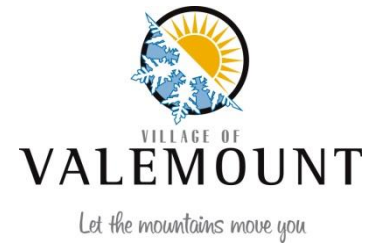




## JOINT NEWS RELEASE

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### McBRIDE & VALEMOUNT JOIN FORCES FOR COUNCIL ORIENTATION

This session, hosted by McBride at the Robson Valley Community Centre on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, focused on a broad range of subjects such as legislative frameworks, roles of Mayor & Council, governance/management, ethical and respectful conduct, conflict of interest, financial frameworks, open/closed meetings, strategic planning, asset management, emerging/local issues, and much more.

Senior staff from both municipalities attended to provide additional context and insights on local government operations.

*“I thought it was an excellent session and I commend staff from both communities for setting it up. We were happy to invite the Village of Valemount to join the training as we know that both communities are stronger, together” - Mayor Gene Runtz, McBride.*

The session was led by Leslie Groulx, of Leslie Groulx Consulting who is a seasoned Local Government Management professional based in Clearwater.

*“We thank the Village of McBride for hosting this first-ever joint-Council orientation. This important session, in a shared learning environment, helps ensure that our collective residents have community representatives that are dedicated to their local government education, and this benefits the entire region” - Mayor Owen Torgerson, Valemount.*



**From left to right:** Councillor Pete Pearson, Councillor Hollie Blanchette, Councillor Joe Kolida, Mayor Owen Torgerson, Councillor Peter Caputo, Mayor Gene Runtz, Councillor Glen Frear, Councillor Hugo Mulyk, Councillor Donnie MacLean. **On the screen:** Councillor Diane Smith and Leslie Groulx.