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You're gonna hate this, but the best way to organize your stuff is to give it away and stop pretending you'll use it one day. That's where McBride Centennial Elementary PAC comes into play. We will graciously accept items for our Annual Kids' Xmas Shopping Day from November 23 - November 27. Household items, toys, jewelry, fashion accessories, knickknacks, ribbons, gift bags, name tags, etc. can all be dropped off outside the school office for this fundraiser. You will like that we guarantee your stuff will be loved once again, and appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild - Annual Indoor Garage Sale - Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21, 10am - 3pm at the Elks Hall, McBride. Currently, members are busy preparing, clearing out their stashes of all sorts of craft supplies and miscellaneous garage sale items. Great opportunity to grab some winter projects and see what the club is all about too! For more info contact Barb at 778-258-0068.

Valley Seniors - You are invited to a full Christmas Dinner at 12 noon on December 2, 2026 at the Community Hall. Sponsored by the McBride Seniors and the Royal Purple. Tickets for the Dinner are available at Welcome Home and the Beanery 2. IMPORTANT: There is NO charge for the tickets, we just need the number of people we will be serving; so there is a cut off date for picking up tickets, of NOVEMBER 28th! Memberships will be available for sale after the dinner, still just $10.00. A registration form will be at your place setting, please fill it out if you want a membership, and please print your information so we get all the information correct.

BIRTHDAY WISHES NOV. 18-24

Greg Miskie, Brad Martin, Dwight Cole, Damiana Monteverde Phillips, Ben Davis, Kathy Molendyk, Maimoona Divleli, and to any we have missed, Happy Birthday.

A LITTLE THINKER...

Winter is the season when we try to keep the house as hot as it was in the summer, when we complained about how hot it is.

LIBRARY NEWS

Lego Club – Friday, November 20 & 27 - 3:00-3:45. Lego after school and relax with a fun challenge. Call the library at 250-569-2411 to register.

Senior Tech Class – Friday, November 20 & 27 - 1:30-2:30. Ask questions, bring your device and trouble shooting issues or just chat about technology with an informal and casual group. Drop in to one or more days.

Harp Performance - Saturday, December 12 - 1:30. Join harpist Doreen Beck playing traditional Christmas music. All are welcome to attend this joyful live event.

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FOR SALE-For sale 4 Certified Wintertrek 215/50r15. Less than 500km. $300. Also 4 Goodyear Nordic winter 215/60R15 lots of tread. $175.00. Text or call 250-569-7292.••**For Sale**-Bridgestone Blizzak 235/7016. Tires. Winter - with rims 850. Low mileage, new Jan., basically trip from coast to here. Call 778-258-0027••**FOR SALE**-4 Winter 1 pike RS Hankook tires with rims. 215/60R16. Rims have 5 holes and are off a Toyota Camry. 2 tires used for one season and 2 used 2 weeks only. Asking $425.00. Brand new Set of side steps nerf bars running boards (chrome) oval curved. Fits a 2019-24 dodge ram 1500 quad cab (excluding classic/warlock models). Still in the box. Asking 250.00. Call 250-569-7033.••**Commercial building suited** for AirBnB or a residence with a small business. Renovated and upgraded heritage church. Full village services. $295,000 obo. 250-569-7504••**Wanted**-Old Stihl Chainsaw O-90, O-75, O76, O56, etc. Ph: Mark 705-888-1975••**For Sale**-Stihl and Husky chain saws, a good selection of bars and chains to get ready for firewood season. Phone Warren 250-569-7469.

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Health Unit	250-569-2251	RV Comm. Srv.	250-569-2266
K to 7 School	250-569-2721	Food Bank	250-569-3186
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CHURCH NEWS N' THINGS

McBride Evangelical Free Church on First Avenue at Lonsdale Street. Sunday worship at 10:30am. Sunday school Sept. - May @ 9:30am - 10:15am for ages 5 - 10. Potluck on the last Sunday of each month, all are welcome. Weekly Bible study in small groups, reach out for more details. 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 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** Mountain Chapel (3rd & Main Street.) Sunday services 11am. Everyone welcome. Friday Youth Group 6:30pm. Join us for snacks and games while you learn what the Bible means in today's life. Minister's phone 250-569-0291.

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RVGS NEWS

THURS., NOV. 19th: Join us for an afternoon at the Valley Museum & Archives as we explore the Archives A-Z exhibit, 1:30-3:00pm, 521 Main St., McBride. This special exhibit highlights the rich history of our community through photographs, documents, and artifacts preserved in the archives. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn something new, share memories, and connect with others while discovering local stories from the past. Everyone is welcome. No registration required.

THURS., NOV. 19th: Interested in learning about freeze-drying? Join us for one of our up-coming Freeze-Drying workshops hosted at RVCS office in McBride from 10am to 12pm. Registration required, email events@rvcsbc.org

TUES., NOV. 24th: Need help accessing benefits, credits, or government services? Join us from 10:00 to 12:00 for a free drop-in support session where we can help you explore programs, benefits and credits you may be eligible for using the Benefits Wayfinder tool. RVCS office in McBride, 942 3rd Ave.

THURS., NOV. 26th: Celebrate the season by joining us for a Christmas Card Making Drop-In! Spend an afternoon creating handmade holiday cards while enjoying conversation, creativity, and community. 1-3pm at RVCS office in McBride 942 3rd Ave. Whether you're an experienced crafter or simply looking for a fun way to get into the festive spirit, everyone is welcome. All supplies will be provided, and no registration is required.

Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 26/27: Join Dr. Shelley Moore for two engaging and thought-provoking workshops focused on building shared understanding, language, and responsibility around inclusion across schools, early years programs, and families. Hosted by McBride Centennial PAC and Robson Valley Community Services, these free community events are designed for parents, caregivers, educators, school support staff, coaches, youth leaders, and community partners. November 26th *Evening Workshop* from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Robson Valley Community Center at 441 Columbia Street in McBride. November 27th *Full Day Workshop* from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Robson Valley Community Center at 441 Columbia Street in McBride. Dr. Shelley Moore is a respected inclusive education researcher, teacher, consultant, and storyteller based in British Columbia. Shelley works with school districts and organizations worldwide, focusing on strength-based approaches to support all learners in inclusive classrooms.

TUE., DEC. 1st: You're invited to our Open House, in partnership with WorkBC! From 11:00am-2:00pm we're opening our doors and we'd love for you to come see what we do. Drop by to: Take a tour of our offices, kitchens, and program spaces, meet and chat with our program staff and management, explore the resources available to you, share your feedback on our programs and services. We want to hear from you! Grab a bite to eat and something to drink. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend, a neighbour, or just your curiosity. We can't wait to meet you!

WED., DEC. 2nd: You're Invited: Robson Valley Community Services Annual General Meeting, from 1:00-2:00pm at the RVCS office at 1444 5th Ave, Valemount, BC. For over 40 years, Robson Valley Community Services has been a cornerstone of support in the Robson Valley. Our mission is to strengthen individuals, families, and communities through innovative programs and valuable partnerships, and we'd love for you to be part of celebrating another year of that work. Join us at our Annual General Meeting to see highlights from our Year in Review, meet our staff and board, and learn more about what we do. Everyone is welcome! Join Our Board of Directors! We're looking for people who are dedicated to community service and passionate about strengthening lives in the Robson Valley. Whether you're looking to give back or bring a fresh perspective, your experience will help ensure RVCS continues to provide essential support to those who need it most. With you at the governance table, we can keep building on four decades of service.

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FIND HIM DAILY- ENTER DAILY - IN BOTH PLACES!
ENTRIES FROM BOTH PLACES WILL BE COMBINED, ONE WINNER
WILL BE DRAWN SAT. NOV. 28TH AND WILL RECEIVE A FABULOUS GIFT BASKET
FILLED WITH GOODIES FROM BOTH SHOPS!

SAT. NOV. 21ST LIVE MUSIC FEATURING - **ELLISE & KINDRED SPIRITS** - 2-4PM

TUES. NOV. 24TH CLOSING AT 2PM
STARTING AT 5:30PM — WELCOME HOME TO THE TABLE:
INDIAN FEAST - FULLY BOOKED — THANK YOU!
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December 2026

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		1 *20% Off Baby Items*	2 25% Off Vitamins & Cold Items	3 30% Off Pads, Tampax, Incontinence	4 30% Off Fragrances, Make Up, Lip Balm	5
6	7 25% Off Hair, Travel, Health&Beauty Items	8 40% Off Toys & Puzzles 75% Off Games	9 25% Off Stationary 35% Off Exercise	10 35% Off Clothing	11 20% Off Bags, Tags, Tape, Paper, Box Cards	12
13	14 30% Off Giftware	15 30% Off Household Items	16 30% Off Regular Confectionary	17 35% Off Hot Choc & Christmas Confectionary	18 35% Off Men & Women Bath Gift Sets	19
20	21 30% Off Serendipity Candles	22 75% Off Jewelry	23 40% Off All Christmas Items	24 **Closed at 1pm**	25 **CLOSED**	26
27	28 **CLOSED**	29 40% Off All Christmas Items	30 40% Off All Christmas Items	31 **Closed at 4pm**	**January 1, 2027 Happy New Year Closed**	

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Happy Holidays!!

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Election Dates, Times, and Location

- **Voting takes place at the Elks Hall, 172 Holloway Street**
- **Friday, November 27th from 9am until 4pm**
- **Saturday, November 28th from 9am until 1pm**
- Must be a Canadian Citizen, age 18 years or older.
- MUST have photo ID with proof of residence.
- Open to eligible voters residing for 12 months or more within the boundary of Catfish Creek and Holmes River.

Megan MacPhee

I am a recent transplant to the area! My husband and I relocated to the Robson Valley in June 2026.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in GIS and a Technical Diploma in Recreation, Fish and Wildlife, both from Selkirk College, and am a North American Wildlife Technician with a background in conservation, forestry, and natural resource management. My experience includes GIS work with Canfor, block layout, biological surveys, tree planting, wildfire fighting, parks and trails management with BC Parks as a Park Ranger, and trail work with regional districts. I currently work with the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council, where I have developed extensive experience in invasive species management, non-profit operations, grant writing and reporting, project planning, science communications, and community engagement. I would bring a combination of technical knowledge and hands-on experience to the board, contributing to informed land management decisions and thoughtful consideration of forest health, wildlife habitat, recreation, and community interests. As a board member, I hope to deepen my understanding of the forest that embraces this valley and the important role it plays in the local economy, recreation, and ecological health of the region. I look forward to bringing a fresh perspective, learning from the knowledge and experience of local residents, and building connections within the community. Most importantly, I hope to give back to a community that has welcomed us so warmly, contribute my skills where they are useful, and support the long-term sustainability and success of the McBride Community Forest.

Simon Grant

I was born and raised in Prince George and have lived in McBride for 5 years.

Throughout an extensive career as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic I have developed strong problem-solving skills, collaborated well with others and I am dependable and adaptable. Working around forestry during my career has exposed me to many aspects of the industry from logging and trucking operations to finished products from a mill. As the owner and operator of a small local business, I am aware of the hard work, budgeting and decision making required to sustain its operation.

As a board member, I would like to help maintain a sustainable forest and promote coordinated public sector partnerships to drive consistent community growth and strong funding opportunities for programs and development. Monitor operational expenses to ensure maximum contributions for current programs and develop new funding opportunities while engaging transparently with community members to ensure new and current projects meet the needs of our community. My family decided McBride is where we want to live. I want to help families feel supported and ensure that the Valley has enough opportunities for them to grow.

Bruce C W McGee

I have lived in McBride for six years and bring more than 35 years of experience building and leading companies in the energy and environmental sectors. In 1991, I founded McMillan-McGee Corp. and grew it into an internationally recognized environmental remediation firm serving major industrial clients, Fortune 500 companies, and the U.S. Departments of Energy and Defense. I continue to serve on the Board of Viya Environmental, which acquired a majority interest in the company. I currently serve as a director or advisor to several environmental and technology companies and have experience as a public company director. I also mentor entrepreneurs through the Creative Destruction Lab and, through the McMillan-McGee Foundation, support innovation and entrepreneurship programs at 14 Canadian universities. My wife and I are also the proud owners of Bark Custom Woodworks in McBride. I hold graduate degrees in electrical and chemical engineering and retired from the Naval Reserve as a Commander and Executive Officer of HMCS Nonsuch. Throughout my career, I have gained practical experience in governance, finance, strategy, project delivery, and team leadership.

The Community Forest belongs to all of us, and I want to help ensure it delivers lasting value to McBride. As a Board member, I would support strong financial management, responsible forest stewardship, and opportunities for local economic growth. This includes balancing harvesting with wildfire risk reduction, watershed protection, and recreation, while encouraging innovation, value-added wood products, and productive use of forest resources. I am committed to constructive stakeholder engagement and a McBride-first approach.
Thank you for your consideration.

Al Birnie

I have lived in McBride for 17 years. I was on the MCFC Board 2008-2010 until dismissed for refusing a gag order on speaking publicly about MCFC business. Then I co- founded Take Back Our Forest, dedicated to returning MCFC to originally-intended valley-wide public ownership. I was Chair of the Library Board, and Joint Library-Museum Board, during the successful campaign for a new building. I was Treasurer of McBride Elks #247 for 12 years, and Secretary-Treasurer of Fraser Headwaters Alliance for 15 years. I am a member Robson Valley Recreation Coalition and regular volunteer at RV Music Festival. Prior to McBride I was Chair/Treasurer of a co-operative daycare, Printing Union Shop Steward and Negotiating Team member, and a Journalist for 6 years.

I will work towards ensuring that the following goals direct MCFC operations: forest recreational values and non-timber resources have a high priority; logging and reforestation practices carried out will fully maintain the availability and quality of timber resources (sustainability), and maintain high environmental standards; local operations producing value-added timber products receive a reduced rate on timber (stimulating local job creation); and that surplus generated by the forest be primarily directed towards local job creation, and secondarily towards projects that benefit the Valley community as a whole. Also that residents negatively impacted by proposed logging operations nearby, are given full consideration in ameliorating the situation.

Tammy Vandermeulen

I have lived in McBride for 29 years. I believe my 12 years of experience serving as a treasurer for the MCCSA has given me a foundation in financial responsibility, decision-making, and working in the best interest of an organization and its members. I value making informed decisions, asking questions, and taking the time to understand the issues before moving forward.

My goals are fairly simple to start with; I'm looking forward to learning more about the Community Forest, the work it does, and the projects it supports. I'm honoured to have been asked to put my name forward and see this as an opportunity to contribute to the future of our community in a meaningful way. I hope to bring my experience, work ethic, and willingness to learn to the board and be a positive contributor to the team. As I learn more, I look forward to seeing where I can be most helpful and how I can contribute to the continued success of the Community Forest.

Jared Williamson

I have lived in McBride for 6 years. I have served in many roles for corporations in my 15 years as a tradesman, including Foreman, Project Manager and Director. My experience with clients and other professionals will be my largest qualifier.

I see a great deal of value in the McBride Community Forest Corporation. My hope is to be able to optimize on the value of the MCFC, not just as an economic agent, but as a major player in our Community Commonwealth.

Dustin Vike

I have lived in McBride for one year. I have past logging experience that makes me familiar with forestry operations. I would like to look out for the best interests of the community and represent all sectors well. I would like to be able to represent the Crescent community. I believe my business background and practical knowledge would help this board perform well.

I want to have a better understanding of what takes place in the McBride Community Forest and be an advocate of the general public to see their wishes moved forward. I have really enjoyed being a part of the community of McBride and want to find a way to give back.

Dakota Lucas Miller

I have lived in McBride for just over 8 years. Since I don't have a forestry degree or certification, the only thing that qualifies me for this position is my drive. As a young man who's starting his family here, I think it's important that we protect the industry that has made this town what it is. I am very passionate about protecting forests when necessary and harvesting resources when it's appropriate to do so. Logging is a huge part of the bones in this community and it's important that we take it seriously and respectfully in order to keep it alive for future generations.

While being on the board my biggest goal is to learn the 'ins and outs' of how the forestry industry is managed locally, so that we can do whatever we can in order to improve and maximize our logging infrastructures. Ensuring we can maintain and refine one of our biggest local industries plays a major role in long term sustainability for McBride and its growing families.

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McBride Community Forest

2026 Board of Directors Election

ALL-CANDIDATES FORUM

Please join us! Meet the candidates for the upcoming director's election!

When – Wednesday, November 25, 2026 at 6:30pm

Where – McBride Secondary Roundhouse Theatre

Questions must be submitted in advance to contact@mcfc.ca

If you live in the footprint of McBride Community Forest – within the boundaries of Catfish Creek and the Holmes River – then your vote counts!

Hosted by McBride Chamber of Commerce

VOTING DAYS

Friday, November 27th from 9am to 4pm at the Elks Hall

Saturday, November 28th from 9am to 1pm at the Elks Hall

PROOF OF RESIDENCE REQUIRED ON VOTING DAY

Visit www.mcfc.ca/meet-the-candidates-mcbride-community-forest-2026/

Choose from 8 candidates – you will be selecting up to 3 eligible candidates on voting day. Cast your vote for the next Board of Directors!

LEGION NEWS

Royal Canadian Legion Br. 75 Poster and Literary Youth Contest. We would like to thank the Robson Valley Junior Academy for participating once again in the local Poster and Literary Youth Contest this year. We had 21 amazing entries in Colour and Black & White Posters and Poem and Essays. I will be forwarding the 1st place winners in each category to the BC Central Zone of the Royal Canadian Legion. Their participation is greatly appreciated. These winners will be judged at the Zone level. Any youth from the McBride area from Kindergarten to Grade 12 may enter next year. Please contact your school, homeschooling teacher or myself next year in September to participate in the contest.

-Royal Canadian Legion Br. 75, Mary Hooker, Chair of Youth Poster/Literary Contest.

THANK YOU

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #75 (McBride) would like to thank everyone for the great community support of the 2026 wreath and poppy campaign and for the show of support at the parade and ceremony at the Cenotaph in Steve Kolida Park. Thanks to everyone who came to the Legion Luncheon. Thanks to all those individuals who contributed to our Remembrance Day ceremony including Margaret Balcaen Robinson for her driving skills and providing the mobile sound system, use of truck was provided by Cindy Kelly. Dave Hruby (MC & parade marshal), Keith Berg (horn playing), Margaret Balcaen (leading in our songs), and Rev. Andriy Antypov (scripture reading and prayer). Rick Thompson for MC skills. A special thanks to all who marched and carried flags. It was great to see so many young people participating, from the Jr. Rangers, Hockey players and Figure Skating. Also thanks to all the wreath layers at the cenotaph. Thanks to the Beanery 2 (Members Donna, Andy, and Helpers) for preparing the great roast beef luncheon on behalf of the legion. To Margaret, and Mike, Mandy, Leona, and in assisting the Beanery. To Elaine & Chris, and Archie for the donation of fresh vegetables from their gardens. To both our local grocery stores, AG Foods and McBride TGP, for their donations. Thanks to all others who contributed and donated at the Legion Hall. Thanks to the printer of the pamphlets. The Little McBride Paper and the Goat Newspaper for (advertising). If we have missed anyone please know that your contribution was greatly appreciated, without the help of the Jr. Rangers at the Hall cleanup wouldn't have gone as smoothly as it did. Thx you so much.

-Irene Rejman, Remembrance Day Chair, RCL Branch #75 (McBride)

CHAMBER NEWS

Hello McBride Businesses! The McBride & District Chamber of Commerce is bringing back the Christmas Light Up, and we want our entire business community to help make it a magical night to remember! This year, we're encouraging ALL local businesses, whether you're on Main Street or elsewhere in McBride, to get into the Christmas spirit and decorate your storefronts, buildings, and businesses! Christmas Decorating Contest! Let's turn McBride into a winter wonderland! We will be awarding prizes in two categories:

- People's Choice – Voted on by our community!
- Most Creative – For the most unique and imaginative Christmas display!

Join the Christmas Light Up Parade!

We would also love to see businesses enter a decorated float in our Christmas parade on Friday, November 27 at 6:00 PM! Whether it's a truck covered in lights, a festive trailer, or a creative Christmas-themed float, we encourage everyone to participate. Let's Make It a Magical Night!

The evening will also feature:

- A visit from Santa and photo opportunities
- Community Christmas Light Up
- Late-night shopping at local businesses
- Makers Market at the Elks Hall
- A festive parade through town

Decorating contest voting will take place November 27-28, with winners announced on November 28 at 5:00 PM. Voting cards can be dropped off at TGP.

We hope to see every business get involved, big or small! This is a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together, support local shopping, and create lasting Christmas memories for our families. Let's bring the magic of Christmas back to McBride and light up our little mountain town! If your business would like to enter a float or participate in the festivities, please reach out to the Chamber! Thank you for helping make McBride such a wonderful community.