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# The Valley Voice

*The Voices of the Columbia Valley*

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## HOW ARE WE DOING?

The Volunteers of the Columbia Valley Voices Online Magazine are dedicated to providing content that is generated and supported by our valley residents.

We welcome and encourage all communication - we want to know how we're doing!

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by email to [news@thevoiceca.ca](mailto:news@thevoiceca.ca)



## LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

Dear Readers,

We don't have to tell you Summer is here, the record-breaking temps covered that. Since we've seen a little reprieve from the intense heat, we recommend getting out and having a little fun!

And since you'll be having all that fun, we would LOVE if you'd snap a photo or two and send it in. We want to see all the awesome parts of the Columbia Valley through YOUR eyes! Are you going to the lake? What about the beach? Oh, maybe you're planning on going zip lining? We wanna know about it!

Send us your photos of the best moments you've had this summer in the Valley and we'll get you into our future issues! Our communities have so much to offer from nature, wilderness, adventure, food, people, and more. Why not help us showcase our valley for the world to see?

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# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IS BACK WITH THE CANADIAN BORDER RE-OPENING

**THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC COMPLETELY SHUT THE WORLD DOWN, LET ALONE OUR OWN PERSONAL LIVES.**

Not only could you not travel or see close family members, international travel out of the country was only available for essential services. However, with the decline in COVID-19 cases globally and the rollout of the vaccine, Canada's border is set to re-open on August 9th for fully vaccinated U.S. travelers. Children under the age of 12 will be exempt from the quarantine requirement after entering Canada as they are not yet approved for the vaccine. Travelling children are advised to avoid group settings, especially indoor ones.

The border has been closed to non-essential travel since March 2020 when the pandemic was at its peak. Those travelling into Canada from the United States will need to have been fully vaccinated at least 14 days prior to attempting entry into the country, for non-essential travel. They will also need to submit their travel information to ArriveCAN. Should they meet the criteria required and are fully vaccinated, travellers will not be required to quarantine upon arrival in Canada. Those travelling into Canada will be required to present proof of receiving a complete round of one of the vaccines authorized for use.



Come August 9th, international flights will be able to land at Halifax Stanfield International Airport, Quebec City Jean Lesage International Airport, Ottawa Macdonald-OCartier International Airport, Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport, and the Edmonton International Airport. Travellers will not need a post-arrival test unless a random check is done and require a negative test result still before arriving in Canada.

Travellers who were gaining entry into Canada during the lockdown were required to stay at a government authorized hotel for three nights which will also be removed come August 9th. Despite fully vaccinated travellers being exempt from quarantine, a quarantine plan must still be provided and preparations should be made in the event you are asked to quarantine.

Provided the number of COVID-19 cases across the country continue to decrease and not surge, the Canadian Government will be opening it's borders on September 7th for fully vaccinated travellers. While the Canadian border is looking to re-open, no word has come from the United States Government regarding the allowance of Canadian citizens into the country, for non-essential travel.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce president Perrin Beatty said he's pleased to see the border measures loosened but said there's still confusion about how this will roll out.

"We are concerned that the costly and cumbersome procedures that remain for fully vaccinated travellers will discourage short visits, including many business trips," he said in a statement to CBC.

"As these measures are implemented, we will need to address a number of outstanding issues for Canadians, including how to efficiently manage points of entry to avoid border congestion, what changes the U.S. government will make for Canadians travelling to that country and how the rules for unvaccinated minors will be applied. Most importantly, the ArriveCan app is a poor substitute for a secure system of interoperable digital health credentials."



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# PROVINCE PROVIDES MORE RESOURCES TO PARAMEDICS

The minister of health, Adrian Dix, is reconstituting the BC Emergency Health Services board of directors to place focus on the operations and leadership of ambulance services.

On July 14th, the BC Government announced they are working towards improving ambulance response times and provide more support to emergency workers. The minister of health will be directly overseeing the board of directors with a clear mandate of improved service for both patients and families.

The minister of health has appointed both a chair and special adviser to the board. Former chief constable Jim Chu of the Vancouver Police Department will be serving as chair and the president and CEO of Telus, Darren Entwistle, will be serving as a special adviser to the board of directors. It has also been directed that BC Emergency Health Services change leadership to be led by a chief ambulance officer responsible for the day-to-day operations and management.

“When we call for help, we need to know help is on the way, and that it will arrive quickly,” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. “Immediate action on operations, as well as stronger leadership and increased investment at BC Emergency Health Services, will deliver a more effective ambulance service for patients and families who depend on it. Better support for paramedics and dispatchers will help them do the vital work we count on every day.”

The province is also providing funding for:

- 85 additional full-time paramedics
- 30 full-time emergency dispatchers
- 22 new ambulance vehicles

In addition, the province is taking action to support workers further by contracting a team of mental health and wellness professionals to work with dispatchers and paramedics.







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Learn about important areas and discuss the past & future stewardship of the area.

We will be visiting pictographs, Lot 1, and have a boat available to offer a different perspective from the water.

Meet at 10 am at the  
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(4879 Fairmont Creek Road)

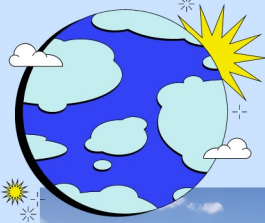


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# VALLEY PROMOTIONS



# IF YOU'RE IN THE SKY...



## WE CAN'T FLY.

When you fly a UAV or drone near or over a **#BCwildfire**, you're breaking the law and endangering firefighting personnel.

The restricted airspace includes a radius of five nautical miles around the fire and to an altitude of 3,000 feet above ground level. Transport Canada and the BC Wildfire Service explicitly prohibit the use of UAVs or drones of any size near a wildfire.

# RESTRICTED WILDFIRE AREAS IN EFFECT



Two Area Restriction Orders have been issued by the BC Wildfire Service.

The order impacts the vicinity of the Tanglefoot Creek wildfire, northeast of Cranbrook, and the Ptarmigan Creek wildfire near Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park. The restriction is put in place to protect the public from not only the wildfire but suppression activities taking place in the vicinity.

The order has taken immediate effect and will remain in effect until 12:00pm PDT on September 15th unless otherwise rescinded.

Photo Credit: Syd Danis



The orders apply to Crown land within the boundaries listed on the following .

**Ptarmigan Creek wildfire, northeast of Canal Flats:**

- Junction of Moscow FSR and the northeast corner of Whiteswan Provincial Park
- West along Whiteswan Provincial Park northern boundary
- North up to White Knight Peak
- North along the height of land to Edwards Peak
- East long Edwards FSR to point at Moscow FSR.

**Tanglefoot Creek wildfire, northeast of Cranbrook:**

- Junction of the Galbraith FSR and Tanglefoot Creek FSR
- North following Galbraith Creek FSR
- North and east to the height of land to Duncan Creek
- West along the height of land to Mt Smith
- Following the height of land south through Mt Fisher
- East until the junction of the Bull Van FSR and Bull River Main FSR
- North to the commencement point

Under this order, a person must not remain or enter the restricted area without prior written authorization of a designated official for the purposes of the Wildfire Act, with exceptions listed below.

Enters the area only in the course of:

- travelling to or from his or her principal residence that is not under an evacuation order;
- using a highway as defined in the Highway Act;
- travelling as a person acting in an official capacity as defined in s.56 of the Wildfire Act; or
- travelling for the purpose of supporting wildfire suppression or enforcement patrol activities.

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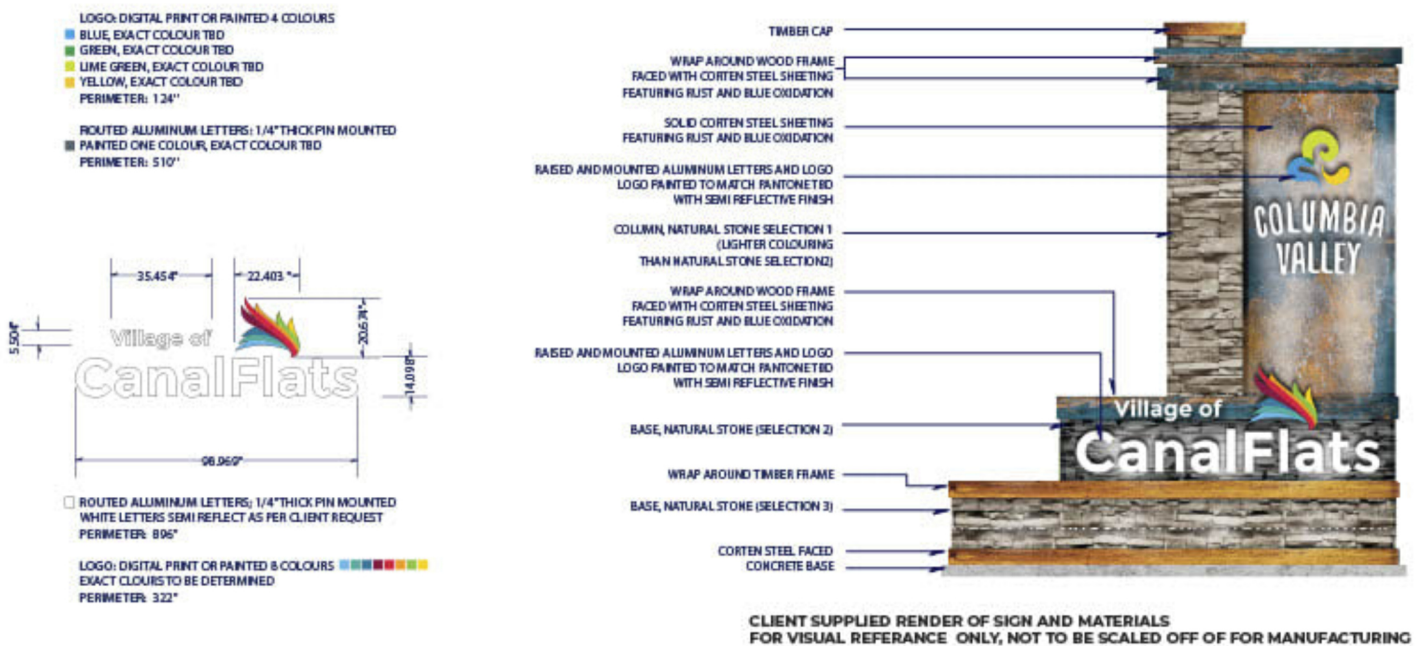
# NEW HIGHWAY ENTRY SIGN IN CANAL FLATS

A new highway sign will be placed at the south entrance of Canal Flats to complement their new north sign schedule for installation in August.

The sign will be similar to the north highway sign with it's own unique characteristic. The sign incorporates the vibrant colours of the community and the natural elements that represent the village. Such as wood, stone, and steel which represents the steel mill industry of the village.

The Village of Canal Flats announced at their July 12th meeting the contract to construct the sign has been awarded to Selkirk Signs out of Cranbrook. Installation of the south sign is expected to be completed come the fall. The project is in partnership with the Columbia Valley Community Economic Development Commission, the Kootenay Rockies Tourism BC Catalyst Fund, and a small grant from BC Hydro. The Village of Canal Flats has contributed \$4,000 to the budget of the south highway sign which is a total of \$76,000.

"The old signs have served the village well but are now very much starting to show their age. The large painted saw blade will be kept as a piece of Canal Flats' history," the village said.



Customer: CANAL FLATS Address: VILLAGE OF CANAL FLATS Project Manager: RUSS BYRD Designer: KB Date: 5/13/21

Photo Credit: Village of Canal Flats

# SHORT TERM RENTAL PROCESS BEING PLANNED IN RDEK

There's no question one of the the biggest issues facing our communities is the housing crisis.

More and more homes are becoming short-term vacation rentals for tourists who come to visit our beautiful valley. This has become a pain point not only for local residents but business owners as well. With the amount of residents having to leave the valley because there are no suitable rentals means less workers available for businesses. We're already seeing it!

RDEK is working towards discovering what the best solution is to short-term rentals. They are putting forth a planning process to identify management options that will address short term rentals in rural areas of RDEK. This is a very important survey as it provides RDEK with additional insight from both renters and property owners. If you'd like to participate in the survey, click here (<https://engage.rdek.bc.ca/rentals>). The deadline to take the survey is August 4th.

The consultation process will also include conversation with the tourism industry, short-term property owners, local businesses, and stakeholders over the next several months. It's anticipated regulation options will be presented in spring 2022.





# East Kootenay Housing Needs Assessment **SURVEY NOW OPEN**

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## RURAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY (RDEK) NEEDS YOU!

RDEK is completing a Housing Needs Assessment to better understand housing challenges across Electoral Areas A, B, C, E, F, and G. That's why they are hosting this survey. Your participation will help them create a more complete picture of the housing situation in our communities.

As we grow and change, the data and information you provide today will help address the housing needs and demands across the East Kootenay.

The survey is open until July 23rd and you can take it here: <http://ow.ly/gLCG50For1A>

For more info, visit <https://engage.rdek.bc.ca/housing>

## ELK VALLEY REGIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESIDENT FEEDBACK NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN.

The RDEK adopts park management plans to establish objectives and strategies for the long-term management of our parks. They are currently working on a management plan for the Elk Valley Regional Park, which is intended to provide strategic direction and guidance for the RDEK, community associations and stewards of the park for the next 15-20 years.

Your vision for the future operations of the park is an important piece of the puzzle.

To help gather resident feedback, comments are being taken on the draft Management Plan until 4:30pm on August 9.

To review the plan and leave your comments, visit: <https://engage.rdek.bc.ca/elkvalleypark>

Elk Valley Regional Park  
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# PANORAMA MOUNTAIN RESORT AND COKE CANADA FOCUSING ON SUSTAINABILITY AND RECYCLING

**PANORAMA MOUNTAIN RESORT AND COKE CANADA BOTTLING, THE OFFICIAL BEVERAGE PARTNER OF THE RESORT, HAVE ENTERED A FIVE-YEAR PARTNERSHIP TOWARDS FOCUSING ON SUSTAINABILITY AND RECYCLING INITIATIVES.**

This partnership will be a massive push towards helping our environment and lessening the impact of waste. In a media release from Panorama, they are looking to enhance the guest experience through seasonal food and beverage offerings. They will also be hosting events such as the FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships in March 2022.

The collaboration between the two will bring better solutions for recycling and increase the awareness around sustainability.

“As Your local bottler, we are thrilled to be the official beverage partner for Panorama Mountain Resort, the one-of-a-kind, world class vacation destination,” Trevor Lamb, Vice President of Western Canada, Coke Canada Bottling.

“The local, community approach of Coke Canada Bottling really resonates with the pure Canada experience here at Panorama,” said Steve Paccagnan, President and CEO of Panorama Mountain Resort.

Panorama Mountain Resort will be opening for their winter season on December 10th, 2021 where they will also be celebrating their 60th anniversary.

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# PC GAMES IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

## NINTENDO IS ABOUT TO GET SOME SERIOUS COMPETITION IN THE HANDHELD GAMING MARKET.

Valve announced they will be releasing their much-rumoured handheld console “Steam Deck” later this year. It’s goal is to be the Nintendo Switch of PC Gaming and has many PC gamers excited.

What’s really exciting about the Steam Deck is it’s not a gaming console, it’s a handheld PC. You’ll be able to plug it into a monitor/TV, install software, stream video, and even install games from other stores on it like Epic, Ubisoft, EA, etc. The handheld will run on a new version of the SteamOS.

Steam Deck is expected to start shipping for the Christmas season this year. The cost of the device varies depending on the amount of storage space you’re looking for. #99 for 64GB, \$529 for 256GB, and \$649 for 512GB. Each version comes with the ability to increase storage space with a MicroSD card. The most important thing to note is that the Steam Deck runs on an AMD APU with the Zen 2 architecture found within AMD Ryzen 3000 processors. This is going to be a beast of a handheld.

Valve also decided on a 1280 x 800 display for when you want to enjoy your games on the go. However, the screen is still only 7-inches big which can come with it’s own number of shortcomings.

**JOSH GRIEVE**

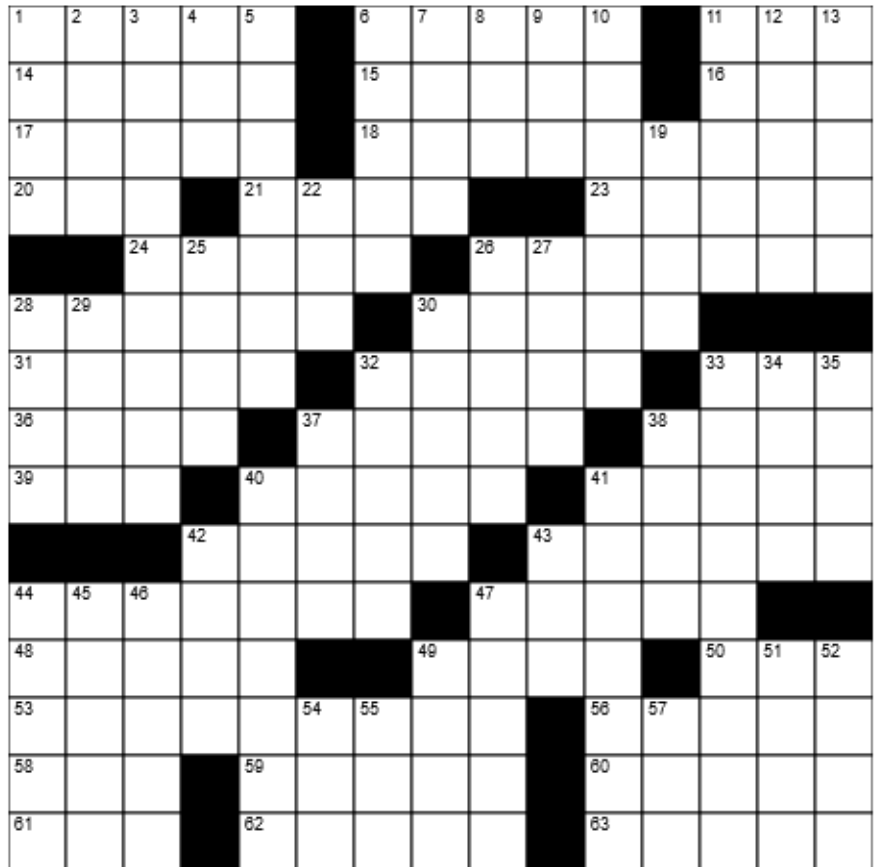
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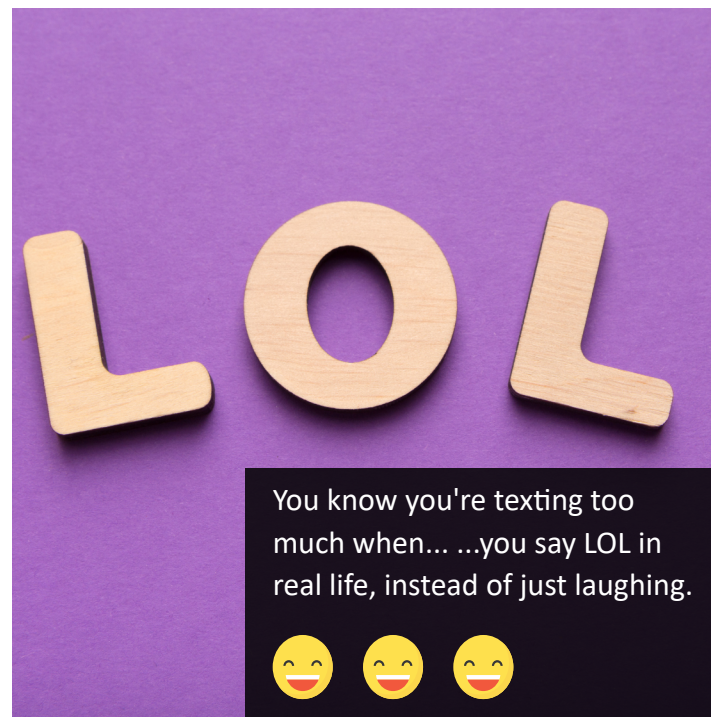
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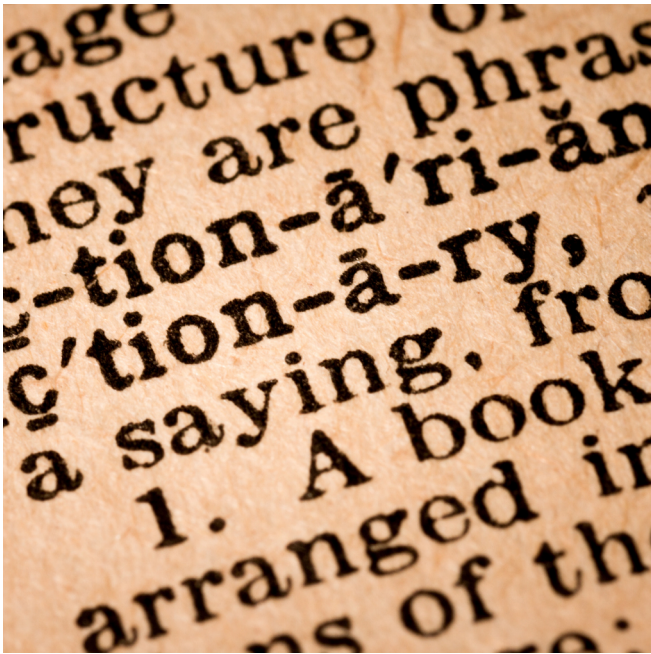


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You know you're texting too much when... ..you say LOL in real life, instead of just laughing.





### Precision of Language, Jonas

It's important to have a good vocabulary.  
If I had known the difference between the words 'antidote' and 'anecdote,' one of my good friends would still be alive...



### Not This Guy

As I entered the elevator at our hospital, a disheveled-looking man rushed in behind me carrying a ceramic blue baby bootie filled with carnations. I smiled and asked, "Does he look like you?"

"I hope not," he said. "I just deliver flowers."



### Sometimes, I Wish I Could

My three-year-old sat in the bathroom with me, watching as I removed my dentures and brushed them.

After a few minutes, he asked, "Can you take your ears off too?"



### It's Not a 3D Printer

Our boss asked the new mail-room guy to make three copies of an office key.

The guy returned ten minutes later with the copies ... which he'd made on the Xerox machine.



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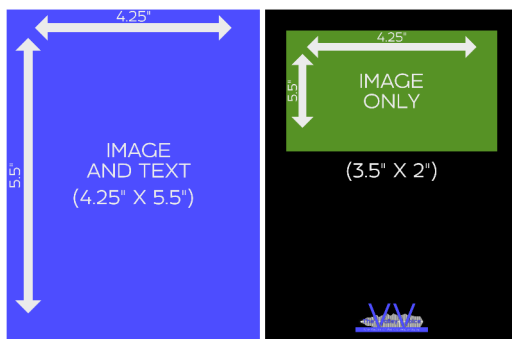
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