

Update (#3) on BKB Cedar Manufacturing Fire

McBride, B.C. Tuesday April 18, 2017

On Thursday April 13th at 10am, Robson Valley Support Society (RVSS) held another worker information meeting at the Elk's Hall for employees of BKB Cedar. Representatives from BKB Cedar, the Valemount Learning Centre, the Red Cross and the Village of McBride were in attendance to update employees on the status at the mill site and to review support services available to all employees. The next employee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20th at 10am at the Elks Hall. Employees and their family members are encouraged to attend.

On April 11, the property owner and a crew of his employees assumed responsibility for continued work on the mulch pile, with monitoring from the McBride District Volunteer Fire Department and the BC Wild Fire Service. BC Wild Fire Service provided training to the mill owner and his employees for that work. It has been more than three and a half days without any embers or smoke from the mulch pile and there is currently a thin cover of snow on the pile. Monitoring is continuing. Media inquiries related to the fire status should be directed to Renee McCloskey, Manager of External Relations, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (250) 960-4453.

Power was restored to Gibbs Custom Sawmill on Thursday April 13th enabling that adjacent business to resume full operations.

A Town Hall meeting is planned for this Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 from 10:30am until noon at the Roundhouse Theatre in McBride. The meeting will be chaired by Michele Haddon, Community Transition Manager/Regional Economic Operations from the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training. The intent of the meeting is to inform the community about the actions taken so far in response to the fire, what support and services are available locally and what are the next steps.

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