

# Update on BKB Cedar Manufacturing Fire

**McBride, B.C. – Friday April 7, 2017**

The Village of McBride offers its sincerest appreciation for the hard work of the McBride Volunteer Fire department in response to the fire at the BKB Cedar Manufacturing facilities. Crews are expected to continue to work throughout the weekend with assistance from Prince George and Valemount firefighters. The fire is contained and an investigation is ongoing into its cause.

Village staff and the Robson Valley Support Society have been fully activated since the fire began to provide support for all BKB employees and their families, and as well as the long-term resiliency of the community.

Within 24 hours of the fire, a number of local and provincial agencies have come forward offering support to recovery efforts.

- Shirley Bond, MLA, Prince George-Valemount
- Bob Zimmer, MP
- Province of B.C.: Ministry of Jobs, Tourism & Skills Training, Ministry of Social Development & Social Innovation, Ministry of Forests
- McBride Food Bank
- McBride RCMP
- McBride Scotia Bank
- Northern Development Initiative Trust
- Red Cross of Prince George
- Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
- Valemount Learning Centre

Additionally, countless residents of McBride and community organizations have come forward to support their neighbours and those battling the fire. This generosity has helped to mitigate the impact on those directly impacted in our community. It is a testament to the strength of McBride as we work together to get through a difficult time.

Village staff have meetings scheduled with impacted BKB employees and other community partners over the coming days to activate resources and put in place economic development and other community initiatives to ensure the village's resiliency in light of this loss.

We remind everyone in the community that the BKB site is an active fire and to stay off the premises for their own safety and to ensure an active investigation is not compromised.

The Village office will continue to provide community response updates as they are available, and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George ([www.rdffg.bc.ca](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca)) will be providing updates on the status of the fire.

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