendment to Council Procedure Bylaw No. 771, 2017 to change the start time for Regular Council Meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Residents can provide input in person, or they can write a letter, email, call or fax. The Draft Council Procedure No. 823, 2023 is available on the Village of McBride ICompass site at:

https://mcbride.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/227 83, or at the Village office. Alternatively, you can contact the Village Office at 250-569-2229 and request an electronic version be sent to you.

The Village of McBride municipal office is located at 100 Robson Centre, 855 SW Frontage Rd., McBride. Hours open to the public are Monday – Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, except Wednesdays 10 am - 4:30 pm. Responses must be received by 4:00 pm, Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

Contact:

Jeanette McDougall, Chief Administrative Officer / Corporate Officer Phone: 250-569-2229 Fax: 250-569-3276 Email: cao@mcbride.ca Mail: PO Box 519, McBride, BC VOJ 2E0

LIBRARY NEWS

December Events:

Dementia Caregivers Support Group with Susan Umstot Tues., 5th Dec., 2-3pm.

Closing at 4pm on Wed., 6th Dec. for a Board meeting. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Book Club - Thurs., 7th Dec., 1:30-2:30pm (Matt Haig's How to Stop Time).

Book Sale - Fri., 8th Dec. - Tues., 12 Dec. Lots of children's books, as well as adult fiction and non-fiction for sale. Great Christmas gifting!

Book Discussion - Thurs., 14th Dec., 1:30-3pm (topic: Goodreads historical fiction).

Harp Performance - Sat., 16th Dec., 2:30-3:30pm. Join us for "Music from the Harp": our annual festive harp performance from Doreen.

Elf on the Library Bookshelf! Every day the library is open in December. Prizes for children and adults - pop on by and find that elf!

Weekly programs:

D&D for Teens - Tues. 3:30-5pm. Ages 12-18. Please call for details.

Tuesday Chess Club - from 5-6pm. All ages and levels of ability welcome.

Sunshine Stories - Every Thurs. 10:30-11:00am. For 0-5s and caregivers; songs, stories and fun! In partnership with Decoda Literacy Solutions/Literacy Task Group.

Board Teens - Thurs. 3-5pm. A drop-in session for those ages 12-18 to enjoy some of the library's many board games. Have a favourite game you like to play? Bring it along!

Book Clubs for Adults - We now have two monthly book discussion clubs for adults. Call for details! 250-569-2411.

Weekly Adults' Programs - Fibre Artists Knit & Crochet Group (Wed., 10am) - beginners welcome: in the library, and online too. Writing Group (Fri., 1:30pm) - in the library. Call 250-569-2411 for details of either program.

Collection/Delivery Service - We are still happy to prepare book/DVD/puzzle orders for you, and deliver to your doorstep. Call 250-569-2411 or email library@mcbridebc.org to place your order. Winter Hours - Tues. 10-6, Wed. and Thurs. 10-5, Fri. 1-8 and Sat. 1-5.

The library is closed Dec. 24th - Jan. 1st. We reopen Tues., 2nd Jan. at 10am. The McBride Library Board and Staff wish everyone a very merry festive season!

GHURGH NEWS N' THINGS

McBride Evangelical Free Church on First Avenue at Lonsdale Street. Sunday worship at 10:30am. Phone 250-569-2378. •Anglican United Church - Downtown Thrift Store on Dominion Street is open Tuesdays & Fridays from 1 to 3pm. Clothes and Household Goods-Sunday worship services at McBride Anglican United

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Corporation of the Village of McBride Phone: 250-569-2229 Fax: 250-569-3276

Website: www.mcbride.ca PUBLIC NOTICE

ELKS #247 PROPOSED TRANSITION TO A LIQUOR PRIMARY LICENCE

Pursuant to the Liquor Control and Licensing Act Section 38 (3) as well as the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation Section 71 (7-10) notice is hereby given that the Council of the Village of McBride are gathering public input regarding the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks #247 proposal to transition their "Liquor Primary Club Licence" to a standard "Liquor Primary License". By removing the Club liquor licence restriction, the Elks will be able to welcome more members of the community, as there will no longer be a requirement to sign in at the front door. This change in licence will encourage new members to support the Elk's efforts promoting and serving community needs.

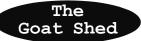
The Village welcomes public feedback regarding this liquor licence proposal; we ask that comments be submitted in writing before 12:00 noon, Monday, December 11, 2023 to be included in a Report to Council on December 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

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Written comments may be dropped off in person, mailed to PO Box 519, McBride, BC V0J 2E0, emailed to cfo@mcbride.ca, or faxed to 250-569-3276.

Church are held at 10am for in-person worship (vaccinations not required.) All are welcome; we welcome all ages, all genders and sexual orientation, all races, all abilities, all are beloved members of God's family. We usually celebrate Communion the 3rd Sunday of each month. Minister Kim's phone 250-968-4467.Seventh-day Adventist Church, Lamming Pit Rd. Saturday mornings. Sabbath School 9:20 to 10:45 Music, Mission and Small-group Bible Study, 6 age groups Cradle Roll to Senior. Worship Service 10:45 to 12:15. Everyone welcome.•Adventist Community Service (Dorcas) Open Tuesdays 1-3pm. contact numbers 250-569-2479 Terri, 250-569-2527 Esther.•Foodbank contact number is 250-569-3186.•St. Patrick's Catholic Church 2nd & 4th Sunday - Mass 11:00. All other Sundays - layled Celebration of the Word. Ph: 250-569-2606. •Mountain Chapel (POAC) at Third and Main St. McBride Services Sundays at 11am. Everyone Welcome. Ministers phone 250-569-0291.

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FURIS FROSTY HILL HOLIDAYS LIGHTS LUGE NORTHERN SCULPTURES SHOES SKATING SKIING SLEDDING SLIPPERY SNOW STORMS