

## **Update (#5) Community Recovery Planning**

McBride, B.C. Monday May 8, 2017

The Transition team consisting of representatives of several Ministries and local organizations continues to meet on a regular basis each Wednesday to review progress on activities and plan for future actions as the community works to plan for economic diversification and recovery following the BKB fire. The next transition meeting will be 3pm on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

The primary focus of the transition team has been to ensure that the needs of affected employees are met. Robson Valley Support Society (RVSS) and the Valemount Learning Centre (VLC) continue to focus on the immediate needs of affected workers. They are also working with Ministry staff in planning long term training opportunities for the community.

Councillor Harold Edwards is working on some opportunities for economic development and growth in the agriculture sector. He has suggested that we invite the Community Futures Fort George to come and talk about the "Beyond the Market" initiative and how it may help agriculture producers in the Robson Valley.

JTSTL Regional Manager Myles Bruns is working with the McBride and Area Chamber of Commerce on a number of initiatives to support local small businesses. The Chamber is hosting an "After 5" event on May 11 at 7pm and interested business owners are welcome to attend to learn more about how we can support and grow our local small businesses.

JTSTL Regional Manager Myles Bruns is working with the Village, Chamber and the McBride Secondary School to explore opportunities to develop and support youth entrepreneur programs.

Community Futures is working on hosting an entrepreneur workshop in McBride soon.

The work being undertaken by the McBride Community Forest Corporation, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training to better understand the fibre supply in the Robson Valley continues, and this work will help the local community to identify new business opportunities in the forest sector.

Following the Town Hall meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, a suggestion box has been located at the Village Office. Community members with ideas for the short and long term of McBride are encouraged to drop these off in the box. Suggestions can be anonymous or signed. The Village wants your input as a strategy is developed.

McBride Village Council and staff will be attending a strategic planning session on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

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