

**A Historical Guide
to Local Events Through Newspapers**

**Summary for the McBride – Valemount Region
1970-2002**

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Introduction

The Canada Research Chair in Rural and Small Town Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia has been supporting community based research into the social and economic changes important to the rural and small town places of northern B.C. Past research has included studies of community resilience in the 100 Mile House, Williams Lake, and Quesnel areas. Other work has looked at public participation in resource planning exercises in Quesnel, Dawson Creek, Smithers, Clearwater, Powell River, and Kaslo. Recently, extensive work has been done with Mackenzie and Tumbler Ridge. Some of the results of these studies can be found on the website: <http://web.unbc.ca/geography/faculty/greg>.

Presently, research projects are underway in the Terrace, Prince Rupert, and Kitimat areas as well as in the Robson-Canoe valleys. In each of our research exercises, we are keenly interested in how people are reacting to opportunities and challenges in the places they live and work. To ensure that our work does not focus only upon some 'temporarily important' topic, we conduct extensive reviews of local historical information so as to create a deeper portrait of these places. In the end, we are interested in how people work to address challenges and opportunities in places, over time.

One of the key sources of historical information which we use is local newspapers. We read all the editions of the papers we could get a hold of and identify issues and stories for later references and analysis. In the Robson and Canoe valleys we used the time period 1970 to 2002 to frame our research. The year 1970 is about 10 years before the recession of the early 1980s, a point in time considered by many to have marked a turning point in B.C.'s resource economy. For this time period we read through available editions of the:

- Robson Valley Courier;
- Canoe Mountain Echo; and
- The Valley Sentinel.

In this process, we recorded article topics and headlines, by date, and by page number. This report includes a summary list of that newspaper information and we are pleased to make it available to the people of the Robson and Canoe valleys. We hope that it can be a useful starting point for research into issues from the recent past.

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Instructions

The following timeline gives a brief historical overview of the Robson and Canoe valley region. The timeline begins in January of 1970 and finishes in December of 2002. The timeline consists of brief summaries of significant events as recorded through newspaper headlines and articles.

These events have been collected from local newspapers for the following time periods:

- the Robson Valley Courier (RVC) - 1970 - 1987;
- the Canoe Mountain Echo (CME) - 1973 - 1987; and
- the Valley Sentinel - 1988 - 2002.

Abbreviations are only provided for the Robson Valley Courier (RVC) and the Canoe Mountain Echo (CME) to indicate article sources for items listed between 1970 and 1987. All of the events listed between 1988 and 2002 were obtained from the Valley Sentinel.

The timeline is divided by year. Each year is further sub-divided into 16 subject headings:

- aboriginal services,
- agriculture,
- business services,
- communications (Internet, phone, postal service, newspapers, and t.v.),
- community services,
- education,
- emergency (911, ambulance, fire protection, police, and search and rescue),
- environment,
- forestry,
- government,
- health,
- housing,
- physical infrastructure (transportation services, roads, highways, train, air, water, sewage, and hydro),
- senior services,
- tourism and recreation (accommodation, entertainment, tourism, and recreation),
- youth services, and
- other.

In some cases, not every subject is covered within a year. Each event consists of the date of the event, an abbreviation of the newspaper the story came from, and a brief description of the story. We hope that these summaries may provide a starting point for people to undertake work on topics of interest to them.

1970

Business Services

Aug. RVC - New bakery for Valemount.

Community Services

Sept. RVC - Legal aid available Thursdays in Robson Valley.

Emergency Services

July RVC - RCMP highway patrol established in Valemount.

Forestry

July RVC - Cascades Lumber Cedar mill re-opens in Lamming Mills.

Physical Infrastructure

Aug. RVC - Official opening of Yellowhead Highway No. 16 and No. 5.

Aug. RVC - Union Oil 76 service station opens in McBride.

Tourism and Recreation

Aug. RVC - Travellers Inn opens in McBride.

Aug. RVC - First provincial bus tour stops in McBride - hopes of McBride becoming regular stop.

Sept. RVC - Valemount skating rink gets updated.

1971

Communications

Nov. RVC - Referendum to be held in Valley to see if residents want to buy T.V. viewing.

Government

Nov. RVC - Department of Manpower and Immigration offers \$5 million to BC communities to start non-profit projects aimed at creating local employment.

Health

Sept. RVC - Board of Health identifies McBride water supply problems.

Nov. RVC - McBride Hospital Society worried about 'takeover' of institution and lack of autonomy in town since completion of Highway 16 - institutions now interested in governing from afar.

Dec. RVC - McBride ordered to chlorinate water by Board of Health - referendum to be held in near future.

Physical Infrastructure

Aug. RVC - CNR to phase out station agents at Penny and Upper Fraser and replace with passenger shelters.

1972

Communications

Feb. RVC - Expansion of circuit capacity in McBride and Valemount by BC Tel.

Education

Oct. RVC - School Board meets with concerned parents over bus runs and possible closure of rural schools.

Government

May RVC - Village votes 'no' for chlorination in plebiscite.

Health

Feb. RVC - Northern Interior Health Unit tests McBride water - declared clean and free of bacteria.

Tourism and Recreation

July RVC - McBride Tourist Info Centre opens.

1973

Communications

- Jan.RVC - Extension of hours on Friday evenings at Robson Valley Courier.
 - RVC editor walks 23 mile mail route to deliver newspapers to Dunster to prove that he's faster than first class mail service (by 2 days!).
 - Robson Valley T.V. Association to apply to CRTC for license for CBC.
- Apr.RVC - CBC to pay for T.V. for McBride and area instead of tax increases for residents.
 - New copier - laminator for Courier.
- JulyCME - CRTC approves CBC application for broadcasting licence - McBride and Valemount to receive CBC T.V. shows.
- Nov.RVC - UBC questionnaire sent to McBride and Valemount to study affect of T.V. viewing on population.
- Nov.CME - UBC studies how T.V. and various media affect McBride and Valemount.

Community Services

- Aug.CME - Valemount to get courthouse.

Education

- Mar.RVC - Custodial and clerical workers go on strike - protests by way of vandalism by students.
- MayCME - Valemount to get Grade 11 and 12 by 1974.
- Oct.RVC - Oscar's museum moved next to McBride school for additional classroom space.
- Oct.CME - Rumours of new secondary school for Valemount.
- Oct.CME - School Board meets to show support for new secondary school - referendum to be held in November.
- Nov.RVC - Teacher and local school board negotiations break down - want increased wages.
- Nov.CME - Referendum for new secondary school carried by voters by 71.8%.

Emergency Services

- Apr. CME - Ambulance rates rise in Valley.

Environment

- Aug.CME - Chinook count down in Fraser - DFO blames new highway.

Forestry

- MayCME - Hauer Brother's Lumber mill in Tete Jaune burns down - plans to rebuild.
- JulyCME - Canyon Creek Forest Products to expand by building planing mill at their Cedarside sawmill - ready by October or November.
- Nov.CME - Reductions in high power costs for valley - facilitates expansion of McBride

Veneer and Plywood mill and Valemount Canyon Creek Forest Products Ltd.

Government

- Sept.RVC - Local Initiatives Program 73/74 applications available for creating local jobs.
 Nov.RVC - Planning department survey indicates high level of dissatisfaction with social, political and physical infrastructure from Shelley to Sinclair Mills.

Health

- Aug. RVC - Canyon Creek Forest Products donates money to new Seton Hospital in Jasper.
 Sept. RVC - New public health nurse from Victoria arrives in McBride.
 Oct. RVC - Occupational therapy van for Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society visits McBride.
 Nov.RVC - Expectant Parent classes to be held at McBride Health Centre.
 Dec.RVC - High success of five pre-natal classes in McBride.

Housing

- JuneRVC - Council donates land for future senior citizen's home (Beaverview Lodge).
 Oct.RVC - Interest in Low-Income Housing scheme proposed by CMHC.
 - Government to assist home purchasers under "Assisted Home-Ownership".

Physical Infrastructure

- Jan.RVC - Dore River and Beaver bridges work stopped; work on Dunster bridge starts.
 Apr.CME - Regional District asks BC Hydro for reduction in energy charges levied against industry in Valemount and McBride.
 MayRVC - Department of Highways to buy only gas station between Prince George and Jasper.
 - Laying of new water pipes begins in McBride.
 JuneRVC - CNR to increase train service to McBride and area - will increase mail service.
 JuneCME - Hydro rates equalized for commercial and residential use across province.
 Aug.CME - CN and CP Rail lines back to work after three days of regional strikes.
 Oct.CME - Auto parts company chooses Valemount as central area for Jasper and McBride.
 - Sewage system meeting held in Valemount to discuss possibilities and problems.

Tourism and Recreation

- Jan.RVC - Valley MLA to introduce Community Recreational Facilities Act.
 Mar.CME - Valemount community swimming pool discussed at village council meeting.
 Apr.RVC - Oscar's (Lamming) Wildlife Museum sold.
 JuneCME - Concern over new lake created by Mica Dam – "useless for recreation" due to debris.
 - Construction started on Cariboo Ski Lodge in Valemount.

- Sept.CME - Artificial ice too expensive for arena.
- Oct.CME - Canadian Mountain Holidays Lodge (located 13.5 miles up from Valemount)
construction continues - to be completed for Christmas 1974.
- Nov.CME - Figure-skating lessons come to Valemount.

1974

Business Services

- Apr.CME - New variety store, Stedman's, under construction in Valemount.
 - Valemount Birch Street bakery gets facelift.
- Sept.CME - Furniture, appliance and dry goods store opens in Valemount.
- Oct.CME - Valemount Furniture opens.

Communications

- Jan.RVC - First live TV transmission on separate system for McBride (football game).
- Apr.RVC - New post office discussed at McBride Village Council meeting.
- MayRVC - Mail strike affects Valley - Prince George Human Resources employee delivers Social Assistance cheques.
- Dec.RVC - Sod broken for new McBride post office - completion set for February 1975.

Community Services

- Jan.CME - Courthouse officially opens in Valemount.
- Mar.RVC - Executive director hired to run Community Services Board of Fraser-Fort George.
 - Dunster Community Hall caves in due to snow and mild temperatures.
- MayRVC - Minister of Highways approves grant for relocation of Dunster Community Hall after collapse of building roof.
- Dec.CME - Valemount Library Board discusses possibility of new library.

Education

- Sept.RVC - School Board looks at possible extra bus routes for out-of-town students who miss after-school activities.

Emergency Services

- June CME - Valemount receives new ambulance.

Forestry

- Feb.CME - Canyon Creek Forest Products starts community safety fund program - \$7 per employee each month of no accidents.
- MayCME - Canyon Creek Sawmills of Valemount installs new planer at Cedarside.
- Oct.CME - Canyon Creek planer mill destroyed by fire.
 - Canyon Creek Forest Products shuts down for four days - joins other BC mills affected by high stumpage rates and low return on pulp products.

Government

Dec.RVC - Local Initiative Grants (LIP) approved for McBride community improvements.

Health

Apr.RVC - McBride and District Hospital holds blood grouping clinic.
 JuneCME - Old Seton Hospital demolished - new care facility to be built in its place.
 JulyRVC - Occupational therapy van in McBride for one day.
 - Prenatal class reunion meets in McBride one year after first course - another planned for fall.

Housing

JuneRVC - New 'Beaverview' Lodge housing project planned for McBride senior citizens.
 Aug.RVC - Department of Housing to open in Prince George.
 Nov.RVC - Sod-turning ceremony for Beaverview Lodge.

Physical Infrastructure

Apr.CME - Temporary helicopter hangar built at Valemount Airport.
 MayCME - Valemount's Chamber of Commerce looks at impact of Valemount becoming CN diversional point.
 - Jasper National Park/CNR studies feasibility of relocating CN to Valemount.
 JuneCME - Valemount Council approves additional water mains along Elm St.
 JulyCME - Cranberry Lake dump near Valemount closes - new one to open.
 - BC Hydro constructs new power plant in Valemount.
 Aug.CME - Valemount now has locally owned helicopter.
 Sept.RVC - McBride gets contract for Dore River Bridge - strikes will delay completion.

Tourism and Recreation

Jan.CME - Valemount to host 1st annual winter carnival including BC Champion Sled Dog Races.
 Jan.RVC - McBride holds successful winter carnival with higher than usual attendance.
 Mar.CME - North Wind Riders snowmobile club starts up.
 Apr.CME - Valemount Lion's Club starts clean up of Cranberry Lake for swimming.
 - Valemount Hotel begins renovations and addition of lounge facilities.
 - Valemount Yellowhead Motel begins construction of more rooms/laundry service.
 Apr.RVC - McBride holds 2nd annual race at Bell Mountain.
 - Funds from defunct Parks Board transferred to McBride tourist booth.
 JuneRVC - McBride tourist booth employees attend tourist training in Prince George.
 JulyCME - Valemount receives Community Recreational Facilities grant worth \$15,000.
 - Valemount Chamber of Commerce Tourist Bureau established at Yellowhead Motel.

- Sept.RVC - Referendum regarding artificial ice for valley passes 33-16.
Sept.CME - Valemount Council to contribute money toward film production about village.

Youth Services

- JuneRVC - "Sweep" high school employment program receives grant funding.
JuneCME - Valemount receives "Sweep" grant to hire 12 students.
Sept.RVC - McBride's scouting program to be disbanded.

1975

Business Services

- Jan.CME - Business management seminar held in Valemount.
 Apr.RVC - New ladies and infants clothing shop opens.
 MayRVC - Save-Rite grocery store closes in McBride.
 JuneRVC - 'People's Own Market' opens in McBride - locally made items and second-hand appliances/furniture.
 Aug.RVC - Grocery store underway in McBride.
 Oct.RVC - Canoe Valley Irly Bird supply store opens in Valemount.
 - Eagle Aircraft Manufacturing Co. Ltd. opens in McBride.

Communications

- Mar.RVC - CBC program, "Route to the Yukon", talks to McBride Museum.
 Apr.RVC - New post office for McBride.
 Aug.CME - Canoe Mountain Echo gets new editor.
 Oct.RVC - Due to mail strike, telephone bills paid at Robson Valley Courier and local senior citizen looks after service.

Community Services

- Jan.CME - Library in Valemount to move into old Kindergarten classroom in spring.
 Apr.CME - Canyon Creek Forest Products host Safety Fund dinner - money handed out to Valemount organizations.
 JuneCME - Library officially opens in Valemount.

Education

- Apr.RVC - Preschool activity centre planned for McBride families in fall.
 MayCME - Two provincial cabinet ministers visit Valemount Elementary school.
 Oct.RVC - CNC offers Philosophy of Early Childhood Education in McBride.

Emergency Services

- Nov.CME - Valemount Community Hall chosen for police/crime awareness program.

GovernmentOct.RVC - New multi-purpose provincial building planned for McBride.

Health

- Mar.RVC - McBride gets new dentist.
 April RVC - Concern over doctor leaving McBride to complete specialty in surgery - advertising for doctors to temporarily take-over.

- May.CME - Lion's Club and Canyon Creek Forest Products donate x-ray machine, autoclave and air conditioner to Valemount medical clinic.
- June.RVC - Petition circulates to have Riverview Hospital demolished and mentally ill brought to own communities.
- June.CME - New, donated Dynaclave Sterilizer for Valemount Clinic.
- Aug.RVC - McBride gets local full-time emergency medical assistant at hospital.

Housing

- Mar.RVC - 20 new unit residences finished for McBride senior citizens.
- July.RVC - Beaverview Lodge occupied with senior citizens - grounds still not complete.
- Aug.RVC - 5 new modular homes being built in McBride.
- Oct.CME - Department of Housing looking to help families in rural areas who cannot afford own home.
- Nov.RVC - Under Federal and Provincial Rural and Remote Area Housing Program, McBride will have 5 units built.

Physical Infrastructure

- Jan.RVC - McBride receives grant for sewage facilities deal.
- Town Council informs McBride village that current garbage disposal site at Dore River to be closed in summer.
- Jan.CME - Higher garbage and water connection rates in Valemount.
- July.RVC - McBride Flying Club announces plans for flying school for August.
- Aug.RVC - Group from Robson Valley applying for LIP grant to open recycling facilities.
- Aug.CME - Valemount receives \$25,000 basic support grant under the Natural Gas Revenue Sharing Act which is for communities with less rapid growth that still face financial pressures.
- Taxi service returns to Valemount - to run in conjunction with charter bus service.
- Nov.RVC - McBride votes 'yes' in garbage referendum - gates to Village disposal now open.
- Dec.RVC - McBride and Valemount receive community disparity grants under Natural Gas Revenue Sharing Act.

Senior Services

- Apr.CME - Valemount Branch 106 becomes part of Senior Citizens Association of BC - old café to become Senior Drop-in Centre.
- May.CME - Official opening of Seniors Drop-in Centre.
- Aug.CME - Senior Citizens receive grant under 'New Horizon Program' to put towards rec. centre and senior's home in future.

Tourism and Recreation

- Feb.CME - Financing of artificial ice to be paid for by property owners from Dome Creek to Albreda and Alberta border.
 - Chamber meets - plans include making tourism a viable second summer and winter industry in Valemount.
- MayCME - Recreation Commission asks Valemount Village Council to set aside land next to arena for pool.
- JulyCME - Valemount Centennial Park gets water fountain.
- Nov.RVC - McBride now has artificial ice for arena.
 - Private money donated to buy Zamboni ice cleaner and tractor for skating rink.

Youth Services

- Feb.RVC - Decided that there is a need for child activity centre in McBride area.
- MayCME - Job creation projects for youth in Dunster - 10 employed.
- Sept.RVC - McBride Daycare Society to interview 6 potential employees.

1976

Business Services

- Mar.RVC - Business management seminar held for McBride's local businesspeople.
 MayRVC - JB Variety Store demolished in McBride - two more buildings slated for demolition.
 Sept.CME - New Chinese restaurant opens in Valemount.
 Nov.RVC - New fast-food store and laundry mat opens in McBride.

Communications

- Mar.RVC - BCTV in McBride for two stories on Robson Valley land distribution and on bachelor looking for a bride in newspaper ad.
 Dec.RVC - BC Tel petitions CRTC for telephone rate increase.

Community Services

- JuneRVC - Social worker comes to town for two days of appointments.
 JuneCME - Tete Jaune approves building of community hall.
 JulyRVC - McBride library receives grant to buy encyclopedias and another to buy furniture.
 Aug. RVC - BC Tel wires go underground to provide better service in McBride. This solution allows the wires to be unaffected by snow.
 Sept.RVC - Lawyer sets up office and offers services in McBride every Wednesday.

Education

- Mar.RVC - School board budgets increase by 19.3% - 'unrealistic in view of today's economic climate'.
 Apr.RVC - Mill rate increase for education in BC stays the same as previous year.
 Sept.RVC - McBride pre-school to offer french session.
 Oct.RVC - Conservation outdoor rec. classes to be held two days a week in McBride.

Environment

- Sept.RVC - Locals and Greenpeace resist damming of the McGregor River.
 - BC Hydro retains consultants to conduct feasibility study of proposed McGregor River Diversion Project.
 - McGregor Action Group challenges BC Hydro on diversion project.
 Oct.RVC - BC Hydro sprays herbicides near Dunster and McBride - halted after protests.

Forestry

- Mar.RVC - Forest Minister announces new formula for establishing new market price for pulp chips.
- MayRVC - Lamming Mills bought and ready to be fixed up.

Government

- MayRVC - Study of rural living to be conducted by Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.
- JulyRVC - Minister of Manpower and Immigration announce approval for \$100 million for new Local Initiatives Program (LIP) to target areas of high unemployment.

Health

- Mar.RVC - Lion's Club hold annual eye examination clinic at McBride Elementary school.
- Survival first-aid courses available in McBride.
- Apr.RVC - McBride Village Council writes letter to Norther Interior Union Board of Health to request more health coverage - no public nurse available.
- Regional District Board drafts outline for creation of a Regional Health District.
- MayRVC - Public Health nurse from Prince George to come to McBride.
- Aug.RVC - New district nurse to start in mid-September.
- Sept.RVC - McBride Hospital considered to be in financial dire straights.
- Nov.CME - Valemount Clinic receives x-ray machine and exam table from Canyon Creek Safety Fund.

Housing

- JulyCME - Federal and Provincial Program on Native and Rural Housing allows for 5 units to be built in Valemount.
- Nov.RVC - Cement poured for new senior citizens home in McBride.

Physical Infrastructure

- Jan.CME - Valemount to put in new sewage system.
- Feb.CME - Tete Jaune CN station vandalized - station masters house to be burned down.
- MayRVC - McBride gets new water pipeline.
- JuneRVC - CNR train dispatchers and operators in northern BC walk-off job.
- Aug.RVC - McBride receives fire hydrants for downtown streets.
- New water system for McBride.
- Sept.CME - Tete Jaune opens new trailer for CN station with permanent operator - 'lacks charm'.
- Sept.RVC - Regional District looks into new site for garbage dump in McBride - only have temporary one available.
- Nov.CME - New gas turbine installed at Valemount BC Hydro plant.

Senior Services

Feb.RVC - Grant to McBride youth to teach arts and crafts to senior citizens.

Tourism and Recreation

Jan.CME - New ski runs established near Valemount.

Feb.CME - Arts Council formed in Valemount.

Feb.RVC - McBride's Provincial Community Park transferred to Village of McBride for use of local residents.

Mar.CME - Valemount local invents snowshoe harness.

- Parks Canada not moving from Jasper to Valemount.

Apr.CME - Valemount Lions Club to develop Little Cranberry Lake - includes adding washrooms, expand beach area, wading pool, new wharfs and floating diving raft.

MayRVC - McBride gets new play park.

MayCME - Arts and Crafts Fair in Valemount.

- Annual Ball tournament in Valemount with out-of-town participants.

MayRVC - McBride gets new drive-in theatre.

JuneCME - Valemount Lions Club completes first four phases of Little Cranberry Lake rec. site.

Youth Services

Mar.RVC - Summer student employment program begins in McBride.

Oct.RVC - Daycare offered for McBride children up to age 8.

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Agriculture

- July.CME - Markee Ranch in Valemount burns down.
 Nov.RVC - BC government starts Small Farm Development Program.
 Dec.RVC - Small farm symposium on organic farming methods to be held in January in Dunster.

Business Services

- Jan.CME - Valemount Chamber of Commerce receives requests for a maximum security prison to be built in area.
 Feb.RVC - Local furniture maker starts business in McBride.
 - Chamber of Commerce revived in McBride.
 Mar.RVC - Discounts offered to senior citizens at Robson Valley Market.
 Apr.RVC - Chamber survey results on raising awareness of "need" in McBride and area returned.
 MayRVC - Project manager of Kitimat Pipeline Ltd. in McBride to speak to public.
 JulyRVC - Old post office in McBride to become upholstery and fabric store.
 - Farmer's Market licence granted for McBride.
 Aug.RVC - Farmer's Market opens in McBride.
 Oct.RVC - Western Brewery Ltd. chooses McBride as site for their new industry.
 Nov.RVC - Business Seminar held in McBride.
 - Travelling furniture show from Prince George comes to McBride.

Communications

- MayRVC - New telephone system for police assistance in McBride.
 JuneRVC - Preliminary UBC studies show 'aggressive' behaviour in children after advent of T.V. in McBride - study compared before and after.
 Oct.RVC - New 'Yellowhead Magazine' made public.
 Nov.RVC - BC Tel goes on strike in middle of rewiring program in McBride.
 - UBC returns with T.V. survey findings.
 - BC Tel goes on strike in middle of rewiring program in McBride.

Community Services

- Feb.CME - Valemount Community Hall burns down.
 Mar.CME - Construction starts on new Tete Jaune Community Hall.
 - A.C.T.I.O.N Committee starts in Valemount to fight crime.
 JuneRVC - New social worker for area east of Purden Lake.
 Sept.RVC - Construction of new Adventist Church for McBride.

Education

- Feb.RVC - \$20,000 to be spent on renovations for McBride Secondary.
- MayCME - New discipline rules to be introduced to Valemount schools earlier than expected.
- Sept.RVC - McBride Junior Secondary offers adult continuing education courses.
- CNC offers early childhood education class in McBride, "Understanding Young Children".
- Nov.RVC - Research on gardening in McBride to be conducted and pamphlets distributed.
- Adult education course to start in January at McBride Secondary (including cooking, Kung fu, sewing, pottery and woodworking).
- Upgrading of science facilities, previously deemed unsafe, at McBride Secondary.

Emergency Services

- JulyRVC - Ambulance receive pagers as part of new communications system in McBride.

Environment

- MayRVC - BC Hydro and Forest Services say no to herbicide spraying.
- Oct.RVC - BC Hydro has little success explaining their side of McGregor Diversion Project to McBride community.

Forestry

- Jan.CME - Canyon Creek Mills accounts for 60% of areas' payroll.
- Canyon Creek battles pine beetle infestation.
- Apr.RVC - Fire destroys Lamming Mills sawmill.
- Free use permits for securing timber to use for agricultural development only.
- JuneCME - 3rd Annual Canyon Creek Safety Banquet held in Valemount.
- Nov.RVC - Forestry to conduct assessment of timber in Robson Yield Unit.
- Canyon Creek mill to get wrapper.

Government

- JuneRVC - Federal/Provincial Special Rural Development Agreement (SRDA) signed.
- JulyRVC - Agriculture and Rural Development (ARDA) subsidiary agreement signed by BC and Canadian government.
- Valemount and McBride part of area designated region for federal development assistance.
- Oct.CME - Valemount is 50 years old!
- Nov.RVC - New dump opens just east of McBride.
- McBride receives funds from Canada Works of the Department of Manpower and Immigration for community employment projects.
- Dec.RVC - BC Government to provide increased financial help for municipalities by way of

new revenue sharing act.

Health

- Mar.CME - Valemount designs new clinic - construction to start in April.
 JuneRVC - McBride and District Hospital seeks reclassification to include extended care.
 JuneCME - Official sod-turning ceremony for Valemount Health Clinic.
 JulyRVC - McBride Hospital receives grant to hire two students for summer work.
 - Specially equipped dental vans and trailers to visit remote BC rural and underserved areas for next 11 month.
 Aug.RVC - Installation of new encoder at McBride Hospital.
 - Letters collected on history of hospital's early days as the Red Cross clinic in McBride area.
 Oct.CME - Valemount Health Clinic receives money from BC Tuberculosis Christmas Seals Society.
 Nov.RVC - New doctor not coming to McBride - chooses Valemount instead.
 - Speech pathologist arrives in valley.

Housing

- May.RVC - New rental aid program for seniors and new benefit package for welfare recipients.

Physical Infrastructure

- Mar.RVC - Government feasibility study recommends McGregor Diversion Project as best answer to Fraser flooding.
 Apr.CME - New, higher speed zones for Valemount and area.
 JulyRVC - BC Hydro installs new generator at McBride plant.
 - Quesnel Chamber of Commerce seeks assistance from McBride Chamber in developing highway along old Goat River Trail.
 Sept.CME - Valemount to get new 300,000 gallon water tower.
 Sept.RVC - Goat River Road turned down due to cost.

Senior Services

- Jan.CME - Senior Citizens Association discuss construction of a senior's hall.
 Sept.CME - Valemount senior citizen's project put on hold.
 Oct.CME - Grant approval for proposed Senior Citizen's building project in Valemount.
 Nov.RVC - Valemount senior citizen's building progresses.

Tourism and Recreation

- Jan.RVC - Yoga classes for women begin in McBride.
 Feb.RVC - Public meeting held to discuss McBride's community swimming pool.
 Mar.RVC - Pool project in McBride stopped due to lack of public response and financial

- commitment.
- Apr.RVC - McBride Council supports grant application for cultural centre by the Robson Valley Arts Council.
- Apr.CME - Construction of new motel in Valemount begins.
- MayCME - Lions Club puts finishing touches on Cranberry Lake projects.
- JuneRVC - McBride community residents re-open and staff tourist booth on volunteer basis.
- Oct.RVC - New Gun Club in McBride.
- McBride Museum in danger of closing down.
- Oct.CME - K.O.A. campground for Valemount.
- Nov.RVC - New McBride Film Society to show movies once a week at high school.

Youth Services

- JuneRVC - Daycare available in summer months in McBride.

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Agriculture

Mar.RVC - Changes to Farm Income Assurance Program by Minister of Agriculture angers NDP - worried about small scale farmers.

Business Services

Mar.RVC - McBride Alpine Café burns down.
 MayCME - Old Geier store demolished in Valemount.
 JuneRVC - Fabric Store opens in McBride.
 JulyCME - Valemount starts up Farmer's Free Market.
 Aug.CME - Construction begins for new Valemount shopping centre.
 Oct.RVC - Small business seminar held in Valemount.
 Nov.RVC - 10% discount at Valley Market in McBride ends due to abuse of privilege.

Communications

JulyCME - McBride and Valemount petition to bring CTV to area.
 Nov.RVC - Valley residents to vote on authorization of Regional District to provide funds for re-broadcasting of BCTV.
 - Second station television referendum passes with 245 'yes' and '27' no.
 - Mail service changes due to train schedule - 1st class mail only now by bus and all mail by train.

Community Services

Jan.RVC - New psychologist for valley schools.
 JuneRVC - Valemount receives grant for building of community hall that burned in '77.
 Sept.RVC - Sunday school starts at St. Paul's United Church.
 Oct.RVC - Human Resources representative to visit valley on regular basis.

Education

Oct.CME - School Board in Valemount to discuss whether or not Christian heritage should be preserved and if abortion and anti-abortion discussions should take place in class.

Environment

JulyRVC - Chemical brush clearing programs start along highway.

Forestry

Jan.RVC - BC government lowers wood chip prices to reflect world pulp market.
 Apr.RVC - BC Forest Service and BC Hydro to attempt salvage of merchantable debris off

- of McNaughton Lake.
- Apr.CME - Selkirk Mill, near Valemount and McNaughton Lake, in final stages of construction.
- JuneCME - Serious wildfire near McNaughton Lake.
- Wildfire under control after one week.
- JulyRVC - McNaughton Lake salvage operations begin.
- Sept.RVC - New timber boundaries negatively affect McBride.
- Sept.CME - Meeting timber supply for Canyon Creek a major concern.
- Oct.CME - Logging to be 'more or less' verbal agreement between Canyon Creek mill and BC Forestry.
- Nov.RVC - 'New' logging method (high-lead logging) used in McBride and Valemount area on steep terrain.

Government

- JuneRVC - Unconditional grant payments to be made to BC municipalities under Revenue Sharing Act.

Health

- Jan.RVC - Outpatient fees increase at McBride and District Hospital.
- Feb.RVC - McBride Hospital has budget deficit due to severe budget cutbacks.
- Apr.CME - Official opening of Valemount Medical Clinic.
- Apr.RVC - Breath alcohol testing unit in McBride.
- MayRVC - Reclassification of McBride Hospital approved - long term beds available.
- Sept.CME - Three Jasper doctors wait for go-ahead to staff Valemount clinic.

Housing

- JuneRVC - Official opening of senior citizen's home in Valemount.
- Nov.CME - Senior's lodge official name - "Golden Years Lodge".

Physical Infrastructure

- MayCME - BC Hydro sub-station to be built near Valemount.
- Aug.RVC - Grant available for airstrip improvement at McBride airport.
- CNR rail stations and agents to be removed across north central BC - little opposition.
- Nov.RVC - Municipal Finance Authority announces \$42 million in bonds on Canadian market- money to go to municipalities including Valemount for the purpose of water upgrading.

Senior Services

May.CME - Valemount Senior's Association receives New Horizon grant for programs.

Tourism and Recreation

Jan.RVC - First steps toward implementing a McBride Museum Society are taken.

Jan.RVC - Donation of land set aside for moving museum by McBride council.

Feb.CME - Cross-country skiing takes off in Valemount after four years of work.

Mar.CME - Canadian Mountain Holidays (CMH) may take legal action against Valemount Council for not allowing helicopter flights for tourists - CMH had advertised across Europe.

Apr.RVC - McBride Museum Society now registered.

Apr.CME - Minor softball may fold due to lack of support.

Sept.RVC - Robson Valley Community Art Centre closes at Anglican Church in McBride-trying to find new facility.

Oct.RVC - Council okays Art Council's move into 1913 heritage corner store building in McBride.

Oct.CME - Alpine Motel adds 16 new units.

Youth Services

May.RVC - 17 youth jobs available in McBride under provincial program.

Sept.RVC - Grand opening of open door coffeehouse/drop-in for young people at United Church in McBride.

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Agriculture

Nov. RVC - Farmers and RCMP establish Robson Valley Range Patrol.

Business Services

Jan.CME - New co-operative Natural Foods and the Valley Store opens in Valemount.
 MayRVC - Old McBride corner store destroyed in fire.
 JuneRVC - New barber/hairdresser for McBride.
 JulyRVC - New Curio Shoppe locates in old McBride post office.
 Oct.RVC - Two new shops on Main St. in McBride - Ralph Hart Saw and McBride Air Cooled Engines.
 - Bakery to open in McBride.

Communications

Mar.CME - Valemount and area invited to meeting to discuss addition of T.V. channels.
 Aug.CME - More subscribers needed to the Northern Access Network, in Valemount, for 20 hr. daily programming.
 Oct.RVC - Approximately 1980 before CTV comes to McBride.
 Nov.RVC - McBride receives 2 new T.V. stations re-broadcast from Kamloops.
 Nov.CME - Valley residents raise enough money for installation of dish and transmitting equipment.

Community Services

Jan.RVC - Dunster community begins construction of new community hall.
 Feb.CME - Valemount Community Hall officially opens.
 MayCME - Valemount Library receives photocopier.
 Oct.RVC - 'Museumobile' from Atlantic Canada visits McBride.
 - Homemakers Society to form in McBride to help elderly, new mothers and handicapped.
 - No one shows up to hear about drug treatment program or about system of care regarding alcohol and rural services in McBride.
 Nov.RVC - Valemount gets two new social workers - will service McBride as well.

Education

Jan.RVC - New Conversational French adult education course available in McBride.
 JulyRVC - Community education co-ordinator for valley a possibility.
 Oct.RVC - McBride schools receive music instruments for band programs.
 Nov.RVC - Valley residents vote for community developer from CNC to service valley area.

Emergency Services

- Sept.RVC - Feasibility study to be carried out to see if McBride residents want fire department to increase rural range.
- Oct.RVC - Mountie discharged for not accepting transfer away from McBride - protests over it.
- Issue of Mountie taken to Montreal papers by 'mystery man'.
- Nov. RVC - Firing of McBride Mountie a national issue on T.V. and in newspapers.

Environment

- JulyRVC - Caribou study encompassing McGregor to McBride completed by UBC student.

Forestry

- MayCME - Canyon Creek Forestry Products builds new, 12-man bunkhouse and kitchen.
- JuneCME - Celebration of 4th year of Canyon Creek Safety Fund.
- JulyRVC - McBride fights for re-allotment of timber supply given to Prince George
- Aug.RVC - MLA Bruce Strachan makes commitment to get timber for McBride and area.
- Oct.RVC - McBride pushes for forest district office.
- McBride wins bid for district office.
- Dec.RVC - New McBride mill, Castle Creek Forest Products Ltd., starts up - 10-12 employed.

Government

- JulyRVC - McBride resists fluoride in water.
- Hydro manager reviews future of hydro in McBride - new 2500 kW generator for 1980.
- JulyCME - Government Agent's office to come to Valemount.
- JulyRVC - McBride Council discusses hiring of economic development officer.
- JulyCME - New Valemount office village houses ICBC, fire department, village clerk and a few others.
- Sept.CME - Village office rated as one of 'finest small offices' in province.
- Sept.RVC - Feasibility study to be carried out to see if McBride residents want fire department to increase rural range.

Health

- Feb.CME - Valemount Clinic rated among top in province.
- Mar.RVC - Two Scottish doctors to practice in McBride.
- Mar.CME - Valemount Lions Club distributes emergency "Vial of Life" health kits.
- Aug.RVC - 'Vial of Life' comes to McBride.
- Scottish doctors not coming to McBride.
- Sept.RVC - New doctor for McBride in October.
- Nov.RVC - New ambulance centre under construction in McBride.

Housing

- JuneRVC - New 11 unit apartment building to be built in McBride.
 Dec.CME - New housing complex in Valemount taking applications for tenants.

Physical Infrastructure

- Feb.CME - Two CN derailments in one week just outside of Valemount.
 MayCME - CN collision just north of Valemount - estimated damage at \$2 million.
 JulyRVC - Canadian Association of Independent Mechanics and Allied Workers protest at McBride service station as freight trucks gas up.
 - McBride resists fluoride in water.
 - Hydro manager reviews future of hydro in McBride - new 2500 kW generator for 1980.

Tourism and Recreation

- Apr.CME - Canoe Marina Association make headway with building of facilities on McNaughton Lake.
 MayCME - New Valemount theatre gets new, 'best' projector.
 JulyCME - Construction starts on swimming pool and squash court for Valemount.
 Aug.RVC - Rec. fitness education director a possibility for valley.
 JuneRVC - Pitch and putt driving range coming to McBride.
 JuneCME - Japanese-style mountain inn resort to be built in Valemount.
 Sept.CME - Construction starts for Japanese resort, Takayama Resort.
 Oct.CME - Valemount Lions Club shuts down Cranberry Lake Recreation Site after repeated incidents of vandalism.
 - Valemount members meet to start Valemount Historical Society/museum.

Youth Services

- JulyRVC - 29 jobs for McBride youth under provincial program.

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Business Services

- Feb.RVC - Bakery closes in McBride.
 - McBride gets taxidermist.
 - Spruce Capital Feeds, of Prince George, opens store in McBride.
 - Bakery looks for suggestions to stay open - complaints of stale bread.
- MayRVC - Men's and children's clothing store opens on Main St.
- JulyCME - Dunster Farmers and Flea Market starts up.
- Sept.RVC - Women's and children's clothing store in McBride, 'Sharon's Shop', closes after 5 years.
- Dec.RVC - New liquor store in McBride village complex replaces old one.

Communications

- Jan.RVC - Robson Valley receives American programming from new dish receiver.
- Feb.CME - Channel 13 gone - new channel to consist of TV and FM.
- Sept.RVC - Long distance telephone charges no longer from Dunster to McBride.

Community Services

- Jan.RVC - School psychologist leaves valley for Fraser Valley.
 - Village Council discusses idea of 'mini' Manpower Employment office in McBride - would service Valemount too.
- Apr.RVC - Church pastors look at bringing crisis centre to McBride.
 - Agencies meet to discuss mandate for a new counselling services committee for the McBride area.
- MayRVC - Law offices to open in McBride.
- JulyRVC - Newly formed Self-Help Resources to publish directory services list for McBride and Prince George.
- Sept.RVC - Educational school psychologist takes position for 6 valley schools.

Education

- Jan.RVC - CNC, UVIC and UBC to contribute funds to study needs of valley residents.
- Feb.RVC - McBride Secondary receives full accreditation.
- Mar.CME - CNC interested in sponsoring women's programs in Valemount.

Emergency Services

- Apr.RVC - McBride gets new ambulance - now has two for area.
- MayRVC - McBride Mountie loses court case in Vancouver for hearing into why he was dismissed.
 - Association formed to help Mountie battle for hearing.

Aug.CME - Valemount fire department gets new foam spray for oil/gas fires.

Environment

MayRVC - Meetings held to discuss spraying of herbicides on school grounds in McBride.
 June RVC - School District 57 defeats motion to use chemical herbicides on school grounds.

Forestry

Apr.CME - New re-manufacturing plant/planer set for production near Valemount at old Hedber site.
 MayRVC - Construction of new cedar mill, Majestic Lumber Mill, to begin in McBride.
 JulyRVC - Film, "Falldown Effect" shown at McBride forestry office - estimated 15 years of logging left in McBride area.
 Aug.CME - Pine beetle infestation hits - Canyon Creek and Forest Service begin logging area hit.
 - Clearwater Timber purchases Canyon Creek Forest Products.
 Oct.RVC - Public meeting held concerning McBride timber supply - needs Morkhill timber, presently in Prince George jurisdiction, added to stay sustainable.
 Nov.RVC - Petition to have Morkhill region allotted to McBride mailed to Ministry of Forests.
 Dec.RVC - Morkhill drainage added to McBride Timber Supply Area.

Government

Apr.RVC - McBride Mayor outlines proposed office complex.

Health

Feb.RVC - Local dentist leaves McBride.
 - Dr. Heaton from England sets up medical practice.
 Feb.CME - Clinic in Valemount faces problem of who should be allowed to practice between Jasper and McBride doctors.
 - McBride Hospital Board meets with Valemount residents - does not want to take lease away from Jasper doctors but wants more hours for McBride doctors.
 JuneRVC - New dentist to start July 1st in McBride.
 Nov.RVC - Lifeline Seminar held in McBride for computer evaluation of health.

Physical Infrastructure

Feb.CME - Concern with Valemount sewage system and disposal of effluent - Cranberry Lake area prime candidate.
 Apr.RVC - McBride Mayor to meet with Minister of Highways Alex Fraser to request flashing amber light at main junction.
 MayRVC - Regional District to conduct airport study on Valemount and McBride.
 JuneCME - BC Hydro takes out diesel generators at Valemount - power now from Mica

Dam.

- JulyCME - Tenders called for construction of sewage system in Valemount.
 Aug.CME - Sewer contract awarded - construction starts immediately.
 Aug.RVC - Airport meeting held - runway length an issue and air ambulance wanted by two McBride doctors.
 - McBride gas prices highest in BC.
 Nov.CME - Sewer lines completed in Valemount.

Tourism and Recreation

- Jan.RVC - Regional District supports Robson Valley Arts Councils move to Dunster CN station.
 MayRVC - 7 page booklet on Bell Mountain potential as ski resort published.
 MayCME - Valemount Alpine Motel adds 9 units and indoor pool for upcoming tourist season.
 Sept.RVC - Arts Council to show movies at McBride United Church Hall every Saturday.

Youth Services

- JulyCME - Youth Employment Program allots money to Valemount - 20 jobs.

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Agriculture

Dec.RVC - Robson Valley Cattle Association develops community pasture on crown land.

Business Services

Feb.CME - Scotiabank opens in Valemount.

Mar.RVC - Health Food store opens in basement of McBride local.

Mar.CME - B&M Trophies opens in McBride.

Apr.RVC - Cheese factory a suggestion at McBride Chamber of Commerce meeting.

MayRVC - Grand opening of Robson Centre.

MayCME - New photography studio for Valemount.

- Doors open at new Valemount liquor store.

Oct.CME - "How to Start Your Own Business" course offered in Valemount.

Nov.CME - Valemount Shopping Centre gets big facelift (including new drainage system).

Communications

Dec.CME - Post office relocated in Valemount with new features.

Education

Feb.RVC - Local McBride teacher teaches English to recently arrived Cambodians.

Sept.CME - CNC offers G.E.D. courses in Valemount for 19 and older.

Oct.RVC - McBride Secondary receives band saw, milling machine, and 3 Apple computers.

- Parent-teacher group forming in McBride.

Emergency Services

Apr.RVC - New fire-fighting equipment for Dunster.

Forestry

JuneRVC - McBride Castle Creek Forests Products Ltd. installs cedar planer.

JuneCME - Forest Minister announces continued minimum stumpage for 6 months to help small logging operators.

Aug.RVC - McBride's Far West Cedar Fencing Ltd. closes and goes into receivership.

- Far West charged with failing to cover wood waste debris on property.

Sept.RVC - 54 forest fires strike Valemount and McBride area.

Nov.RVC - Zeidlers veneer mill in McBride closes for one week.

Dec.CME - Mount Thompson Wood Enterprises in Valemount burns down.

Government

JuneRVC - Regional district to install satellite receiving dish.

Health

Jan.RVC - Fire damages new Robson Centre - money stolen from dentist office.

Oct.RVC - Local dentist visits McBride elementary school to demonstrate proper dental care.

Housing

JulyRVC - Rental accommodation lacking in McBride.

Physical Infrastructure

Aug.CME - Railway passenger service cut between Jasper and McBride.

Aug.RVC - McBride and Valemount submit proposals for grants to upgrade airports.

Senior Services

Nov.RVC - Village Council gives go-ahead to proceed with McBride Golden Jubilee.

Tourism and Recreation

Feb.RVC - McBride community asked to billet Western Canada Cup skiers.

- Shell Cup Canadian Championships held on Bell Mountain.

JuneCME - Community members discuss new McBride sports complex to be done with donations and grants - no tax hikes.

JulyCME - Valemount Info Booth has no funding - relies on volunteers.

Sept.RVC - Mt. Terry Fox dedicated.

Oct.RVC - 8 experienced climbers/skiers to produce film on extreme skiing.

Youth Services

MayCME - Committee of people look into idea of daycare in Valemount.

JulyCME - Good return on Valemount daycare survey - enough interest to start one.

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Communications

- Jan.CME - HBO fades out in Valemount due to new satellite.
 Feb.RVC - Richmond company to broadcast Cancom T.V. and radio signals to McBride.
 Feb.CME - CBC and BC Tel failing to uphold commitments to McBride taxpayers as reception gets worse.
 Apr.RVC - McBride and Valemount reject satellite decoders for scrambled T.V. programs due to high cost.
 Oct.RVC - BC Public Utilities authorizes Robson Valley Cable Services to provide cable T.V.

Community Services

- Aug.CME - Directory of Valemount and surrounding area free to public.
 Sept.CME - Referendum planned to ask residents if in favour of establishing a specified area to support library services in valley.
 Nov.RVC - Library referendum passes 120-3.

Education

- Apr.CME - Basic ambulance course for students in Valemount.
 Sept.CME - CNC to offer full-time adult upgrading program in Valemount.

Emergency Services

- Aug.CME - Valemount Council to look into getting second fire truck for rural areas - inadequate resources.

Environment

- JulyRVC - Pressure from forest industry threatening caribou population in valley.

Forestry

- Feb.RVC - Zeidler Forest Industries shuts down bush operations until summer.
 MayRVC - Zeidler scrag mill, outside of McBride, burns down.
 JuneRVC - Monroe Bros. Logging to provide jobs for 10 people on UIC.
 JulyRVC - Hauer Mill, north of Valemount, burns down.
 Aug.RVC - Robson Provincial Forest proclaimed as one of 12 in province.
 - Zeidler's employs 20 workers in bush operations under assistance program.
 Aug.CME - Clearwater Mill to lay off 35-39 employees.
 Dec.RVC - Carrier Lumber Ltd. buys McBride Far West Cedar Fencing Ltd.

Government

May.RVC - McBride receives \$2,000 from province for celebration of 50th anniversary.

Health

June.RVC - Concern over high numbers of miscarriages in McBride region - herbicide spraying a possibility.

- Miscarriage report released - cannot prove or disprove miscarriage link to chemicals.

July.CME - Mobile vet clinic for large farm animals sets up in Robson Valley.

Aug.RVC - Local woman calls for province-wide campaign over miscarriage report by Dr. Peck.

- McBride water contaminated - boil advisory set.

Dec.RVC - Northern Interior Health Board recommends disinfection of McBride water system.

- 1st water samples from McBride show up clear.

Housing

Apr.RVC - Hearing held on Robson Valley Settlement Plan - less development of rural lands wanted.

- 15 new lots at 4-16 acres allowed near rural Mountainview Road.

Physical Infrastructure

June.RVC - BC Hydro to construct 85km distribution line from Valemount to McBride.

Nov.CME - Valemount receives grant to log airport property for runway expansion, and development of trails and picnic areas.

Dec.RVC - McBride Beaver garbage dump closed and Legrand dump prepared for use.

- Diesel-electricity no longer as BC Hydro connects district to 25 kV distribution line.

- Charges against Regional District due to uncontrolled burning dropped on eve of trial as dump is closed.

Senior Services

Mar.RVC - Ground work laid for mini-bus for McBride elderly.

Nov.CME - Valemount Continuing Care Society holds meeting to discuss formation of society to provide live-in care for elderly.

Tourism and Recreation

Mar.RVC - McBride theatre re-opens after 2 years.

Apr.CME - Valemount Historical Society looks to save CN station.

June.CME - CNR sells station to Valemount Historical Society for \$1.

Oct.RVC - McBride arena condemned and new replacement recommended.

- Nov.RVC - McBride Curling Club request curling facilities in new arena.
Dec.RVC - McBride awarded federal grant to develop Robson Valley Tourism Development Project.
Dec.CME - Park and recreation area in downtown Valemount developed by 5 young local men.

Youth Services

- Sept.CME - Construction of daycare facilities in Valemount begins.

Other

- Oct.CME - 1981 Census shows rural revival in valley.

1983

Communications

- Aug.RVC - Robson Valley Entertainment Association refuses Canasat's request to locate in McBride.
- Oct.RVC - RV Entertainment Association tries for broadcast licence.
- Nov.RVC - RV Entertainment Society licensed to legally broadcast BCTV.
- TV fundraising successful to bring BCTV and Knowledge networks to McBride.
- McBride Hydro union employees join province-wide strike.
- Nov.CME - Valemount TV Association to become sole owner of broadcasting rights in area.
- Dec.CME - Valemount TV Association may not get broadcasting rights - short \$3,000.

Education

- Oct.RVC - New Sacred education bill forces cost cuts negatively affecting rural populations.
- Nov.RVC - CNC conducts Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutors in region.

Emergency Services

- Apr.CME - Results of Fire Commission Survey from '82 reveal several inadequacies.
- JulyRVC - Regional district and McBride council to conduct feasibility study on extension of fire protection areas.
- Aug.RVC - McBride Police Detachment reduced by one member.

Forestry

- Feb.CME - Valley residents tell government officials to keep land between Tete Jaune and Mount Robson as forest, not park lands.
- Clearwater Mill (formerly Canyon Creek in Valemount) updated and now computerized.
- JuneCME - Valemount Canarctic Mill to have old Selkirk mill running in September.
- JulyRVC - McBride's Castle Creek temporarily shuts down.
- Aug.RVC - 61 auxiliary Ministry of Forest employees laid-off.
- 14 CN cars derail at McBride's Zeidlers Mill; a million board feet of lumber sold as salvage.
- Dec.RVC - One hundred loggers working in valley - Vavenby and McBride see most action.
- Valemount Forest Service office to close in '84.

Health

- Feb.RVC - Ladies auxiliary donates funds for infant resuscitation table to McBride hospital.
- Mar.CME - CNC to chair meeting on future direction of health care in Valemount.
- Apr.CME - McBride Hospital Board offers to take over lease of Valemount Health Centre.

- July.RVC - Chlorination recommended again for McBride water system.
 Oct.RVC - CN and Greyhound warn passengers of health dangers of McBride's water.

Housing

- Nov.CME - 13 new CN modular homes built in Valemount.

Physical Infrastructure

- Feb.CME - Mile 13 bridge condemned - only access to marina area where \$25,000 has been spent on upgrades.
 - Ministry of Forests to replace bridge by March.
 July.CME - Valemount Main Street gets "impressive" replacement bridge.
 Sept.RVC - McBride council approves new hangar at airport big enough for two planes.
 Dec.RVC - New Highways office to open in old McBride Forestry office.

Tourism and Recreation

- Jan.RVC - CNR donates old wooden caboose to McBride Chamber for use as tourist booth.
 Feb.RVC - McBride residents accept arena proposal - referendum to be held in March.
 Mar.RVC - Arena referendum passes with 69% in favour.
 Apr.RVC - Valemount to get new public park with picnic area.
 June.CME - Council threatens to not renew lease on Dore River Park due to vandalism.
 June.RVC - Old McBride heritage house to be renovated for Arts Council - to house art gallery and craft exhibit.
 July.RVC - Arena receives lottery grant increase to cover tender quote.
 Aug.RVC - Tourist told not to stop in McBride as prices for everything too high.
 Dec.RVC - Robson Valley Recreation Centre opens in McBride.

1984

Communications

- Jan.RVC - McBride supports T.V. taxation.
 Jan.CME - Valemount TV Association to still operate despite lack of funding.
 Feb.RVC - Motion to request referendum to pay, by taxes, for operation of channels in McBride passes.
 Apr.RVC - McBride post office institutes same day service from McBride to Valemount - new changes in VIA rail passenger service helps.
 Apr.RVC - Tax-based television and expanded fire protection referendum to be held in May.
 MayRVC - Fire, T.V. referendums pass - 80% for fire, 77% for T.V.

Community Services

- MayCME - Valemount AID (Advise, Information, and Directions) centre to acquire crisis line, library and drop-in centre.
 JulyRVC - McBride and District Public Library Association purchases library building for \$1.00.
 Dec.CME - Valemount AID Centre now known as Valemount Community Centre - to create babysitting directory for community.

Education

- Feb.RVC - 12 microcomputer courses to be held in McBride and Dunster in March.
 Mar.RVC - Ministry of Education reduces school transportation services in valley - 3 students affected.
 Apr.RVC - CNC suspends full/part-time operations in McBride/Valemount and Dunster.
 MayRVC - Avola school closed - eliminates 1 teacher and students to travel by 40 km to McBride.
 - McBride and Valemount form committees to continue college programs.
 Sept.RVC - CREDA hires programmer to arrange adult education courses in McBride.
 Oct.RVC - CREDA holds 'Creative Job Search Techniques' seminar in McBride.
 - CREDA to hold Intro to Computers, Bookkeeping and Small Business courses.

Emergency Services

- Jan.CME - Valemount Volunteer Firefighters get new tanker, deluge gun and uniforms.
 Jan.RVC - Ambulance service may be cut in McBride and Valemount.
 Feb.RVC - MLA Bruce Strachan assures no ambulance cuts to take place.
 - Provincial Fire Commissioner recommends fire protection to area within 5 road miles of McBride.

- Apr.RVC - Tax-based television and expanded fire protection referendum to be held in
 May.
 MayRVC - Fire, T.V. referendums pass - 80% for fire, 77% for T.V

Environment

- JulyRVC - Herbicide spraying to take place on residential properties in and near McBride if owners do not control weeds.
 Aug.RVC - McBride public angry over no warning about spraying - only 2 notices put in town.

Forestry

- Feb.RVC - Robson Valley Cattlemen's Association awaits word from Ministry of Forests on timber sales conditions.
 - Robson Corridor (both sides of highway between Tete Jaune and Mt. Robson Park) added to Robson Provincial Forest.
 Mar.CME - Ranger station in Valemount to close - workers transferred to McBride.
 MayRVC - 7 local forestry experts visit McBride - only 12 public members show up.
 Aug.CME - Valemount's Clearwater Timber Products closes for month of August - to re-open in September.
 - Valemount's Canarctic sawmill and re-manufacturing plant to begin operation soon.
 Sept.CME - Clearwater Timber Products (CTP) shuts down temporarily - does not re-open on schedule.
 - CTP to open for 7-8 weeks and then shut down until March.
 Oct.CME - CPT mill workers to vote on working ½ day with no pay until market turns around; loggers agree to 15% cut for mill to stay open.

Government

- Sept.RVC - McBride designates Main Street for revitalization.
 - McBride gets new computer system for utilities, taxation, payroll and voter list.
 Dec.RVC - McBride protests Council's move to change Second Avenue into truck route.

Health

- Apr.RVC - Hospital Auxiliary acquires new infant restraint seats for rent - 7 total.
 JulyCME - Valemount Health Clinic x-ray machine breaks - no x-rays in Valemount at all.
 Sept.RVC - Valemount alderwoman recommends McBride hospital be moved to Tete Jaune and long-term care unit set up in McBride.
 - Valemount mayor apologizes for alderwoman's comments concerning McBride Hospital.

Physical Infrastructure

- Jan.RVC - McBride Regional Board passes motion that plowing and sanding must remain an essential service.
- Feb.RVC - Ride exchange starts between Prince George and McBride - contact the RVC.
- MayRVC - Diesel oil leakage contaminates McBride residential water supplies.
- Program - McBride receives grant money from Secondary Highways Cost-Sharing to fix roads.
- JuneRVC - CN Rail has no plans to remove McBride station even though station agent position to be eliminated.
- JulyRVC - McBride Airport runway repaved and drainage improved.
- Aug.RVC - McBride CN station agent let go; tickets to be purchased from conductor and reservations via phone.
- Sept.RVC - Valemount Airport to improve facilities with federal grant.
- line. - Ptarmigan Creek passes referendum to bring in Hydro electrical distribution line.
- Nov.RVC - Solutions for rural garbage sites at standstill in McBride.
- Regional Board favours gravel pits against wishes of local community.

Tourism and Recreation

- Feb.RVC - Swim programs cut in McBride school district due to budgetary cuts.
- McBride Yellowhead Ski Club ranks second best at BC Championships Cross Country Ski race.
- Mar.RVC - Provincial Fish and Wildlife Branch to look into creating recreational lake west of McBride.
- Mar.CME - Valemount Swimming Pool Fund disbursed amongst local clubs and groups.
- Grand opening of new firehall.
- Apr.CME - 6/49 lotto machine comes to Valemount.
- JuneRVC - Dore River Park lease cancelled.
- JulyCME - Valemount introduces first colour brochure with information on services, attractions, history and surrounding area.
- Oct.RVC - McBride Chamber of Commerce holds 'work-bee' for Village Park playground.
- Nov.CME - Proposal for Valemount golf course accepted by Council.

Youth Services

- Feb.CME - Valemount receives Federal Government Student Works Grant for 5 jobs - all tourist related work.

Other

- Aug.CME - Valemount Senior's group receives grant for publishing local history book.
- Nov.CME - Valemount Historical Society creates book, "Yellowhead Pass and its People".

1985

Communications

- Jan.CME - Valemount votes 'yes' to TV costs applied to tax base.
 Apr.CME - Tete Jaune to receive CBC TV signal.
 Oct.CME - BCTV to go off the air in Valemount due to insufficient funds.

Community Services

- Sept.CME - Valemount IDEA Centre seeks community help to keep workshops and classes running.
 Nov.CME - Women's drop-in centre opens in basement of Valemount community hall.

Education

- Jan.CME - CREDA to offer more adult education courses in Valemount, including a bookkeeping course, avalanche awareness and estimating contracts.
 Feb.RVC - McBride Secondary to get new computer course as part of School District's effort to provide programs in all area schools.
 MayRVC - McBride electricians get new journeyman course - work done at home and over phone.
 JulyRVC - Canadian Management Certificate program comes to McBride as home study course.
 Sept.RVC - School trustees debate whether a new school should replace McBride elementary and secondary schools.

Emergency Services

- Sept.RVC - 14 properties originally included in McBride's new fire protection boundary lose service due to measurement error.
 Dec.RVC - Fire protection boundaries, in McBride, moved again, to include some and exclude others.

Environment

- JulyCME - CN derailment spills toxic materials 2 miles north of Valemount.

Forestry

- Jan.CME - No double-shift for Clearwater Timber Products until July.
 Mar.CME - Valemount's CPT planer mill and shipping operations reduced to 3 days a week.
 - Canarctic mill, south of Valemount, to salvage material from Kinbasket Lake.
 Apr.RVC - Carrier Lumber makes no commitment to operate McBride's Far West Cedar Lumber which they purchased.
 JuneRVC - McBride mayor wants Carrier Lumber to return 30,000 lumber units after

company buys McBride sawmill and doesn't operate it.
 June.CME - Export order creates work for Clearwater Timber Products.

Government

May.RVC - McBride revitalization plan emphasizes "garden town" theme versus "nostalgic" theme.

July.RVC - McBride Village greens community with ornamental plants and crabapple trees.

Oct.RVC - Debate over revitalization plan for downtown McBride - 'greening' considered a waste by some and 'attractive' by others.

Nov.RVC - McBride adopts new revitalization plan.

Dec.RVC - McBride Main Street stores qualify to apply for provincial grants to improve storefronts.

Health

Apr.CME - Valemount Health Planning Society looks at feasibility of Diagnostic and Treatment Centre.

Aug.CME - Dr. Heaton leaves McBride/Valemount for Salt Spring Island.

Nov.RVC - BC Ministry of Health comes to McBride to investigate possibility of continuing care facility.

Nov.CME - Provincial Health Minister accepts Valemount's bid for Diagnostic and Treatment Centre.

Housing

July.RVC - Valemount seniors get housing grant to build 6 self-contained housing units next to existing lodge.

Physical Infrastructure

Jan.RVC - Yellowhead Highway designated as Trans-Canada North - upgrading costs now shared with Ottawa.

Mar.RVC - McBride water system in bad shape according to Prince George engineering company - wooden waterline too old.

Apr.RVC - BC Hydro considers moving staff from McBride to Valemount - 4 employed in McBride.

June.RVC - McBride contemplates use of calcium chloride to control street dust.
 - Letter of protest from McBride Village over high gas prices sent to Prime Minister and Minister of Energy.

Oct.RVC - Crown land provided to Valemount for municipal airstrip.

Nov.CME - Valemount new airport area rezoned from agricultural to airport status.

Tourism and Recreation

- Jan.RVC - Squash court proposal made for new McBride arena.
- Feb.RVC - Western Canada Championship Cross-Country Ski Races held in McBride.
- Apr.RVC - Robson Valley Community Arts Council renovates old, heritage house in McBride with Canada Works grant.
- MayRVC - McBride arena questionnaire asks community for suggestions on what they want in facility.
- JuneRVC - Swimming pool at McBride recreation centre still an option if community willing to pay for it.
- Forest Service sets aside recreation sites for public.
- Valley Museum and Archives Society officially incorporated.
- JulyRVC - New visitor centre for Mount Robson Provincial Park.
- Aug.RVC - McBride Arts Council opens new building at the old Koeneman house.
- Aug.CME - Wave of vandalism targets parks and recreation areas in Valemount.

Other

- Jan.RVC - Four major community grants approved for McBride, CREDA, Chamber of Commerce, and Arts Council.

1986

Agriculture

Mar.RVC - McBride Farmer's Institute to construct community corrals at old garbage site.

Business Services

Apr.RVC - Dupont considers McBride for peroxide depot after community of Miworth protests.

Communications

Mar.RVC - Residential phone line costs for residents in Dome Creek - Crescent Spur \$5,000 each for connection.

Community Services

Feb.RVC - CREDA offers courses for and on women in the valley.

Education

JulyRVC - McBride Council and organizations start initial planning for new McBride school.

Dec.RVC - Dunster school looks at possible closure if enrolment drops below 30 students (32 presently attend).
- Dome Creek Elementary School to stay open as it is too far to bus students elsewhere.

Emergency Services

Oct.RVC - McBride Volunteer Fire Department cleans water supply (holding tank).

Forestry

Apr.CME - Valemount's Clearwater Timber Products (CTP) planer mill burns down.

JuneRVC - McBride's Zeidler Mill wood supply affected by washout of Dore River logging road.

JulyCME - CTP won't rebuild planer - insurance money to replace Vavenby planer mill.

Sept.RVC - Carrier looking for ways to mill cedar near/in McBride - may be another 2 years.

Sept.CME - Loss of CTP planer in Valemount to cost village almost \$5,000 in lost taxes.

Government

Mar.RVC - Village of McBride becomes member of the Provincial Partners in Enterprise program-provides tax relief to new industries.

Apr.CME - Valemount, one of 87, to receive municipal planning grant.

Sept.RVC - McBride turned down in its application for Expo Legacy funding.

Health

- July.CME - BC Nurses Union serves strike notice - would affect McBride Hospital.
 Oct.RVC - Valley residents to design McBride and District Hospital logo.
 Nov.CME - Valemount Diagnostic and Treatment Centre opens for emergency and elective procedures.

Physical Infrastructure

- July.RVC - BC Hydro office to stay open in McBride.
 Aug.RVC - Paving begins on Yellowhead Highway 16 from Dome Creek to McBride.
 - Flooding in May around McBride costs Provincial Emergency Program \$900,000.
 Oct.RVC - McBride council decides on crushed gravel to control dust.
 Oct.CME - New Valemount airport bridge to be installed.

Tourism and Recreation

- Apr.RVC - McBride Tourist Caboose funding cut - only 2 hired for summer instead of 3.

Youth Services

- Sept.CME - Child care centre opens in Valemount.

1987

Business Services

- Feb.CME - Cariboo Business Development Centre and Federal Business Development Bank offer valley residents business seminar.
- Dec.RVC - McBride businesses form McBride Businessmen's Association.

Community Services

- Jan.RVC - New McBride school planned - revitalizing old one not an option.
- Apr.RVC - McBride Library receives Expo Legacy fund for additional space to house new Valley Museum and Archive Society.
- Apr.RVC - Dunster Community Association writes letters of protest to save Dunster post office (also houses grocery store, hardwares, gas and feed).
- JuneCME - Valemount's new library receives first Expo Legacy funding of \$25,000.
- Aug.RVC - McBride library/museum expansion begins.

Education

- Feb.RVC - McBride students and faculty honoured by SFU - awarded BC Science Gold medal.
- Aug.CME - CREDA receives \$45,000 grant for certification courses and to help subsidize costs.
- Oct.RVC - School district approves plans for new McBride secondary school.

Emergency Services

- Mar.RVC - McBride gets Provincial Emergency Program trailer to assist emergencies in remote locations.
- Apr.RVC - McBride Search and Rescue has first training session.

Forestry

- Feb.CME - District Manager for BC Forest Service in McBride now has permit and licence forms available at government agent's office.
- Apr.RVC - Kakwa wilderness area, near McBride, becomes provincial recreation area.
- JulyRVC - Regional District asks Ministry of Forests to find alternatives to herbicide spraying.
- Aug.RVC - Herbicide contaminated soil removed near McBride water supply.
- Sept.RVC - 5 forest fires in McBride area.
- Oct.RVC - 4 bids received for 10 year forest licence in McBride TSA for old-growth cedar - up to 100 new jobs expected.
- Dec.RVC - 50 valley residents call for moratorium on logging between McBride and Tete Jaune; McBride Regional District to prepare report on future of forest industry in

valley.

Government

Oct.RVC - Request to re-zone McBride rural area for subdivision turned down by Regional District - residents oppose decision.

Health

MayRVC - Ministry of Health increases McBride hospital funding by \$75,000 - renovations for long-term health care and bathroom facilities to begin.

Sept.RVC - Dietitian and massage therapist hired at McBride hospital.

Oct.RVC - McBride and District Hospital and community represented at recruitment fair in Vancouver - hope to alleviate shortage of health care workers in rural areas.

Physical Infrastructure

JuneCME - BC Hydro closes McBride office.

JuneRVC - New dump truck for McBride.

Tourism and Recreation

Jan.CME - Economic development meeting outcome: tourism 'inevitable' as secondary industry in Valemount.

Mar.CME - Valemount and area residents investigate all aspects of proposed Valemount museum.

JuneRVC - McBride Travel Info Centre opens.

JuneCME - Valemount Information Centre to erect large map sign with services and businesses in area; to also greet visitors on the streets.

Oct.CME - Money available for winter development projects in valley area.

Nov.CME - Valemount Historical Society gets CN station for \$1 plus refundable \$300 performance bond.

Other

Jan.RVC - Rick Hansen to include McBride in his route.

Mar.RVC - Rick Hansen arrives in McBride - valley raises over \$7,000.

JuneRVC - McBride makes 'Top 10' list as one of largest BC municipalities.

1988

Agriculture

Dec. - Robson Valley dairy farmers protest - need more quota from BC Milk Board to ensure survival.

Business Services

Feb. - Valemount zoning change to allow a neighbourhood pub passes council.

Aug - McBride passes by-law which establishes the Economic Development Committee to work in cooperation with Prince George Regional Development Corporation.

Dec. - Development strategy for Robson Valley from Vancouver firm receives mixed reviews.

Communications

Feb. - Valemount Entertainment Society re-instated as a society.

Mar. - Valemount Sentinel and Yellowhead Advertiser amalgamate and expand service to serve entire valley.

June - Robson Valley Courier ceases publication after 19 years and editor, Jim Swanson, joins the Valley Sentinel.

Oct. - New metal tower on way to support Valemount Entertainment Society's TV broadcast antennas.

Community Services

Mar. - New Valemount library opens with approximately 100 new junior books.

Nov. - CREDA's Women Resource Group meeting to discuss setting up shelter for battered women in area.

Education

Oct. - BC Ministry of Education sets new revisions in construction standards - may allow for larger, new secondary school in McBride.

Dec. - School District 57 support staff votes to strike.

Emergency Services

Nov. - McBride/Valemount provincial emergency programs look for volunteers to provide search and rescue services.

Forestry

Jan. - Valemount mill, C.I.T.C. Cedar Corporation, wins bid for ten year forest licence.

Dec. - Forestry holds open house to introduce information gathered for use in developing Tete-Jaune-Croyden LRMP.

Government

- Jan. - Valemount Council votes to increase member wages.
- Feb. - Valemount barely loses out on Northern Residents Income Tax deduction - fails to meet criteria laid out by Revenue Canada.
- Mar. - Valemount village discusses possible extension of municipal boundaries to include Cedarside Mill and business district west of Hwy 5 - Village would have to upgrade water system.
- July - Task Force on the Northern Residents Allowance in Valemount to accept submissions from valley community members.

Health

- May - Valemount joins province wide campaign to protest lack of provincial monetary increases in Home Support services.
- June - Two trustees elected to the Valemount Health Planning Society Board - membership at 47 new members with 38 renewals.
- July - Dunster Community Association donates \$3,500 to McBride and District Hospital.
- Oct. - New medical health officer presents community profile detailing health of valley communities - stated that northern resident's need to look closely at preventative health measures.

Physical Infrastructure

- Apr. - Forest Service CN overpass and bridge connects Crescent Spur and Loos to Morkhill Valley.
- June - Dome Creek residents seek financial aid from Regional District to have pedestrian walkway attached to CN bridge.
- Aug. - Upgrading of 9km Tete Jaune/Croyden road to a graveled surface.
- Aug. - Work begins on private hydro-electric project at Ptarmigan Creek, 70 km east of McBride.
- Sept. - Paving and construction of south portion of Highway 5.
- Nov. - 3 positions eliminated at CN in McBride due to new computer assisted operating system.
- Dec. - Yellowhead Road and Bridge (Robson) Ltd. tentatively scheduled to takeover maintenance of area roads from Ministry of Highways.

Youth Services

- Apr. - Playground constructed behind new Valemount library.
- July - Village of McBride sponsors summer youth employment programs under federal program, Challenge '88.
- Aug. - Provincial government study funded on the problem of drug and alcohol abuse among northern youth.
- Sept. - Youth drop-in centre opens to young people of McBride 19 and under.

1989

Business Services

Apr. - CIBC's Valemount branch extends hours.

Communications

May - Community television channel considered for Valemount.

Community Services

Apr. - Elizabeth Fry Society's Victim Assistance Program available to Valemount and McBride.

July - Meals on Wheels service proposed for McBride.

Education

Jan. - School District 57 teacher's strike over class size, prep time, salary, membership into BC Teacher's Federation, maternity leave benefits.

Jan. - McBride Secondary School announces plans for upgrading school's forestry program.

Feb. - Teachers settle after 4-day walkout.

Apr. - Funding approved for new McBride Secondary School.

Sept. - Valley teachers not included in provincial teacher loan forgiveness program; contributes to difficulty in recruiting teachers.

Emergency Services

Mar. - First Aid courses and Child Safe offered for valley parents.

Apr. - Ambulance arrives in Valemount.

Nov. - Village of McBride to study feasibility of upgrading airport for ambulance jet service.

Environment

Feb. - Creation of Robson Alternatives to Pesticides (RAP) to combat use of herbicides in Robson Valley.

Aug. - Manual brushing replaces herbicide use in Robson Valley.

Forestry

Jan. - Valemount Log Truckers Association approach Vancouver Teamsters for help in negotiating rate increase.

Jan. - Valemount Chamber commissions study of forest opportunities in Robson Valley.

Jan. - Ministry of Forests to issue additional forest licenses of Option 3 wood in valley.

Feb. - Valemount log truckers withdraw services and ask for raise to cover increasing trucking costs.

Feb. - Valemount mill shutdown looms as log truckers refuse to settle after three weeks.

- Feb. - Valemount truckers back at work after securing \$10 an hour more.
- Mar. - Draft copy of 5-year resource plan for Robson Valley TSA ready for final stages of input.
- May - Valemount's Canarctic Forest Products Kinbasket Lake mill forestry licence suspended amidst controversy of initial licence designation to parent company, CITC Cedar Corporation.
- May - Robson Valley University Research Forest Committee pushes for research forest in Robson Valley.
- May - Valemount Canarctic mill for sale.
- July - Robson Valley TSA Steering Committee unable to reach consensus over areas to include in TSA 20 year plan.
- Aug. - 15 enquiries and promotional packages regarding the 20 year, Option 3 plan sent out to States and Canada.
- Aug. - New resource officer hired at the Robson Valley District Forestry office in McBride for September.
- Sept. - McBride's Zeidler Forest hires 18 workers.

Government

- Jan. - Village of McBride council announces commencement of job development program for locals.
- Feb. - McBride residents oppose idea of toxic waste facility - McBride council refuses to dump possibility.
- Feb. - Toxic waste idea dropped by McBride Village Council.
- Aug. - Regional District of Fraser-Fort George votes to support request for government agent in McBride.
- Dec. - Valemount and McBride Village councils support recycling depots in valley.

Health

- Jan. - Long term/home nursing program initiated in valley.
- Feb. - McBride District and Hospital receives second highest accreditation possible for Canadian health care facilities.
- May - Valemount opens up new Diagnostic and Treatment health unit.
- June - Valemount Health Planning society looks at solution of government subsidies as way to retain doctors.
- Aug. - Robson Valley Home Support Society awarded \$28,000 contract to employ a teaching home support worker.
- Aug. - CNC administers prenatal classes in Valemount and McBride.
- Oct. - McBride Hospital pharmacy closes.
- Sept. - Loss of two doctors in valley contributes to McBride hospital deficit.
- Oct. - Croup tent donated to Valemount Diagnostic and Treatment Centre.
- Oct. - McBride and District Hospital sells pharmacy to Bob Craigie.

- Nov. - New mental health worker to be hired for valley.
- Nov. - New transport incubator at Diagnostic and Treatment Centre.

Housing

- Dec. - CMHC program to help low-income families in rural areas - new, 3-bedroom 4-plex for Valemount.

Physical Infrastructure

- Mar. - McBride - Barkerville Road Committee aims for road between the towns via Goat River.
- July - Regional District defeats motion to support McBride - Barkerville road connection.
- Aug. - Village of McBride water shows unacceptable levels of contamination.

Tourism and Recreation

- May - Grant boosts local ski club's development of cross-country skiing in McBride area.
- May - Valemount Economic Development Committee approves proposed mountain park system for Tete Jaune Cache.
- May - McBride attempts to designate McBride CN station as heritage site.
- June - Ministry of Tourism grant for cross-country skiing in Valemount.
- July - Yellowhead Outdoor Recreation Association (YORA) denied old Valemount library as ski shelter - seeks facility for winter.
- Aug. - Valemount golf course receives \$100,000 grant from Ministry of Tourism for development.
- Aug. - Valemount CN station receives Heritage Trust Award.
- Sept. - 500 hectares of land in Jackman Flats preserved for recreational use.

Youth Services

- Aug. - Teen crisis line in Valemount.

1990

Business Services

- Feb. - Valemount and McBride designated as Strong Communities in the 90s by Regional and Economic Development Minister.
- Mar. - Benefits of Strong Communities program outlined for Valemount Economic Committee; looks at promoting small business.
- Mar. - Joint council meeting held between valley councils to discuss initiatives under Strong Communities program.
- May - 30 McBride resident's attend Strong Communities symposium to discuss economic initiatives (discuss tourism possibilities, fish hatchery, local golf course).
- July - "Pool of experts" guests at Village of McBride regular council meeting to discuss economic opportunities for area.
- Sept. - Strong Communities plan endorsed as part of 5 year strategy by the Town Revitalization Committee in McBride.

Communications

- Apr. - Cable companies apply to CRTC to install cable vision network in Valemount/McBride.
- May - Valemount Entertainment Society attends CRTC hearing in Edmonton.
- July - Dunster votes in favour of one-way extended telephone service into Valemount. Increases of approximately \$1.00 for residential customer and \$5.00 for business customers.
- Sept. - Sale of the Valley Sentinel to Maureen Brownlee.
- Sept. - Knowledge Network will be available in McBride by October.

Community Services

- June - Canada Employment Services to be offered in Robson Valley in fall.

Education

- Oct. - Booklets to be distributed to schools and libraries in the regional district with information and pictures on early post offices.

Emergency Services

- Nov. - Enhanced 911 service to be operational in December.

Environment

- June - Protests by group over herbicide experiments near Valemount.

Forestry

- July - Cleaning of Kinbasket Lake, 9 miles south of Valemount, started.

July - McBride: Two forest industry consultants to assist in value-added industry ideas.

Government

Jan. - Government agent expands service to McBride for 2 days a week.

July - Government agent closes office in McBride.

July - Frontage plan completed in Valemount.

Health

Feb. - Full-time mental health counselor hired for Robson Valley.

July - Petition circulated in McBride to encourage only doctor to stay.

July - New board members elected at AGM of the McBride and District Hospital Society.

Physical Infrastructure

Jan. - McBride Village Council supports plan to construct power line to eliminate a fluctuating current problem in McBride.

Jan. - Grant approved to upgrade Valemount airport (air ambulance runway, apron and taxi way access).

June - Village of McBride awards airport expansion study to consultants in Prince George.

Aug. - Construction of Valemount airport to be complete in October.

Sept. - Discovery of excrement in McBride's drinking water - 2 advisories sent to village residents.

Oct. - Water testing program in place - water advisory for McBride still in effect.

Dec. - East Twin Creek Hydro Ltd. signed 20 year contract in McBride.

Tourism and Recreation

Jan. - Valemount curling rink construction starts in spring.

May - Concrete boat launch half-finished on Kinbasket Lake.

May - Irrigation system installed at golf club in Valemount.

May - Snowmobile guide to be published (Valemount).

July - Grant from GO BC to McBride Robson Valley Rec. Centre to cover costs of the completed project.

July - Yellowhead Helicopters and Valemount Stables coordinating outfitting operation.

- Construction of Valemount golf course and arena started.

- Finishing touches on Valemount Museum, including landscape.

Other

Feb. - Feasibility study to be conducted in Valemount to research need for a job re-entry program.

1991

Business Services

Apr. - Management committee replaced to oversee Robson Valley Centre in McBride.

Communications

June - Dunster receives toll free service to Valemount.

Community Services

Jan. - Employment Co-ordinator to be hired to serve Robson Valley.

Jan. - New government agent appointed to Valemount.

Feb. - Valley Job Board comes to Robson Valley.

June - Forest Enhancement Program to begin for social assistance recipients.

Aug. - Post-partum support program funding approved in Valemount.

Dec. - McBride's Robson Valley Home Support Society awarded grant to begin groundwork for women's shelter - coordinators for both communities available.

Education

Nov. - CREDA office opens again in McBride.

Dec. - New GED courses announced by CREDA to begin in new year.

Emergency Services

June - Training course on removing accident victims from vehicles offered to fire and ambulance crews in McBride.

Dec. - 911 starts in Valley.

Forestry

Feb. - Slocan Forest Products (Valemount) back in operation after 3 month shutdown.

June - Ministry of Forests approves forest project proposals for McBride and Valemount.

Sept. - Slocan Forest Product (Valemount) and Zeidler Forest Industries (McBride) awarded 2 five-year, 50,000 cubic metre licences as part of Option 3 offer.

Government

June - Annual operating grants approved for McBride and Valemount libraries.

Health

Feb. - To date, 6 information packages sent to interested doctors by McBride and District Hospital.

Mar. - Healthy Communities survey delivered from Dome Creek to Dunster.

July - McBride's Women's Needs Assessment survey completed.

- Oct. - Foot care walk-in clinic begins at Valemount's Diagnostic and Treatment Centre.
- Oct. - Home Support Week proclaimed in Valemount (Oct. 20-26th).
- Nov. - Drug Awareness Week in Valemount (Nov. 17-23rd).
- Nov. - First Well Man's Clinic held at McBride and District Hospital.

Physical Infrastructure

- Jan. - Feasibility study for McBride VIA station to start.
- Mar. - Garbage collection in McBride area put out for tender.
- Mar. - Cardboard recycling to begin in Valemount.
- June - Official opening of Valemount airport.
- July - McBride water exceeds health guidelines with fecal coliform still present.
- Aug. - Nation-wide post office strike does not affect valley.

Tourism and Recreation

- Feb. - Valemount Chamber of Commerce approves tourism trainee grant.
- May - Tourism director resigns in Valemount.
- Aug. - CN station at McBride awarded heritage designation.

Other

- April - Valemount identifies immediate priorities at workshop - Swift Creek walking trail, downtown beautification plan, and a Community Development office.

1992

Business Services

- Sept. - First annual Robson Valley Trade Show held in McBride.
- Nov. - Director and executive positions filled for McBride and District Chamber of Commerce.

Communications

- Jan. - Postmaster position saved in McBride.
- Mar. - Referendum passed for Dome Creek - Crescent Spur telephone service.
- Sept. - Nine TV antennas set up in McBride to improve broadcast signals.

Community Services

- June - Safe shelters now available in Robson Valley.
- Nov. - Formation of Crimestoppers in Valemount proposed.
- Nov. - Violence Against Women Project receives funding in Valemount.

Education

- June - School District 57 votes to keep Grade 8 instruction in Dome Creek.
- Sept. - Preparation for training program for junior paramedics in McBride.

Environment

- Aug. - Valemount residents oppose diversion of North Thompson River.

Forestry

- Jan. - Slocan Forest Products Ltd. starts up Valemount mill with one shift - no guarantee mill will run past June.
- Mar. - Closed-door meeting in Valemount to discuss future prospects for Slocan mill.
- Apr. - Slocan Forest Products Ltd. closes for two weeks.
- Apr. - TRC Cedar mill in McBride re-opens.
- Apr. - Slocan mill re-opens after 10 days.
- Nov. - Slocan mill resumes two-shift production for two months.
- Nov. - Rapattack Base at McBride Airport approved - includes helicopter facilities, storage and employee accommodation.
- Dec. - Slocan announces construction of planer at Valemount mill.

Government

- Jan. - New Valemount Village Square concepts unveiled at meeting - ideas include: info kiosks, welcome signs and alpine garden.
- Jan. - McBride Downtown Revitalization Committee approves angle parking on Main Street and to move hydro lines off the street.

- Feb. - Valemount Village Square plan to proceed.
- May - Road referendum to be held in McBride re: angle parking on Main Street.
- July - Municipal Affairs sets money aside for facade improvement for valley communities.
- Nov. - Community Pride Initiative launched in Valemount.

Health

- Feb. - Loss of R.N. at Valemount Diagnostic and Treatment Centre forces cut to weekend service.
- Mar. - Healthy Communities survey results tabulated. Most important issues listed as: clean air and water, employment and income, recycling, adult education, more recreational opportunities (in that order).
- May - Well Woman's clinic held in McBride.
- June - New name for Valemount Diagnostic and Treatment Centre - Valemount Health Centre.
- June - Health Centre hours resume on weekends with new R.N.
- Aug. - Mobile mammography clinic visits Valemount.
- Oct. - Senior's Health Fair held in McBride.
- Nov. - Home care nursing services available in Valemount area.
- Nov. - Two new paramedics hired in Valemount.

Physical Infrastructure

- Jan. - Robson Valley communities investigate natural gas services for valley.
- Feb. - Study proposed for Valemount corridor along Highway 5 to determine existing problems.
- Apr. - VIA mail train cancelled in McBride.
- May - Public meetings held in McBride to discuss local waste management.
- May - Road referendum passes (90% majority).
- Aug. - Road improvement plan in Valemount to proceed.
- Oct. - McBride water fails Canadian drinking water guidelines - again.

Tourism and Recreation

- Feb. - Heli-ski area in Robson Valley approved with some restrictions.
- Mar. - Funding received for McBride CN railway station/museum renovations.
- July - Decision to close snowmobile area near Valemount in 1993 due to caribou conflict.
- July - Robson Valley tourism operators get display area at Mount Robson Info Centre.
- Aug. - Valemount and Area Historic Society opens museum in restored CN building.
- July - Free interpretative tours now available in Valemount area.
- Sept. - Dunster CN station restoration begins.

1993

Agriculture

Apr. - Information session held regarding new agricultural operations and improving old ones.

Business Services

Jan. - New pub opens in McBride.

Mar. - Robson Valley Market in McBride and Mortenson's in Valemount become IGA.

Apr. - McBride public meeting held regarding formation of credit union in valley.

Apr. - Strong public interest in local credit union.

May - Uni-Globe Shuswap Travel Ltd. opens in Valemount.

May - Provincial dollars for facade improvement money offered to McBride businesses.

Community Services

Mar. - Crimestoppers to form in Valemount.

May - Self-Employment Assistance Program offices open in Valemount and McBride.

May - Crimestoppers installs tip line in Valemount.

June - Drop-in centre approved for Valemount arena.

July - Meals on Wheels delivers 1,140 meals in McBride area over past year.

Sept. - Valley Recycling gets grant from local government to keep operations running.

Oct. - New additions counselor hired to take place of previous counselor.

Nov. - Handyman service for seniors available in Valemount and McBride sponsored by the Robson Valley Home Support Society (in McBride).

Education

Apr. - New Youth Care Program in valley elementary schools run by two new youth care workers.

Sept. - McBride Centennial Elementary numbers highest in years.

Sept. - Valemount Senior Secondary puts forth proposal for new school gym.

Emergency Services

Feb. - Four new Emergency Medical Assistant Ones (EMA I) for McBride ambulance crew.

Apr. - Police Information Retrieval System (PIRS) installed at Valemount RCMP detachment.

Environment

Apr. - Mica Compensation Program assesses fish enhancement opportunities south of Valemount.

Forestry

- Feb. - Zeidler Forest Industries in McBride announces series of upgrades to veneer plant.
- Apr. - Slocan planer mill construction starts.
- Apr. - McBride mill, Castle Creek Post and Rail Mill, resumes under new ownership after 4 year closure.
- June - Slocan planer mill officially opens.
- June - Likelihood that McBride's TRC Ltd., a cedar post and rail mill, may close - 17 jobs would be lost.

Government

- Jan. - 50% provincial increase in minimum wage - businesses in valley worry about consequences.
- Jan. - Valemount approves re-zoning for pub.
- Mar. - Proposed McBride boundary expansion stalled as resident's decide how it will affect them.
- Mar. - Crosswalks to be placed at busy Valemount street corners.

Health

- Jan. - Renovation work at McBride and District Hospital completed.
- Jan. - Valley Health boards and groups meet to coordinate services.
- Jan. - Valemount Health Centre seeks public input on establishment of intermediate health care facility.
- Feb. - Ultra-sound for healing purposes available at McBride hospital and Valemount Health Centre (formerly called the Diagnostic and Treatment Centre).
- Feb. - School District 57 approves condom dispenser installations at high schools.
- Feb. - Robson Valley awaits word on use of mid-wives in hospital.
- Feb. - Second Well Man's Clinic held in McBride.
- May - Travel Assistance Program announced by Ministry of Health. Valley residents must travel to Prince George or Kamloops first for government air services.
- Oct. - Intermediate health care facility listed as number one concern at public health forum held in McBride.
- Nov. - New Directions health plan outlined at meeting.
- Nov. - McBride and Valemount representatives gather for first Robson Valley New Directions Steering Committee meeting.
- Dec. - Mental Health counselor hired for Robson Valley.

Housing

- Apr. - CN Valemount staff housing to be sold off.

Physical Infrastructure

- Feb. - Taxi service given go-ahead in McBride.
- Mar. - Committee formed by Valemount Chamber to explore options for road to Revelstoke.
- Mar. - Valemount homes and business affected by frozen water mainline for a month.
- Mar. - Final plan on waste management calls for closure of Valemount/Dome Creek landfills over ten-year plan.
- Apr. - Village of McBride offers property owners water for domestic use in exchange for allowing new water line to cross their land.
- May - Funding approved for installation of hydro and phone lines at Valemount Airport.
- June - Paving begins on McBride streets and Highway 16.
- June - Work starts on new water system for McBride.
- July - Valemount based Yellowhead Helicopters awarded a service centre contract with Bell Service.
- Aug. - McBride taxi service gets a 90 day permit.
- Sept. - McBride's old wooden water line retires and new water system completed.

Senior Services

- May - Controversy over addition to McBride's Beaverview Senior's Lodge and lack of local input.

Tourism and Recreation

- Jan. - Proposed Goat River Trail linking Wells-Barkerville site to Robson Valley study released.
- Feb. - Tourism Valemount launched by Chamber of Commerce.
- Mar. - Valemount citizens form committee to explore improvement options for arena.
- Apr. - Allan Creek Rec. Trails, south of Valemount, closed to ATVs and vehicles (excluding snowmobiles).
- May - McBride Elks Pioneer Day cancelled for June.
- May - Feasibility study approved for Valemount arena.
- May - Carpet bowling for seniors coming to McBride.
- Aug. - Tourist information and advertising kiosks finished for McBride and Valemount.
- Oct. - 'Fit Pit' fitness centre opens in McBride.
- Nov. - Valemount Arena committee asks village council for more land.

Other

- Feb. - Valemount featured in BBC/Dutch film documentary on train travel.

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Business Services

- Jan. - Economic development questionnaire distributed.
- Mar. - Instant teller introduced to Super A Foods in Valemount.
- July - McBride to be featured in PBS documentary on effects of TV on a population.
- Nov. - Scotiabank in McBride installs first ATM.
- Dec. - New part-time community development coordinator hired for Valemount and area.

Communications

- Mar. - Request put forth by school boards and Village of Valemount Council to support technological infrastructure in north.
- May - BC Tel to upgrade McBride phone system.
- June - Dunster area receives improved television service.
- Dec. - McBride YR radio channel shut down permanently.

Community Services

- Feb. - Victim/Offender services contract awarded to Robson Valley Home Support Society.
- Mar. - BC Tel employees donate \$2,000 to Meals on Wheels.
- May - Valley Recycling funding cut by \$1,000 - recycling facility closes.

Education

- Jan. - Education survey distributed to Valemount and McBride homes to determine educational levels and needs.
- May - Mandatory gun safety course offered in McBride.

Environment

- Nov. - Fish habitat enhancement project completed near Valemount.

Forestry

- June - Two week closure at Zeidler mill in McBride.
- Oct. - New Valemount mill, All Wood Enterprises, starts production - 8 new jobs.
- Nov. - Zeidler lays off one shift.

Government

- July - Money granted to Village of Valemount's Downtown Revitalization program for park areas.

Health

- Feb. - Public survey sent to Robson Valley residents to determine course of action for New Directions Steering Committee.
- Mar. - McBride and District Hospital receives two new wheelchairs and baby equipment.
- Mar. - Valemount Health Centre after hours emergency service suspended.
- Apr. - After hours emergency service reinstated at Valemount Health Centre for long weekend.
- Apr. - After hours service suspended after long weekend.
- Apr. - Jasper vet seeks permit for clinic in Valemount.
- May - After hours reinstated at health centre.
- Aug. - Respite care bed available at McBride Hospital.
- Aug. - Robson Valley Health Council officially designated by Order in Council.
- Sept. - After hours call service for lab and x-ray technician eliminated at Valemount Health Centre.
- Dec. - Valemount Healthy Communities Steering Committee hires coordinator for new part-time position.

Physical Infrastructure

- Mar. - McBride water declared safe to drink and boil advisory lifted.
- July - McBride Village takes over garbage collection in McBride/Dunster area.
- Aug. - Fed/provincial grant for paving of Valemount's Main Street.

Tourism and Recreation

- Jan. - Carpet bowling for seniors begins at the Robson Valley Rec Centre in McBride.
- May - Provincial grant awarded for Gateway kiosks in McBride.
- May - McBride Info Centre officially opens.
- July - Plans are reviewed for Robson Valley Recreation Centre in McBride.
- July - Referendum to be held for new arena/pool complex.
- Nov. - McBride Big Country Snowmobile Association proposes organized search and rescue group.

1995

Business Services

- Mar. - Valemount Home Hardware begins recycling paint.
- July - Valemount sets up Chamber of Commerce.
- Sept. - Economic planning questionnaires published in McBride.
- Sept. - Valemount to receive ATM by Christmas.
- Nov. - Staffing adjustments predicted at Valemount CIBC due to ATM.

Communications

- July - McBride receives improved phone service from BC Tel as part of 10 year rural upgrade program.

Community Services

- Mar. - Canadian Cancer Society folds in Valemount.
- Mar. - Regional District starts recycling bins in McBride, Dunster and Valemount.
- July - Home support services face hours and service restrictions.
- Dec. - Proposal for Adult and Handicapped Day centre in Valemount.

Education

- Feb. - CREDA entrepreneur program offered in McBride and Valemount.
- Feb. - Valemount Elementary receives six computers and two printers.
- Nov. - Learning Centre opens in Valemount.

Emergency Services

- Nov. - McBride ambulance receives defibrillators.
- Dec. - Move toward community policing in Valemount.

Forestry

- Feb. - Castle Creek Forest Products (east of McBride) temporarily lays off eight employees.
- June - Zeidlers in McBride lays off four part-time and nine full-time positions.
- June - Valemount's Slocan Forest Products lays off one shift.
- Nov. - Northern Interior Logs and Fibre to open log sorting facility in Valemount.

Government

- Apr. - Grading of roadside and ditches in Valemount as part of beautification plan.
- June - McBride receives Downtown Revitalization Program grant for facade improvement.
- July - McBride gets full-time Ministry of Environment position.

Health

- Feb. - Well Woman's clinic held in Valemount.
- Mar. - UNBC research project on rural nursing programs begins in McBride.
- June - Province announces new remote and rural health strategy.
- Oct. - Diabetic clinic held in McBride.
- Nov. - Valemount Health Planning Society votes for amalgamation of Robson Valley Health Council.
- Dec. - Valemount doctor leaves on temporary exchange - New Zealand doctor to come.

Physical Infrastructure

- Feb. - Snowslide obstructs McBride water system.
- Feb. - New helicopter hangar at McBride Airport.
- Mar. - Back-up water source tapped for McBride's water supply.
- May - VIA Rail station facilities discontinued in Valemount - reduced to sign-post status.
- June - Greyhound retires one of three daily buses in Valemount.
- Aug. - Greyhound cancels daytime bus in McBride.
- Oct. - VIA plans to bulldoze McBride station.
- Oct. - Construction of four enclosed garbage containers for Valemount landfill complete.
- Nov. - Village of McBride acquires lease on CN station from VIA.
- Nov. - CN announces freight trains will not stop in McBride for crew changes.

Tourism and Recreation

- Jan. - Community ski hill plan introduced in Valemount.
- Jan. - Yellowhead Ski Club of McBride spearheads Bell Mountain access initiative.
- Apr. - \$10,000 grant for Valemount and area community ski-hill.
- Nov. - Valemount Chamber financially supports snowmobile trail grooming.
- Dec. - Valemount arena condemned.
- Dec. - First play to open in McBride.

Youth Services

- Jan. - McBride receives new daycare.

Other

- Sept. - Commemorative WWII history sign erected on Highway 16.

1996

Business Services

- Jan. - Meat and Deli market closes in Valemount.
- Oct. - Sunlife opens offices in McBride and Valemount.

Communications

- Jan. - Valemount to receive federal funding for internet access under "Community Access Project".
- Jan. - Internet Society formed in Valemount.
- Feb. - High-tech learning centre opens in Valemount for Robson Valley residents.
- June - Valemount Internet Society holds open house.
- Oct. - Valemount and McBride schools lose out on internet service.

Community Services

- Jan. - Independently run food bank starts in Valemount.
- Jan. - Canada and Employment Outreach offices close in McBride and Valemount.
- Mar. - Robson Valley Home Support Services starts Infant Development Program.
- July - McBride Library automates.
- Nov. - Valemount Library automation complete.
- Nov. - McBride loses government agent due to cutbacks.

Education

- Feb. - Full-time tourism career entry program begins in Valemount.

Emergency Services

- Aug. - RCMP building officially opens in Valemount.
- Sept. - Valemount receives new fire truck.
- Oct. - Construction starts of RCMP building in McBride.
- Oct. - Ambulance station opens in Valemount.

Forestry

- Jan. - TRC Cedar Ltd. in McBride receives forest licence to harvest 200,000 cubic metres of dead hemlock and cedar.
- Feb. - BC Forest Service moves forest fire protection operations to Valemount.
- Apr. - Allowable annual cut for Robson Valley Timber Supply preserved at current levels - no reduction as feared.
- Nov. - TRC, of McBride, warned by Ministry of Environment - may close.
- Dec. - TRC continues to operate after some renovations.
- Dec. - McBride Robson Valley Forest District office lost 9 full-time positions.

Health

- May - Well Woman's clinic held in McBride.
- July - New Zealand doctor leaves - Dunster doctor takes over until August.
- Nov. - Temporary McBride doctor writes concerned letter to leading figures in health organizations.
- Dec. - Provincial government dissolves local hospital boards including Robson Valley Community Health Council.

Physical Infrastructure

- Jan. - Valemount landfill closes.
- Jan. - Avalanche temporarily threatens Valemount water supply.
- Sept. - BC Hydro starts debris clean-up of Kinbasket Lake.
- Oct. - Land title transfer of CN rail station to McBride complete.
- Nov. - Two McBride Ministry of Highways and Transportation employees lose jobs.

Tourism and Recreation

- Jan. - Arcade to open in Valemount shopping mall.
- Jan. - Referendum to be held regarding Valemount arena.
- May - Canoe Valley Recreation Referendum passes in Valemount.
- Aug. - Utilities issue court challenge concerning tax by-law passed in arena referendum.
- Sept. - McBride's Robson Valley Rec. Centre completed.
- Oct. - Regional District waits for outcome of similar case before further legal action.
- Dec. - Regional District and utilities to go to court early 1997.

Other

- Apr. - Valemount one of six communities to receive part of \$45 million from Columbia Basin Trust.

1997

Business Services

- July - Community market comes to McBride.
- June - 'Woods Goods' store closes in McBride.

Communications

- Apr. - McBride Internet meeting to discuss future possibilities of society.
- June - BC Tel starts work on fibre optic technology in Robson Valley.
- June - Valemount Internet Society leased to private company.

Community Services

- Jan. - Village of Valemount receives employment counselor.
- Feb. - McBride and area library updates junior and adult social studies collection.
- June - Regional District 911 service threatened by provincial 911 plan.
- Oct. - Official food bank to open in Valemount.
- Nov. - Funding cut for Healthy Communities of Valemount.
- Nov. - Food bank officially opens.

Education

- Jan. - Village of Valemount receives computer training.
- Jan. - Grand opening for Valemount Learning Centre.
- May - Dome Creek and Dunster schools saved after budget cuts.

Emergency Services

- Apr. - Valemount police report to Prince George command instead of Kamloops headquarters.

Forestry

- Aug. - Slocan Forest Products of Valemount shuts down for one week due to US quota regulations.
- Oct. - Lumber prices in BC drop by 10%.
- Oct. - Valemount Slocan mill temporarily lays off 19 full-time and 6 part-time employees.

Health

- Feb. - Valemount Health Planning Society votes against amalgamation - waits for government dissolution.
- Mar. - Health Minister Joy MacPhail opens Valemount ambulance station - greeted by protesters.
- Apr. - Health Minister Joy MacPhail appoints Public Administrator D. Marrie of Sechelt to run Robson Valley health societies.

- July - Valemount acquires new doctor.
- Oct. - Robson Health Association Formed in response to government elimination of valley health boards.
- Dec. - A pilot project is initiated by Northern Interior Regional Health Board to attract physicians to Robson Valley.

Physical Infrastructure

- June - McBride receives grant for Phases I and II upgrading of airport.
- July - New cardboard compactor at Valemount transfer station.
- Aug. - Engineers recommend upgrades to Valemount water system.

Youth Services

- July - Valemount daycare and play school amalgamate to form one society.

1998

Business Services

- May - Dollar Store and souvenir shop opens in Valemount.
- June - Hairdressing shop opens in Valemount.
- Sept. - Valemount Chamber of Commerce sends letter to 152 businesses asking for input on economic solutions.

Communications

- Jan. - Internet in McBride becomes reality with federal grant from Community Access Program.
- Dec. - Belmont (Valemount) Ambulance Service receives satellite phone - replaces cell and autotel. The ambulance service had trouble with communication due to transmission signal.

Community Services

- Sept. - Breast-feeding group starts in Valemount.
- Oct. - Hypnosis therapy service opens in Valemount.

Education

- Oct. - McBride Secondary school receives special teaching computers.
- Dec. - Valemount Secondary school acquires passenger van for transporting students.
- Dec. - New elementary school announced for McBride.

Emergency Services

- Oct. - Valemount RCMP officers agree to voluntary on-call duty after overtime wages suspended.
- Nov. - New fire truck for Valemount and District Volunteer Fire Department.

Forestry

- June - TRC Cedar Ltd. of McBride opens three weeks after fire destroys logs in storage yard.

Government

- Nov. - Valemount goes to polls for new referendum regarding arena, referendum is approved.

Health

- Dec. - '97 - '98 - No locum in Valemount.
- Jan. - Valley mid-wives unable to practice due to new Victoria legislation.
- Feb. - Salaried doctors approved in order to bring four new physicians to area.
- Mar. - Well Woman's 12th annual clinic held in Valemount.

- Mar. - New x-ray equipment for McBride Hospital.
- Sept. - Week-long "Nurse First Call" course offered to McBride Hospital R.N.'s.
- Sept. - Canadian Medical Services submits names of two South African doctors and two Manitoba doctors for Robson Valley.
- Oct. - Robson Valley's alcohol and drug counselor leaves for Prince Rupert - Care Manager of McBride and District Hospital to temporarily fill position.
- Oct. - McBride and District Hospital begins renovations.

Physical Infrastructure

- Jan. - Alberta proposes new northern route from Grand Cache to McBride.
- Mar. - Valemount utilities computer mapped.
- May - Valemount airport receives grant to build fuel vat facility.

Senior Services

- Nov. - Seniors clinic held in Valemount.

Tourism and Recreation

- Feb. - Funding options reconsidered for new Valemount arena.
- Feb. - Community ski hill not considered viable in Valemount.
- June - Valemount Info Centre opens for summer season.

Other

- Sept. - Valemount and area receives funding from Columbia Basin Trust for community improvement projects.

1999

Aboriginal Services

Nov. - Metis Provincial Council of BC receives funding for \$35 million for job training - Metis Association in McBride celebrates.

Business Services

Mar. - Secured funding announced for Robson Valley Economic Development officer.

May - Cariboo Grill restaurant opens in Valemount.

July - Thrift store opens in McBride church.

July - Valemount Economic Development Corporation writes 'Smart Communities' proposal for \$5 million grant.

Aug. - New B&B/art gallery opens in old Valemount police station.

Aug. - Valemount CIBC manager, Terry Sabourin, passes away - Jasper CIBC manager takes over.

Nov. - Valemount CIBC reorganizes administration.

Communications

Aug. - Valemount Public Library opens free internet training.

Community Services

May - Community bulletin board erected in McBride.

June - Community members meet in McBride to discuss idea of community hall and form committees.

June - Drug and counselling services begin in McBride and Valemount.

Oct. - Robson Valley attains access to crisis line.

Nov. - McBride library presented with binder outlining treaty chapters from Lhet'li Teneh band.

Education

Mar. - McBride parents meet to discuss elementary school location.

Mar. - BC Tel organization donates ten computers to Valemount Secondary.

Apr. - McBride school site chosen - to be built on same site.

May - McBride Secondary first school in District 57 to be automated.

Sept. - Enrolment down at Valemount Elementary school.

Sept. - Enrolment increase at McBride Centennial school.

Nov. - CNC pursues money for campus building in Valemount.

Nov. - Feasibility study results positive for establishment of CNC outdoor rec and ecotourism program in Valemount.

Emergency Services

- Mar. - McBride Counter-Attack receives \$1,100 grant.
- Oct. - McBride and District Hospital auxiliary donates blood pressure unit to McBride Ambulance.

Forestry

- Jan. - Stumpage rates up in BC by 96 cents per cubic metre.
- Oct. - McBride workers and community members consider shared ownership of Zeidlers mill.
- Dec. - New Canoe River sawmill opens in Valemount - employs 5.

Government

- Jan. - Valemount and McBride protected in municipal grant cuts.
- May - Valemount receives downtown revitalization grant from Municipal Affairs.
- May - Robson Valley LRMP announced.
- Nov. - Working Opportunity fund of \$750,000 for Fraser-Fort George Region.

Health

- Jan. - Doctor Struss to leave Valemount after 14 month stay.
- Jan. - McBride Hospital opens new treatment and emergency room.
- Feb. - Dr. Struss to stay until April.
- Feb. - Petition circulates in Valemount to retain services of Dr. Struss - by Feb. 16th, 151 signatures collected.
- Mar. - Valemount receives new defibrillator.
- Apr. - Counsellor and Community Aid worker hired in McBride.
- May - Two Canadian doctors confirmed for McBride.
- June - Locum doctors fill medical needs in Valemount for summer and fall.
- Aug. - McBride acquires new doctor from Alberta.
- Aug. - New contract doctor's clinic officially opens at McBride Hospital.
- Aug. - Water jet therapy and bathing tub installed at Golden Years Lodge in Valemount.
- Sept. - Robson Health Association writes angry letter to Regional Health Board regarding service cutbacks - public also concerned.
- Oct. - Previous locum doctor in Valemount signs contract with Northern Interior Health Board (NIRHB).

Housing

- Oct. - Pensioner's organization asks BC housing to renovate apartment for wheelchair access at Beaverview Lodge.

Physical Infrastructure

- Feb. - Local Husky Valley Service station in McBride closes.
- Mar. - Northern Road Initiative grant of \$300,000 for road improvement in McBride announced.
- May - Valemount okays upgrading of water system.
- June - McBride receives funding for five road projects under new Territories Program of the BC Transportation Financing Authority.
- Oct. - Valemount ESSO service station demolished.

Tourism and Recreation

- Jan. - \$25,000 grant requested by Valemount Trail Grooming Committee.
- Apr. - \$4,000 donated for new playground in McBride.
- Sept. - Former Canyon Creek Forest Products Ltd. sawmill, now Valemount Slocan mill, donates money towards new arena.
- Oct. - Three applications submitted to BC Assets and Land Corporation for hot springs development.
- Nov. - Valemount's Canoe Valley Rec. Centre officially opened.
- Nov. - Canoe Mountain Gondola given thumbs-up by same consultant who said no to community ski hill.

Youth Services

- Mar. - Valemount Teen Centre moves to basement of Valemount Curling Club.
- Apr. - Toy lending library opens in basement of Valemount Health Centre.
- June - Toy lending library opens in McBride's Health Unit.
- June - Valemount Youth Centre receives \$10,000 grant.
- Sept. - Valemount daycare upgrades complete.
- Nov. - Youth-drop in opens in McBride Anglican Church.

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Aboriginal Services

Nov. - Three Valley Métis Association votes elders as directors for first time.

Business Services

Feb. - Valemount economic survey results in - community wants aggressive approach toward a

mixed economy.

May - New bakery opens in McBride.

Nov. - Entrepreneurial workshop held in McBride for Robson Valley residents.

Communications

Mar. - McBride and Valemount hook up to wireless network.

Community Services

Feb. - Meals on Wheels program in Valemount receives grant from Telus.

May - Valemount Home Support Services Coordinator applies for funding for police-based victim services program.

Oct. - Tete Jaune community hall referendum passes - allows land taxes to fund the hall.

Nov. - Deal ratified between CNC and Valemount for use of community hall.

Education

Mar. - McBride pre-school plans for closure.

May - Social/children's programs affected by School District 57 funds allocation.

May - Reallocation of School District 57 funds - District Resource Centre closes.

May - McBride Secondary receives grants for computer and technology updating.

May - School construction begins on McBride Centennial school.

July - Valemount Learning Centre to officially start CNC Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism program in January.

Oct. - Valemount starts up community literacy program.

Oct. - School enrolments decrease across Robson Valley from previous year - full-time teacher

let go in McBride.

Oct. - Letter writing campaign to start for new gym at Valemount Secondary.

Oct. - CNC looks for permanent facilities for new outdoor program in Valemount.

Oct. - Continuing Education program starts at McBride Secondary school.

Nov. - Report released on fate of District Resource Centre materials - Valley educators displeased.

Forestry

- Jan. - Letter of intent signed by West Fraser Timber and TSA Enterprises Ltd. for sale of Zeidlers mill in McBride.
- Mar. - Local group sign letter of intent to buy McBride Forest Industries (formerly Zeidler) from West Fraser Timber.
- Apr. - Dep't of Forestry, Slocan, UNBC and Valemount begin special management zone pilot logging project near Canoe Mountain.
- May - Released Robson Valley Timber Supply Analysis on the annual allowable cut (AAC) not enough for forest companies and too much for environmental groups.
- May - New Cedar Three Products, cedar mill for McBride - employs 14.
- June - McBride Forest Industries sold to local E.P. Runzt & Associates.
- Nov. - Provincial government approves pilot community forest for McBride.
- Nov. - Slocan Forest Products Ltd. reports large drop in profits.
- Nov. - Forestry road into Goat River watershed halted due to complaint by Sierra Legal Defence Fund to Forest Practices Board.

Government

- Aug. - Valemount receives grant for wheel chair accessibility on Village streets.

Health

- Jan. - Candidate for second doctor in Valemount visits - Village worries about negative reaction to health care affecting doctor's decision.
- May - Two locum doctors come to Valemount for two months.
- May - Diabetes Outreach clinics close in Valemount and McBride and then re-open after protests.
- June - Rural health agreement reached between province, BC Medical Association and some doctors - considered good start but not enough.
- June - McBride shuts down radiology services in wake of physician strike at PGRH.
- Aug. - NIRHB conducts needs survey of professional health care workers in Robson Valley and other northern BC regions.
- Sept. - Valemount Healthy Community Committee sends out community health needs survey.
- Nov. - Senior's health survey released to Robson Valley community.

Physical Infrastructure

- May - McBride updates water chlorination system installed in 1991.
- May - Funding approved for garbage transfer station in McBride.
- Oct. - McBride and Valemount receive tax grants from BC Hydro.
- Nov. - Upgrading begins at busy Valemount and Highway intersection.

Tourism and Recreation

- Jan. - Potential investor, Terra Nova, chosen for \$30 million hotsprings resort near Valemount.
- Feb. - Outline of plan for McBride CN station as a tourist draw presented.
- Mar. - Land deal signed for interpretative centre in Valemount.
- May - Grant applications made for McBride CN station.
- Aug. - McBride Economic Development Commission receives grant for completion of CN station and other community initiatives.
- Aug. - Proposed hotel/conference centre for Valemount.
- Sept. - \$100 million Canoe Mountain Gondola project presented to Valemount community.
- Oct. - Concerned citizens meet regarding the Canoe Mountain Gondola project.
- Oct. - Canadian Mountain Holidays hires local wood worker to design and build furniture for new lodge in McBride.
- Oct. - New playground for McBride Village Park.

Youth Services

- June - McBride Day Care Society looks for alternatives after pre-school closed for a year.
- Oct. - McBride Daycare Society shutting down - too little interest from community.

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Communications

- Jan. - Video conferencing coming to Robson Valley for student and organization use.
- Jan. - Telus requested by Regional District of Fraser Fort George to implement toll-free calling plan.

Education

- Jan. - Valemount Elementary hires first aboriginal teaching assistant.
- Feb. - Education and skills survey sent to Valemount residents.

Health

- Jan. - Valemount Health Centre undergoes renovations to better utilize existing space.
- Mar. - Dr. Rob Turner leaves McBride Hospital after two year stay.

Housing

- Jan. - Property values drop in Robson Valley though area remains stable.

Physical Infrastructure

- Jan. - McBride first recipient of Forest Renewal BC Infrastructure grant - will replace water line.
- Feb. - Valemount Airport receives funding for runway and apron.
- Mar. - Valemount Council approves installation of water meters in commercial buildings.

Youth Services

- Jan. - Valemount child care centre receives new playground equipment grant from Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security.

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Community Services

May - Valemount Government Agent's office receives community computer terminals.

Education

Jan. - Provincial teacher's job action affects Robson Valley - administrators now acting as supervisors.

Jan. - CNC Ecotourism course completes successful first year in Valemount.

Feb. - Teacher job action ends in Valemount - some voluntary activities cancelled.

Apr. - CREDA loses funding - will cease operations.

Apr. - Community of Dunster defends fine arts school after receiving survey from Ministry of Education.

Apr. - Valemount attains approval to buy land for new secondary school.

Apr. - Dunster Fine Arts School shows up on closure list - does not close.

Forestry

Mar. - Robson Valley Forest District loses six positions - McBride forestry office to close in 2003.

Apr. - Valley conservation officer transferred to Clearwater.

Government

Jan. - 30 full-time Ministry of Forestry and Ministry of Highways lost in McBride.

Jan. - McBride Council, employers, and Chamber of Commerce develop job loss plan.

Mar. - McBride representatives present job loss plan (or 'village recovery plan') to province - area will not lose wood salvage program.

Mar. - McBride community members organize meeting to discuss government cuts to forestry and highways.

Apr. - Valemount downtown revitalization plan postponed.

Apr. - Valemount receives thumbs-up on Village's financial position after KPMG audit.

Health

Jan. - McBride Hospital receives new South African doctor

Feb. - Locum doctor to spend seven weeks in Valemount before leaving for South Africa.

May - Valemount Health Clinic changes check-in routine to streamline patients and reduce appointment line-ups.

Housing

Jan. - Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society receives grant from Columbia Trust Basin.

June - New housing unit for Valemount seniors still waiting on details of funding.

Physical Infrastructure

May - Valemount gets grant for new water reservoir.

Senior Services

Apr. - Seniors' counsellor who helps with income taxes no longer funded.

Tourism and Recreation

Jan. - Kinnikinick Park underway in Valemount - more funding required.

May - Valemount's Canoe Valley Recreation Centre to install elevator for wheelchair access.

June - Valemount locals form 'Friends of Valemount Society' - aim to improve trail systems in area.

Youth Services

May - McBride Daycare Society receives \$4,000 grant for repairs.

July - Valemount Child Centre hosts summer camp for ages 5-12.

