#25 Issue The Voices of the Columbia Valley STATE OF EMERGENCY EXTENDED With wildfires raging across the province, the FERNIE'S WATER B.C. government has extended the provincial wide state of emergency mandate until at least IS "GOOD" August 31, 2021. On August 23rd, the City of Gernie released a statement lifting the boil notice implemented last week. GOT Sure, it's your choice, though now the goverment will dictate where you can and cannot go based on your vaccination status.

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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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LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

Dear Readers,

Phew, 25 issues - 25 weeks! Can you imagine?! That's over 6 months we've been doing this!

THANK YOU. We really appreciate the support, feedback, comments, content, pictures, (and anything in between) that we've recieved from members of our community.

Want to get involved too? Here are a few ideas:

- Send in photos you've taken in and around the Columbia Valley. We LOVE to feature local photography.
- 2. Send in your business and event promotions. (It's free, remember?)
- Have you seen or experienced a location, event or vendor in the Valley? Feel like sharing those experiences with us? We LOVE to shine a spotlight on local businesses, especially from the eyes of their customers.
- Like writing? We ALWAYS need articles! Our core team puts together the news pieces but we LOVE accepting submissions of all sorts from the community.

Send it in, shout us out, and let's keep using our voices together.

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RESTRICTIONS AND PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED

WITH THE SURGE OF COVID-19 CASES SPREADING THROUGH THE INTERIOR HEALTH REGION, IT'S NO SURPRISE THE PROVINCE OF B.C. RE-IMPLEMENTED THE MASK MANDATE, THOUGH WHAT WAS SURPRISING WAS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIREMENT.



COVID-19 IN BC

With 125 cases reported in the East Kootenay and Creston Valley region through the second week of August, we're beginning to see another spike.

Interior Health has also confirmed 230 brand new cases on August 18th, which brings the total number of infections to 3,203 and 103 people hospitalized in the region. Restrictions started rolling in as of August 20th at midnight with the rest of the restrictions coming into effect on August 23rd at midnight. In a statement reported by myeastkootenaynow.com, Dr. Bonnie Henry, the Provincial Health Officer of B.C. advised the majority of new cases being reported are from those who refuse to be vaccinated, she also had the following to say,

"Thanks to vaccines, we have the tools we need to get back safely to those things that we love. If you're living in a community in the Interior Health Authority, the best thing you can do to get us through these restrictions is to get vaccinated today and encourage others in your life to do the same."

You can review the full PDF release on the next 2 pages.





For Immediate Release | August 20, 2021

New health measures introduced for all Interior Health region

IH-WIDE – Interior Health (IH) is introducing new public health orders covering the entire Interior Health region to manage COVID-19 activity.

Effective at midnight tonight:

- Masks are mandatory in all indoor public spaces for people 12 years and older.
- Low-intensity indoor group exercise is permitted to a maximum 10 people per class. High-intensity indoor group exercise is not permitted.
- Outdoor group exercise is permitted up to 50 people per class.

Effective Monday, Aug. 23 at 8 a.m.:

- Gatherings in vacation rentals are limited to five guests or one additional household.
- Indoor personal gatherings are limited to ten guests or one other household.
- Outdoor personal gatherings (e.g. birthday parties, backyard BBQs, block parties) are limited to no more than 50 people.
- Organized indoor gatherings (e.g. weddings, funerals, seated events) are limited to 50 people, and outdoors gatherings are limited to 100 people, both requiring a COVID-19 safety plan.

The previous orders for central Okanagan food and liquor establishments remain in place.

These measures will remain in place until the end of September and Interior Health experiences lower cases and higher vaccination rates.

"While we are beginning to see cases in the central Okanagan slowly plateau, we are seeing more cases in other areas of Interior Health," said Interior Health president and CEO, Susan Brown. "We are calling on all young adults to get your vaccine, especially those who work in jobs where you interact with the public. It is the most effective way to protect yourself and to reduce transmission in the community."

Most people are being exposed at social gatherings, work places or in private households. The delta variant is leading to faster transmission and more severe outcomes for younger people. Immunization remains the most effective prevention against COVID-19.

"The vast majority of our cases are in people who are unimmunized or partially immunized and in adults between 20-40 years old. For those who haven't yet gotten their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, please get it now. Getting immunized will help keep our hospital beds open for treating people with other illnesses and needing surgery," said Interior Health medical health officer, Dr. Rob Parker.

The interval between first and second COVID-19 vaccine doses has decreased to 28 days for everyone. People can get vaccinated by dropping into any IH immunization clinic or by booking an appointment. Pop-up clinics are being added in communities throughout the region. All clinic locations and details area available here: https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-immunization-clinics/,

Testing continues to be available to anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. People can book an appointment online here or call 1.877.740.7747 between 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily.

How to get vaccinated

People can get their first or second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by dropping in to any IH immunization clinic or by making an appointment.

To make an appointment, register online by visiting the provincial website at: www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/, call I-833-838-232 or visit a Service BC office listed here, and then book an appointment.

For a list of all Interior Health COVID-19 immunization clinics and other resources visit: https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/covid-19-vaccines/

To learn about B.C.'s Restart Plan and COVID-I Immunization Plan, visit: www.gov.bc.ca/covid

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Media, for information: media@interiorhealth.ca
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THE PROVINCE HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THE STARTING SEPTEMBER 13TH, PROOF OF VACCINATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL SETTINGS/EVENTS.

This is in an effort to increase the vaccination rate among those in the province and bring us out of these restrictions. The new order handed down from the provincial health officer will require B.C. residents to provide proof of vaccination in order to take part in certain social and recreational activities.

Before September 13th, when this regulation goes into effect, a secure web-link will be provided so those who have vaccinated can confidentially access their proof of vaccination. This can be saved to your phone to show as proof of vaccination in order to enter the designated business and/or event. Those who cannot access their proof of vaccination online will be provided an alternate secure method to show proof. Here is a breakdown of what to expect come September 13th:

- On September 13th, anyone in British Columbia who wishes to attend the below list of businesses and events will need to be partially vaccinated with at least one dose of COVID-19.
- On October 24th, it will be required for anyone attending the below list of businesses and events to be fully vaccinated with two doses.
- In the event certain areas where community transmission significantly increases, the mandate may change to require those to be fully vaccinated to attend.

Here is the list of businesses and/or settings where proof of vaccination will be required as of September 13th, 2021:

- · indoor ticketed sporting events;
- · indoor concerts;
- · indoor theatre/dance/symphony events;
- restaurants (indoor and patio dining);
- night clubs;
- · casinos;
- · movie theatres;
- · fitness centres/gyms (excluding youth recreational sport);
- businesses offering indoor high-intensity group exercise activities;
- organized indoor events (eg. weddings, parties, conferences, meetings, workshops);
- · discretionary organized indoor group recreational classes and activities

In a statement reported by e-know.ca, Premier of British Columbia John Horgan had this to say,

"Vaccines are our ticket to putting this pandemic behind us. So I call on all eligible unvaccinated British Columbians to roll up their sleeves to stop the spread, and help protect themselves, their loved ones and the people in their community. British Columbia has one of the strongest vaccination rates in Canada with 75% of eligible people now fully vaccinated, but there is still more work to do."

These new regulations do not impact K-12 schools and before/after school programs for students. Further details are expected to be coming surrounding these age groups. This will also impact those coming from outside of the province as they will be required to provide proof of vaccination.











VALLEY PROMOTIONS





On August 23rd, the City of Gernie released a statement lifting the boil notice implemented last week.

The Turbidity index is a means of measuring the cloudiness of water and it's level of safe consumption. Turbidity is the measure of relative clarity of a liquid. It is an optical characteristic of water and is a measurement of the amount of light that is scattered by material in the water when a light is shined through the water sample. The higher the intensity of scattered light, the higher the turbidity. Material that causes water to be turbid include clay, silt, very tiny inorganic and organic matter, algae, dissolved colored organic compounds, and plankton and other microscopic organisms.

Turbidity makes water cloudy or opaque. During a rainstorm, particles from the surrounding land are washed into the river making the water a muddy brown color, indicating water that has higher turbidity values. Also, during high flows, water velocities are faster and water volumes are higher, which can more easily stir up and suspend material from the stream bed, causing higher turbidities.

Excessive turbidity, or cloudiness, in drinking water is aesthetically unappealing, and may also represent a health concern. Turbidity can provide food and shelter for pathogens. If not removed, the causes of high turbidity can promote regrowth of pathogens in the water, leading to waterborne disease outbreaks.

After an unplanned repair was required, city official, James White Well, made the decision to switch to the Fairy Creek water supply. With the raining weather conditions only standing to increase turbidity, residents were asked to boil any water they needed to use to ensure consumtion safety. Thankfully it was short-lived. City officials have advised the quality of water has improved to a "good" rating on the Turbidity index.

In a statement released by The City of Fernie officials and reported by myeastkootenaynow.com,

"The City of Fernie and Interior Health recommend that you run water from all faucets for at least five minutes to flush lines prior to resuming normal operations," said Fernie officials.

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MOVIES IN THE MOUNTAINS

Monday Nights at Dark Pothole Park

Downtown Invermere

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: 'FREE MOVIE, LIMITED TO 100 PEOPLE!

LOOK EVENT UP ON WWW.EVENTBRITE.CA FOR TICKETS!

Aug 23rd Raya Aug 30th Tom & Jerry







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ENDING STIGMA IN HEALTHCARE

The B.C. provincial government is taking steps to eliminate anti-Indigenous racism across the Canadian healthcare systems.

The National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health (NCCIH) will be granted \$550,000.00 to go towards the development of tools, strategies, and resources to provide a safe healthcare experience for Indigenous people.

In a statement reported by myeastkootenaynow.com (https://www.myeastkootenaynow.com/18729/provincial-funds-to-make-healthcare-more-accessible-for-indigenous-people-in-b-c/), B.C.'s Minister of Health Adrian Dix had this to say,

"This project will go a long way toward addressing the issue of Indigenous-specific racism in our health system, but also can serve as an important model and training opportunity for the rest of Canada. We are proud to collaborate on something so integral that will deepen our understanding of cultural safety and awareness, and ensure our systems are safe for everyone."

The NCCIH public library is the home for many resources that are critical information towards guiding and informing healthcare workers and to stop the stigma against Indigenous peoples. The funds being granted will be put towards the development of resources, videos, communication resources, research papers, training materials, and educational platforms with Indigenous Services Canada also providing \$520,000.00 over five years to support the program.

The resources currently in the library are:

- the recently produced video, Healing in Pandemic Times;
- the booklet, Creating a climate for change: Cultural safety and humility for First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples in British Columbia; and
- Land for healing: Developing a First Nations land-based delivery model—First Nations Mental Wellness Framework.





MUSIC IN THE PARK

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August 7, 8, 9, 10 and 20 to 26

September 3, 4, 5 (long weekend)

Usually 4 pm to 8 pm (subject to adjustment)

SMARTY PANTS

August 7, 14, 21, 28 & September 4 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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September 10, 11, 12

Performance Times to be Confirmed

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Will be having a

GARAGE SALE

on Saturday, September 11th. We are looking for garage sale items and we can pick them up!

All monies earned from this sale will go toward Youth and Education projects.

Place and time info to follow...

For pickup callSharlene @ 250-688-1561 or Clara @250-347-7706

Thank you for helping us support kids!





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SOCIAL MEDIA MOMENTS





POSTED ON FACEBOOK BY WILDSIGHT INVERMERE

WILD thanks to everyone who came out on Saturday to make Bear Day such a success! We had a blast hosting this year's event with the District of Invermere, Invermere Public Library, WildSafeBC, Groundswell Network & Community Greenhouse and BC Conservation

We hope you and your family made some great summer memories doing bear-y fun arts and crafts, listening to grizzly tales and putting your paws to the grindstone by learning how to use bear spray effectively

Pat Morrow



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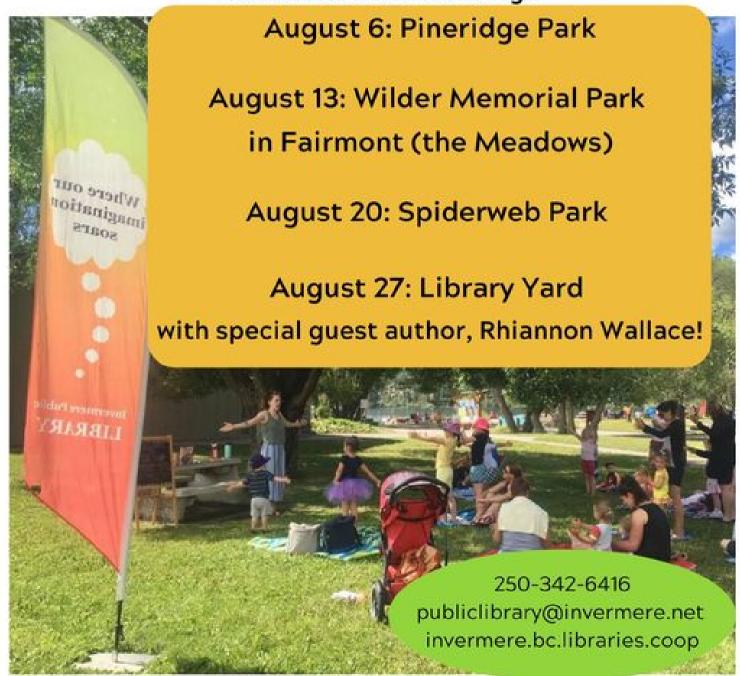


POP-UP STORY TIME

FRIDAYS AT 10:30 AM

For preschool age and their families to listen to stories, sing songs and pick up a craft kit!

Please bring your own blanket so we can space out and maintain social distancing.



STATE OF EMERGENCY EXTENDED



WITH WILDFIRES RAGING ACROSS THE PROVINCE, THE B.C. GOVERNMENT HAS EXTENDED THE PROVINCIAL WIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY MANDATE UNTIL AT LEAST AUGUST 31, 2021.

Current wildfire conditions give government officials the belief that we have yet to see the worse of what's to come. Upcoming weather conditions give cause to a potential for more evacuations and challenges in putting out the provincial wildfires.

Firefighters have been working tirelessly to put out the raging wildfires as they burn across the province. The efforts of firefighting in the Bill Nye Mountain area has shown progress as the 2,990-hectare wildfire is now being held and the evacuation alert for the Plumbob Mountain fire has been ceased.

In a statement released on <u>myeastkootenaynow.com</u>, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General had these comments,

"We've seen several large fires spread rapidly over the weekend in multiple communities throughout the province. I want to assure British Columbians that we're taking every step possible to ensure the safety of everyone in these communities. We're also asking travelers to stay away from fire-affected areas – those under evacuation order or alert – and consider traveling to other areas of B.C. until the situation stabilizes."

There are currently over 260 wildfires across the province with 125 active evacuation orders. This is estimated to impact 22,729 properties across B.C.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUNDING

The provincial government is providing funding to assist with emergency preparedness across a total of 38 communities.

Both the ?akisgnuk First Nation and Invermere have been awarded \$150,000.00 each from the B.C. government to support ongoing efforts for flood planning and preparation. Across the 38 communities, the province is splitting a total of \$5.1 million to help better prepare communities for mitigating and responding to emergencies.

It's expected that Invermere will be utilizing their portion of funds to conduct a risk assessment and mapping of Toby Creek where the ?akisanuk First Nation are expected to utilize their funding towards flood risk and mitigation study. This recent funding is part of the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund which has already distributed \$77 million to communities across British Columbia since it started in 2017.

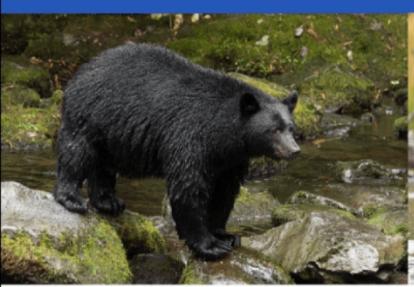
In a statement reported on myeastkootenaynow.com, Mike Farnworth, Minister of **Public Safety and Solicitor** General had these comments,

"This program is vital in helping communities prepare for local emergencies, such as floods and wildfires. These funds have supported emergency operations centres, emergency support services, mitigation projects, response training and cultural humility training so that First Nations and local governments can better get ahead of what might come."



BC Bears















American Black Bear (Ursus americanus)

Shoulder hump absent

Short claws dark in colour

Taller ears

Face has a straight profile

Fur colour can be white, black, various shades of brown and bluish-grey

Grizzly Bear (Ursus arctos)

Shoulder hump

Long claws light in colour

Rounded ears

Face has a dish-shaped profile

Fur colour can be dark brown (almost black), various shades of brown, blonde and silvery (grizzled)





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CIVIL JURY PROCESS FEEDBACK



The provincial government is looking to make adjustments to the civil jury process and have now moved into the public consultation phase.

Government officials have invited B.C. residents to share their thoughts on the future of the civil jury process and how that should look. Reaching out for public consultation from residents of the province is the next step to determine what, if any, measures should be implemented by the provincial government.

The government is considering three options when it comes to the civil jury process:

- · Continuing with civil jury trials, with or without changes to law and practice
- Restricting jury trials to particular cases, such as defamation, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution
- Abolishing jury trials in civil matters.

The public consultation is open until September 30th, 2021 and provincial government officials are asking residents to e-mail their thoughts to PLD@gov.bc.ca. Each province handles civil juries differently while one province has completely eliminated civil jury trials completely. The hopeful outcome from the public consultation is to come to a decision on how best to handle civil jury trials in the future.



THE ORIGINAL QUAKE GAME IS GETTING THE REMASTERED TREATMENT FOR RE-RELEASE ON PC, PS4, XBOX ONE AND NINTENDO SWITCH, AND IT'S ALREADY RELEASED!

JOSH GRIEVE

The latest generation of consoles are expected to receive their editions "soon" and will come as a free upgrade for anyone who purchased the remaster. Quake Remastered has also been released on Xbox Game Pass and with a brand new expansion created by the same developers of Wolfenstein: The New Order.

The remaster was originally announced at QuakeCon boasting that the classic FPS will be playable in up to 4K resolution with "enhanced models, dynamic and color lighting, anti-aliasing, depth of field, and the original soundtrack and theme song by Trent Reznor." Already own the original Quake on Steam of Bethesda.net? Guess what, you get this remastered version for free!

The entire Quake campaign can be played in 4-player co-op either online, local, or with split-screen and features full-crossplay across all platforms. The classic arena combat multiplayer mode will also be available for up to 8 players online or 4 players locally. This includes providing dedicated server support for online matchmaking for custom matches. The campaign also comes with the original expansions from the original Quake game until now. Including, The Scourge of Armagon and Dissolution of Eternity, as well as MachineGames' 20th anniversary expansion, Dimension of the Past. More unexpectedly, the new version comes with a brand-new expansion, Dimension of the Machine, also created by MachineGames.

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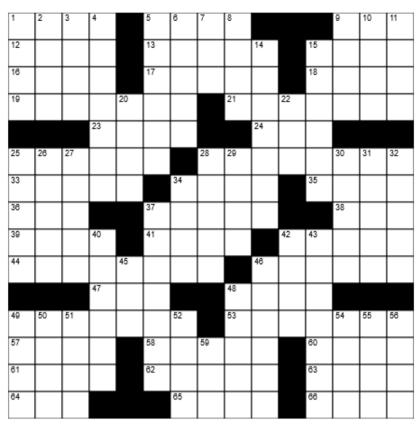


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A LITTLE FUN

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1- Be a mother to; 2- Novel ending; 3- Med school subj.; 4- Sewer system entrance; 5- Singer Morissette; 6- Nocturnal tropical lizard; 7- It's a bit of cheer; 8- In the Black?; 9- Clublike weapon; 10- Composer

Khachaturian; 11- ____, old chap!; 14- One on the run; 15- Ultimate purpose; 20- Now ____ me down...; 22- Schooner fill; 25- Causing death; 26- Best of a group; 27- South American ruminant; 28- White with age; 29- Fully aware of; 30- Red fluorescent dye; 31- ____ voce; 32- Loose coil of yarn; 34- ___ Fox; 37- Druggist; 40- One engraving; 42- Auditorium; 43- Creatures; 45- Sweetie; 46- Tropical American crocodilian; 48- Magna ___; 49- Distribute, with "out"; 50- I've Got ___ in Kalamazoo; 51- Prissy; 52- Amazes; 54- Quod ___ demonstrandum; 55- Roman emperor; 56- I did it!; 59- Peer Gynt's mother;

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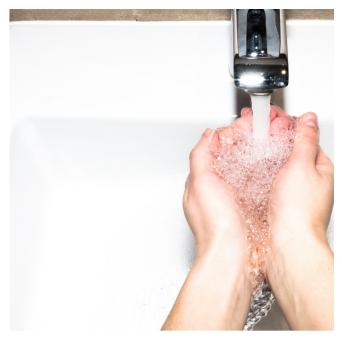




Garage Door Opener

My wife and her friend Karen were talking about their labor-saving devices as they pulled into our driveway. Karen said, "I love my new garage-door opener."

"I love mine too," my wife replied, and honked the horn three times. That was the signal for me to come out and open the garage.



Oh, Okay

I eavesdropped on two of my language arts students.

The first one asked, "Did you warsh your hands?"

"It's not warsh, it's wash," said the other. "The r is silent."



Art of Talking

Overheard a mother bragging about her daughter. "She's very articulate. She can draw anything."



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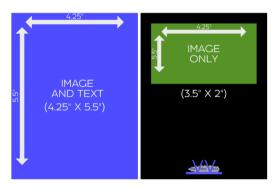
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