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## NEB process 'broken and biased'

Lower Nicola Indian Band Chief Aaron Sam and Neskonlith Chief Judy Wilson are boycotting the National Energy Board (NEB) oral hearings regarding the proposed expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline this week, calling the process broken and biased.

They claim that the federal government has not engaged First Nations in any meaningful consultation regarding the proposed expansion of Trans Mountain, and fear that the NEB will let Trans Mountain decide whether First Nations have been properly engaged. They also claim that the NEB's procedures will not stand up to scrutiny.

In an open letter to PM Justin Trudeau, they have requested that the federal government: take a conscious step back; assess the propriety of the NEB process and whether it meets the standard of law; consult with First Nations about how processes should be adjusted to reflect the standards set by Canadian courts; and determine how First Nations consent can be achieved in a collaborative and respectful manner.

## Failing to stop & dangerous driving

Last Friday at approx. 4:05pm Central Interior Traffic Services members were conducting speed enforcement on Hwy 97C near Courtenay Lake. The driver of a westbound red single cab red Ford pickup truck was observed not to be wearing his seatbelt and there appeared to be insecure cargo in the back of the pickup truck. RCMP attempted to stop the pickup, but the driver started to drive erratically into the center median of the roadway in attempts to evade police. Due to public and police safety concerns, the attempts to pull the pickup truck over were terminated.

Merritt RCMP detachment and traffic services members set up at the bottom of Hamilton hill in an attempt to stop him, but the truck did not slow for the red light and proceeded through at high speed. The driver then attempted to turn left onto the on ramp of the Coq to go south towards Vancouver when he lost control and slid over a slight embankment. The truck stayed upright as the driver and passenger got out and attempted to run from police. Both were immediately taken into custody without incident, and taken to the Merritt detachment.

The adult male from Red Deer Alberta is facing charges of possession of stolen property (the pickup), failing to stop for police, dangerous driving and breaching his conditions on charges from the Red Deer area. The female was released from custody and is facing charges of possession of break in instruments and is to appear in court in Merritt at a later date.

## Re: Snow removal

This winter, snow removal has remained a priority with one downtown cleanup completed prior to the end of 2015. It costs on average about \$10,000 every time we load and haul snow from the downtown core, so we try to strategically perform the work only once and sometimes twice per snow season.

Source: Report by Shawn Boven, Engineering & Public Works, City of Merritt

**A Serious Condition** A well respected surgeon was relaxing on his sofa one evening just after arriving home from work. As he was tuning into the evening news, the phone rang. The doctor calmly answered it and heard the familiar voice of a colleague on the other end of the line. "We need a fourth for poker," said the friend. "I'll be right over," whispered the doctor. As he was putting on his coat, his wife asked, "Is it serious?" "Oh yes, quite serious," said the doctor gravely. "In fact, three doctors are there already!"

**Late for Work!** I woke up suddenly terrified, I'm late for work! I opened my eyes and relaxed... I'm at work.

## Community

### Semi-annual house and barn sale

The Baillie House sale is now on, Tuesday through Saturday, 10am-4pm.

### Nicola Naturalist Society

On Thursday January 21, 7pm at the NVIT Lecture Theatre, the NNS presents Frank Ritcey, Provincial Coordinator for WildSafeBC based in Kamloops. The organization focuses on minimizing our impact on the wildlife we observe and keep ourselves safe at the same time. All welcome – membership or donations requested. FMI www.nicolanaturalists.ca

### Sno-pitch fundraiser

Indian tacos, loonie auction and bingo at the Lower Nicola Indian Band Hall January 23rd, doors open at 3pm. No cash prizes but great prizes otherwise. Fundraising for Aces 2nd annual sno-pitch tournament, happening on January 30th, at Merritt Central Park.

### Community Choir - spring session

Starts Monday Jan. 25, 7pm at Collet-ville School, Birch St. entrance. Wide variety of music chosen for this session. New members most welcome, especially tenor and bass voices. FMI contact Ellen 378-9899 or Barb 378-2678.

### 10th annual Community Arts Show

The Nicola Valley Community Arts Council's 10th Annual Community Arts Show is calling for local artists and artisans who paint, carve, pot, draw, sculpt, quilt, weave, sew, knit, and crochet. The Community Arts Show will run Feb 5-27. Pieces for the show can be brought to the Courthouse Gallery anytime the gallery is open, now through until 2pm on February 5th. How many pieces you can enter will depend on the space available. A small fee for the 1st piece will be charged to make up the prizes for *Under 16*, *Adult & Best of Show*. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, noon-6pm. FMI contact Kathi klassicalart7@hotmail.com, 378-6515.

### Dance Flavours

Taste a variety of dance flavours in a weekly dance class for 8 weeks. Which dance type & style do you like best? Introduction to dance for ages 6 to 8 years. Dance classes in Merritt and Lower Nicola. FMI dance@telus.net or 378-9898.

### Ballet Kelowna presents 'Boundless'

In Merritt, February 9, 7:30pm at the Civic Centre. Tickets: Adults: \$25, Seniors: \$20, Students/Children: \$15, available at kelownatickets.com or by phone at (250)862-2867 or 1-888-974-1276.

Mixed programme features *Romeo and Juliet*, *Balcony Pas de Deux* world premiere with choreography by Joshua Beamish & music by Prokofiev, *Glas* with choreography by Gabrielle Lamb & music by Andrew Bird; *Studies of Cash* with choreography by Simone Orlando & music by Johnny Cash; and an as-yet untitled world premiere with choreography by Matjash Mrozewski & music by Owen Belton. FMI www.balletkelowna.ca

### Newshound

The TNRD Library System is pleased to announce that the *Merritt Herald* and the *Merritt News* have been added to the "Newshound" newspaper digitization project, done in partnership with the NV Museum and Archives. There will be a special launch on February 11, 4pm at the Merritt Library, to celebrate a major milestone in the efforts to preserve local history of the Nicola Valley.

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