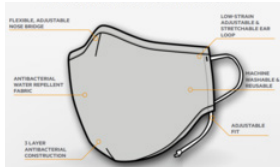


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## TNRD to finance the Fire Hall expansion

At the City's request at last week's meeting, the TNRD Board authorized the borrowing of \$2,209,000 over a 25 year term through the Municipal Finance Authority and the 2021 Spring debenture issue to finance the near-complete expansion to the Fire Hall.

Regional Districts routinely finance long-term debt through the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia for their member municipalities, as allowed in Section 410 of the Local Government Act. Any financial implications are the responsibility of the City of Merritt, who will be responsible for raising the funds for the annual debt payments for 25 years.

## Letter City Council: Pro-developer or pro-constituent?

Much community discussion of late has centred on housing developments, Forksdale Avenue and soon, Spring Bank as arguably the most contentious examples. Mayor Brown and Council have been grappling with addressing the need for rental housing amid accusations of being pro-developer. An unenviable position to be in and I commend them for their efforts. One must remember however, that politicians are elected not to rule, but to serve. Out of town developers do not elect city councils. The current groundswell of resistance and anger by adversely affected residents, it should be noted, is unequivocally not over the construction of such needed housing, but rather the proposed absurd locations of such large scale developments. Spring Bank Avenue, for example, is a profoundly quiet, semi-isolated neighbourhood populated mainly by seniors who have built their down-sized retirement homes or live in one of the quaint town houses. Needless to say, a forty unit, multi-level social housing complex with plans to double is obviously a poor fit. (Residents have, to my knowledge, unanimously signed a petition against the proposal.)

The Official Community Plan was developed with much effort, expense and hype as a blueprint for a thoughtful, measured and collaborative approach to city growth. Two key elements of the plan state that, A) the project must complement and respect the character and scale of existing residential development in the area and B) the project must not negatively affect the existing quality of life within the neighborhood. Without stating the obvious, those two clauses alone should provide the required impetus for council to, on behalf of their constituents, direct city staffers to work diligently with proponents to secure more sensible and practical locations.

Should council act in stark contravention of their (our) vaunted OCP and approve the zoning applications in question, then it is probably not worth the paper it is written on. Should council disrespect and defy the near unanimous wishes of entire neighborhoods, then one can only assume motivations outside the scope of their mandate.

Sincerely, *Steve Rose, Merritt*

**At the age of 65, my Grandma started walking 5 miles a day. She's 92 now. We have no idea where she is.**

**How do you put a baby spaceship to sleep?**  
You rocket.

**I told my friend that he really shouldn't be using a straw and he replied, "Yeah, I know, I know, it's bad for the environment." I said, "Sure, there's that..." "But it's just a really weird way of eating spaghetti."**

## State of Emergency extended

The state of emergency has been extended through the end of the day on Feb. 2, 2021, to allow government staff to take the necessary actions to keep British Columbians safe and manage immediate concerns and COVID-19 outbreaks.

"I know this has felt like the longest winter ever, but we're starting to see light at the end of this pandemic tunnel, so don't give up now," said Premier John Horgan. "The hard work of British Columbians in flattening the curve continues to pay off, vaccines are on the way, and we're working on a strong recovery. There is too much at stake to let our guard down now."

## 'Coldest Night of the Year' event

The Nicola Valley Food Bank will host a covid-safe, family-friendly walk to raise money for charities serving people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. Merritt is 1 of 2 of the smallest communities in BC that are participating in this national walk. Let's walk 2 or 5 kilometres in "someone else's shoes" to show the nation that we are a small community with a heart full of pride and compassion.

Walk virtually or in-person on February 20, 2021. You can walk on your own or with your family in your bubble on a date that is convenient for you.

Get involved by joining a team or get a team of your own together. Organizers are looking for captains, participants, donors and volunteers. To be a part of this national walk, please log into CNOY.org/nicolavalley and check out the site.

FMI contact Derlanda, Josie, Sherry or Danielle at cnoynvfb21@outlook.com

## Community

### Seniors exercise via Zoom

Regular Stretch & Strengthen exercises improve your posture, balance, flexibility and strength and reduce your risk of taking a tumble and fracturing a bone! Contact Love To Dance studio to attend a FREE TRY-IT-OUT Stretch and Strengthen class in the comfort of your own home, via Zoom. Tel: 250-936-9011

### 2 public hearings – Lindley Creek Rd & Forksdale Ave – on Jan 26

Lindley Creek Rd public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5PM. 2587 Forksdale Ave. public hearing will be held on Tues, Jan 26, 2021 at 6PM. Both live-streamed at www.merritt.ca

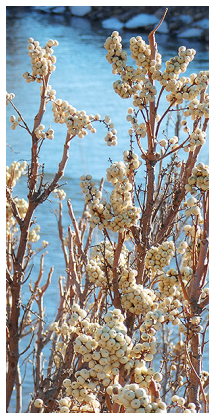
Written or electronic submissions can be made by prior to Jan 25 at 12 PM. A copy of the proposed Bylaw amendments may be viewed during the hours of 10 AM - 12 PM from Jan 4 -Jan 26, 2021 at City Hall, 2185 Voght Street, or online at any time at www.merritt.ca.

### 2021 Music in the Park applications

Applications are being accepted for this year's Music in the Park program. Information is available on the City of Merritt's Facebook page. Deadline to apply is Friday, February 26, 4pm. FMI contact the Dept of Recreation & Facilities 250-315-1050 or email fpeat@merritt.ca

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