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## LETTER FROM THE VOLUNTEERS

Dear Readers,

On the heels of the federal election, opinions and comments are sure to be abound. Our volunteers would like to take the time to thank the Canadians who worked tirelessly yesterday during the polls.

In the midst of a pandemic, frustrations all around with recent restrictions, and opinions flying on who should be the leader of Canada moving forward, it's never an easy role to have to be at the forefront. Whether you were manning the polls and making sure all votes coming through were legitimate or counting the ballots carefully at the end to ensure a legitimate count. These are the people who help us ensure our democracy.

Regardless of who you voted for to lead the country to the future, democracy wins. We have the freedom to vote for who should lead our great country and Canadians have voted.

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# LIBERALS MAINTAIN MINORITY

**THE COUNTRY HAS SPOKEN - AND NOTHING CHANGES.  
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THEY HAD BEFORE THE ELECTIONS BEGAN.**

Voters came out to the polls so they could have their say on who should be leading the country for the next four years. As of 10:30am ET today, despite mail-in ballots still being counted, Liberal candidates were either leading or elected in 158 ridings which gives them enough seats for a majority government and is one additional seat than their previous running in 2019. The Conservative party is currently leading or elected in 120 ridings, the Bloc Quebecois in 33 ridings, NDP in 26 ridings, and the Green Party in 2 ridings.

Based on the current results, the overall seats between party's in the House of Commons won't be seeing a seismic shift. This means Trudeau was not successful in re-distributing power to allow for less of a song and dance with opposition parties. As the votes came in it began to be clear that Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole's campaign speeches about change did not resonate with Canadians as the party had hoped. Bloc Quebecois Leader Yves-Francois Blanchet has held on to their seats with a head-to-head race against NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh for the third party standing. Both the Green Party Leader Annamie Paul (former) and People's Party Leader Maxime Bernier failed to outseat in their ridings.

Justin Trudeau launched the Liberal party campaign with a sizable lead in the polls, however support was seen to dwindle as voters expressed their displeasure towards calling an election during a public health crisis. In the end, Canadians came out to the polls and votes for the Liberal party to remain the leaders of Canada for the near future. The election was called on August 15th by Trudeau, urging Canadians to give their say on who should finish the fight against COVID-19 and lead the post-pandemic recovery of the country.

In a statement reported by CBC, earlier this morning, Justin Trudeau gave a victory speech in Montreal where he said the result of the polls tells them Canadians are "sending us back to work with a clear mandate to get Canada through this pandemic and to brighter days ahead. The moment we face demands real, important change, and you have given this Parliament and this government clear direction."

Trudeau struck a conciliatory tone on election night when speaking directly to the opposition leaders and those who decided to cast their vote elsewhere. Here is an excerpt of the statement reported by CBC from Trudeau's victory speech,

"I hear you when you say you just want to get back to the things you love and not worry about this pandemic or about an election. Your members of Parliament of all stripes will have your back in this crisis and beyond. Canadians are able to get around any obstacle and that is exactly what we will continue to do."

The liberal party will be leading Canada through the next wave of COVID-19 and hopefully into a post-pandemic recovery plan provided we see new cases cease. While mail-in ballots are still left to count, the results of in-person polls have also deemed a leader for the Kootenay-Columbia riding in the 2021 Federal Election.

As of 8:00am. The Conservative party are ahead in the Kootenay-Columbia riding with 99.6% of the polls reporting and a total of 26,813 votes casted towards Rob Morrison. According to information reported by [myeastkootenaynow.com](http://myeastkootenaynow.com), 4,353 votes were sent in by mail and the current margin the Conservatives lead with is 4,673. Meaning the victory is surely to be handed towards Rob Morrison for the Kootenay-Columbia riding.

The process of counting and certifying mail-in ballots will begin on September 21st which can take 2-5 days in total for the process to complete. It won't be until this time that final voting numbers are released and an official winner will be declared.

As of 8:00am, here are the current vote counts for the Kootenay-Columbia riding:

- Conservative Party - Rob Morrison (incumbent) - Votes: 26,813 - 43.8%
- New Democratic Party - Wayne Stetski - Votes: 22,140 - 36.2%
- Liberal Party - Robin Goldsbury - Votes: 5,474 - 9%
- People's Party of Canada - Sarah Bennett - Votes: 4,316 - 7.1%
- Green Party - Rana Nelson - Votes: 2,407 - 3.9%



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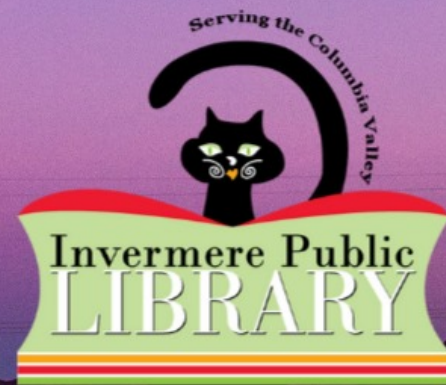
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# AMENDMENT TO PROVINCIAL EVENT RESTRICTIONS

Interior Health's medical health officer has amended the COVID-19 restrictions surrounding organized events to allow for more people and proof of vaccinations.

With this amendment, groups of up to 50 people can meet for smaller indoor events and 100 people for outdoor events. However, attendees will be required to provide their BC Vaccine Card to prove they have their first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine with both doses being required by October 24th. Those attending larger events will need to provide proof of full vaccination in order to attend. Larger events include those with 50 people, 50% capacity of the venue, or outdoor events with either 5,000 people or half the venues capacity.

Interior Health officials have also provided a statement on the amendment as reported by [myeastkootenaynow.com](https://myeastkootenaynow.com).

"High-intensity group exercise classes in the Interior are now permitted, provided all participants and instructors are fully vaccinated with two doses. All other fitness and exercise classes require proof of a minimum of one dose of the vaccine until October 24th, after which time two doses will be required."

The proof of vaccination measures will remain in place until Interior Health reports lower cases and higher vaccination rates across the region. This news comes with more cases being reported in Cranbrook including the second death to be connected to the COVID-19 outbreak at Joseph Creek Village. However, new cases in the East Kootenays have been on the decline over the past two weeks with the latest report being 127 new cases across the region.

The City of Cranbrook will also be following the provincial health order and require proof of vaccination at all city-operated recreational facilities. This includes men's and women's recreational hockey at Western Financial Place, the Memorial and Kinsmen Arenas, along with racquetball, squash, and the walking concourse at Western Financial Place. Those under the age of 22 will not be required to provide proof of vaccination.



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# A SPOOKTACULAR RETURN

The annual Halloween event is coming back to the community of Fort Steele.

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown and restrictions last year, Fort Steele was unable to host their popular Spooktacular Halloween event. However, with provincial and Interior Health restrictions surrounding COVID-19 allowing indoor events, Fort Steele Heritage Town will be able to host their popular annual event.

Fort Steele will be following a number of safety precautions, including following provincial health orders or checking vaccination statuses and placing a cap on how many people are in attendance. These precautions are in order to host the event in the safest way possible for all people in attendance.

Vaccination cards will be required for anyone in attendance 13 years of age and older. Masks will also be mandatory for those attending the event. There will be two separate passes to attend the event, one for the trick-or-treaters and one for those attending the trick-or-treaters, regardless of your age.

In a statement reported by [Cranbrook Townsman](#), Fort Steele posted a request for volunteers for the event,

“We will be looking for volunteers for the evening so if you are interested in helping make this evening as fun as possible, please send an email to [info@fortsteele.bc.ca](mailto:info@fortsteele.bc.ca). We are all dying for some kind of normal back in our lives, and this is our staff’s favourite event to put on for everyone. Please be kind, and let’s make this a fun evening for everyone.”

Although Fort Steele is a pet friendly place, pets will not be allowed at this event specifically. Tickets are available at Fort Steele beginning October 1st and more information will be available on the event soon.





# Ignite Your Life Weekend Virtual Workshop

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Proceeds from ticket sales will go towards a bursary at David Thompson High School entitled the Rise & Shine Bursary, which will support young women who have shown strength and resilience in the face of adversity.



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# BC is Wildlife Country



## Stay safe and help keep wildlife wild.



**Avoid surprise encounters.** Make noise by clapping your hands and using your voice. Watch for scat and other signs of wildlife. Avoid walking alone, carry bear spray and know how to use it.



**Keep pets on a leash in wildlife country.** Not only can dogs displace wildlife, dogs that chase after bears can bring them back to their owners or be killed. Wolves and coyotes can perceive dogs as a potential threat or prey.



**Keep a safe distance.** View and photograph wildlife from a safe and respectful distance of at least 100m for bears and at least 30m for other large non-predatory animals. If you cause an animal to move, you are too close.



**Respect wild animals.** Never feed wildlife and always keep attractants secure and out of reach. Feeding wildlife can lead to conflicts and tragic consequences.

### If you encounter a bear:



Stay calm, do not yell or run. Speak in a low voice. If you have bear spray, pull it out and remove the safety.



Move away slowly. If the bear charges, stand your ground and discharge the bear spray.



Leave the area slowly and report the encounter.



Bear attacks are rare but be prepared. Learn more about bears, bear spray and other wildlife safety at [www.wildsafebc.com](http://www.wildsafebc.com)



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# 6th Annual BC Goes Wild September 2021



**What:** BC Goes Wild

**Where:** Radius - Radium, BC

**When:** September 26th 2021

**Who:** Everyone - Family Friendly

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11:00am Open / 14:00pm End of day

11:30am Scavenger Hunt

12:30pm Picnic, snacks and questions

13.15pm WildSafe Ranger Presentation (Kids)

13:15pm Bear Spray Clinic (Adults)

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# PROVINCIAL STATE OF EMERGENCY OVER

**THE PROVINCIAL STATE OF EMERGENCY, ENACTED JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>, HAS ENDED EFFECTIVE 11:59PM ON SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021.**

On July 20th, 2021 the provincial government declared a state of emergency mandate across the province.

The mandate was put into effect to combat the raging wildfires across the province, providing the B.C. government with more resources to prevent the spread of wildfires. However, the Provincial State of Emergency has ended effective 11:59pm on September 14th, 2021.

The rescinding of the mandate comes down to cooler weather, precipitation, and the non-stop efforts of firefighters who contained and extinguished fires across the province. Although the state of emergency has ended, the provincial government is reminding B.C. residents that we are still in fire season. They are urging residents to be diligent when burning to prevent wildfires.

Over the course of the year, there were 1,585 reported wildfires that burned 868,619 hectares of the province. 3,631 personnel helped assist with fighting the wildfires with crews coming all the way from Mexico and Australia.

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Effective 12:00pm on September 16th, 2021 open burning fires are now permitted in the Cranbrook, Invermere, Columbia, Arrow, and Kootenay Lake fire zones with the boundary fire zone still not permitting open burnings. This means residents of these zones have more available when it comes to needing to burn or have fires.

Category 2 and 3 open fires allow for the use of burn barrels or cages of any size, air curtain burners, sky lanterns, and fireworks. Please note, local governments may still have restrictions in place regarding fireworks and open burning. The B.C. Wildfire Service recommends checking with your local authorities before doing any burning to ensure you're staying with regulations.

While the fire ban is being lifted, B.C. Wildfire Service continues to caution people to not burn in windy conditions and ensure there are safeguards around your fire.







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**IT'S BEING PREDICTED BY BC HYDRO THAT WE ARE IN STORE FOR MORE POWER OUTAGES THIS FALL AND WINTER.**

With record-breaking temperatures in most parts of the province this summer, trees that have been weakened by drought mixed with the stormy weather we've been receiving may attribute to the blackouts to come. With weather forecasts predicting La Nina weather conditions this year, it's expected that more stress will be placed on trees and the surrounding infrastructure. In turn, this could lead to power lines being damaged and outages for residents impacted.

In a statement released on [myeastkootenaynow.com](http://myeastkootenaynow.com), Sally MacDonald community relations official with BC Hydro had the following comments,

"This means we will have colder, wetter and windier weather. That is not a great combination when it comes to outages, with dead trees and windy weather. We're doing everything we can to prepare for that by increasing our vegetation maintenance and by improving our outage restoration time."

Previous outages due to damaging storms occurred in 2015 following a drought and then again in 2018 when heavy rain impacted service for customers in the province. However, BC Hydro has responded to more storms per year with an average of 113 storms per year. BC Hydro is warning residents to be prepared in the event a long power outage should occur in the fall and winter.

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# WATCH OUT HALO FANS, SPLITGATE IS SAVAGE

**THE DEV TEAM BEHIND THE NEW FREE-TO-PLAY GAME JUST TRIGGERED AN ENTIRE FANBASE.**

If you're a Halo fan, you no doubt have been following the updates on Halo Infinite and know that it won't contain campaign co-op and the ever popular forge mode at launch. Instead, the development team over at 343 will be focusing on the single-player and multiplayer campaigns to be flawless for launch. Forge was a mode originally released in Halo 3 which allowed players to edit, customize, and share maps within the Halo community. Forge blew up and quickly became the most popular mode for Halo players and was incorporated in every iteration since.

In comes Splitgate. A new player on the free-to-play field that is a first-person shooter game that is literally Halo meets Portal. You can create different portals to teleport elsewhere on the map and get the jump on your opponent. In a response to a tweet from [@KFCGaming](#) which asked them to "trigger an entire gaming fanbase with one sentence," the response from Splitgate was they would have a forge mode in their game before Halo Infinite.

1047 games went on to explain that it's own made likely wouldn't utilize the actual name Forge for the mode but would contain the same functionality of editing maps within the game. The company has also recently shared their long-term goals following a funding campaign that raised over \$100 million for the studio. While the company is continuing to keep its focus on Splitgate for the future, they are looking at new takes on game genres that have become stale.

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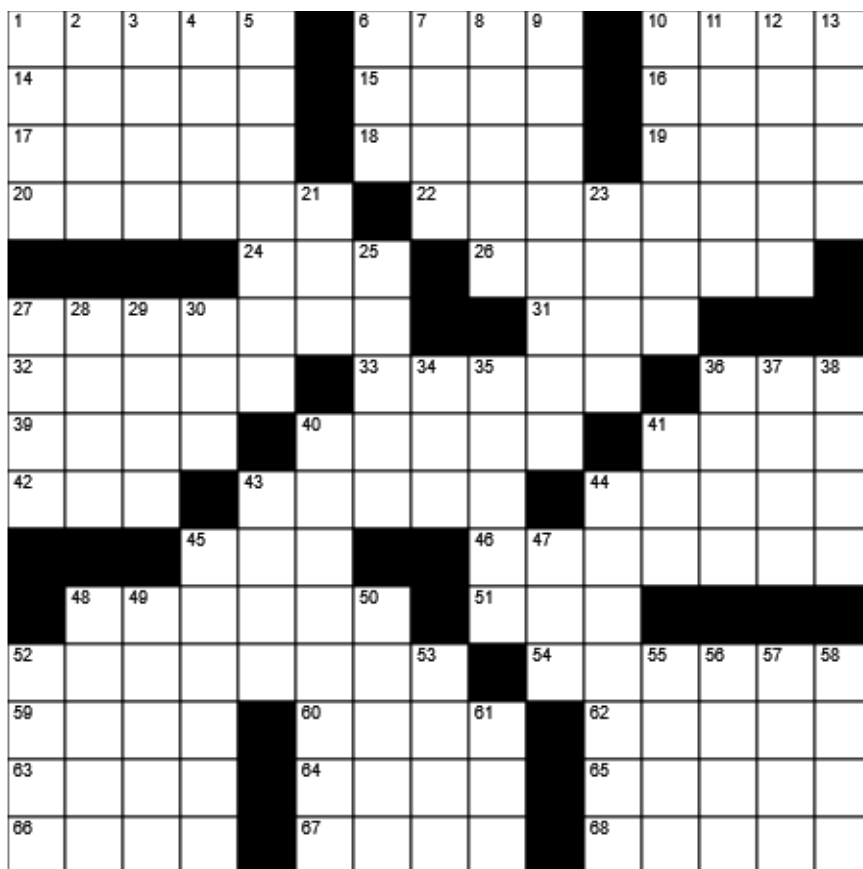
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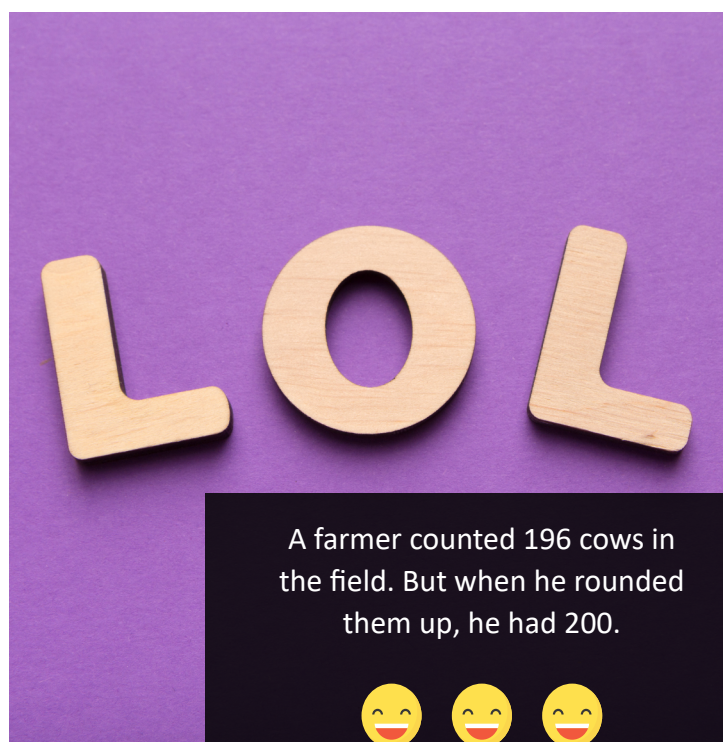
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Person 2: How?!

Person 1: I forgot to take my brownies out of the oven.



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My neighbor, a police officer, pulled someone over for texting while driving, a big no-no in our state. The driver was having none of it. "I was not texting!" she insisted indignantly. "I was on Facebook."



### One More Half

I ordered a foot-long sandwich from a take-out restaurant and asked the clerk to cut it into fourths. "I'm sorry, I can't," she said. "I already cut it in half."



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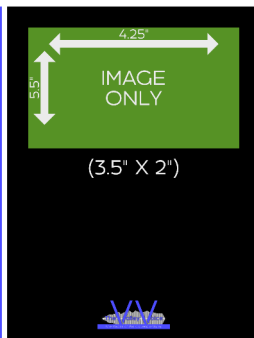
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