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City of Merritt needs "2 years of belt-tightening"

Monday morning, Mayor Mike Goetz explained to CBC's *Daybreak Kamloops* about Merritt's budget shortfall.

He said: "We're not broke, but we need to make some changes, some hard choices." While the Nov 2021 flood took most of the reserves in the rainy-day fund, Mayor Mike admitted that sometimes, in a pinch, council would dip into reserves for some particular project.

That's going to change, now. He says it's time to become frugal with expenses, and replenish those reserves — for the inevitable water & sewer upgrades in the future. He said he expects that they need to tighten their belt for a couple years.

Council is looking at increasing fees at City facilities; no more buying new vehicles (they need to use them 'til they're unusable, and buy at auction); sending used equipment to auction when they don't need it anymore instead of giving it away; buying a greenhouse to raise their own drought-resistant bedding plants instead of spending \$50,000-60,000 on plants each year; making cuts across all the departments; making cuts to 2 directorships & transforming them into 1 position.

And raising taxes & utility bills. "There will be a tax raise, though not as drastic as Osoyoos", said the Mayor. [In Nov 2023 Osoyoos Town Council announced they were raising property and utility tax by 39.3 %]

Budget deliberations are in the final stages, and while the increase for Merrittians has not yet been decided, Mayor Mike says it will be in the double-digits — in the range of 10.5% - 11%.

"We need to get this ship re-righted", said the Mayor.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Souvenir Book, 1923

The Catholic church has had a steady growth in Merritt and district. Starting in a small way in 1906 in the home of Mr. J. Garcia, it has now a commodous building and a strong parish. This church has always taken a keen interest in the Indian people. Rev. Father J.M. LeJeune [wrote]:

"My first trip to Nicola was in November 1882. I do not remember having seen any church building then between Kamloops and Spence's Bridge. I had the use of a very primitive one at Coldwater in 1885. Next was the one at Douglas Lake in 1888. The actual one at Coldwater was finished in the fall of 1890. A couple of years later, I had the one near the lake, three miles east of Quilchena, and last of all, the one for Shooloos, in 1902.

These are all for the Indians especially, of whom there were about 500 attendants, but owing to disease and the "flu" there are hardly half that number now. The church at Merritt was built in 1910, Mr. Garcia having donated the acre block where it stands. The Rev. Father Phelan is the present pastor.

Mr. Garcia was one of the original settlers in the valley. He owned the estate now in the possession of Mr. William Lauder and was one of the valley's most successful ranchers. A devout Roman Catholic, his home was always open to the church to hold Mass in those days when there was no church building and he and his family always made the members of the congregation feel welcome at their home. He is entitled to be called the father of Catholicism in the Nicola Valley."

Did you hear about the blind man who picked up the hammer and saw?! That's nothing! Did you hear about the mute man who picked up the wheel and spoke? And the deaf farmer who saw the flock and herd?

College is the opposite of kidnapping. They demand \$100,000 from you or they'll send your kid back.

A teacher asks a student, "Are you ignorant or just apathetic?" The kid answers, "I don't know and I don't care."

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February
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Civic Centre, Merritt, BC
2PM - Kid's Workshop
7PM - Concert



\$10 / Ticket

Piano | Flute | Violin

- 2023 Vancouver Canucks BCILC Community Hero
- 2023 Nomination for Association of Fundraising Professionals Giving Hearts Award: Outstanding Youth Philanthropist
- 2023 Southeastern Piano Festival Participant
- 2023 Raised over \$43,430 for Canuck Place Children's Hospice
- 2023 Hillside Head International Piano Competition Alternate
- 2022 Canadian Music Competition Piano 14 years & under Third Place
- 2022 British Columbia Piano Competition Third Place
- 2021 Stanley Piano Competition Canada Overall Award
- 2021 Royal Conservatory of Music National Gold Medal

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- 2023 National Association of Fundraising Professionals Giving Hearts Awards: Outstanding Youth Philanthropist
- 2023 Southern Alberta Piano Festival Participant
- 2023 Canadian Piano Competition \$43,430 for Canuck Place Children's Hospice
- 2023 Hilton Head International Piano Competition Alternate
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- 2021 Steinway Piano Competition Canada Overall Award
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Missing: Miguel Mack

Age: 24

Since: February 27/23

Merritt BC

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WEDNESDAY EDITION — FEBRUARY 7, 2024 #3922

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PERSONAL

PENSIONER COLLECTING bottles & cans to supplement income, can pick up on my bike. Erik 936-9137

FOUND: Ice fishing equipment beside road in Kane Valley area in Dec. Owner may identify to claim. 604-240-1951

ALANON (for friends & families of alcoholics) every Monday @ 7pm Trinity United Church Hall

LOST: PTO shaft, between Douglas L Reserve & Lower Nicola \$100 reward. Gene 378-1959

PIANO LESSONS, violin lessons, Music Maestro Club. \$25 per half hour lesson. Cecilia Dyck 315-0022

ELKS EVENTS: Every Wednesday Bingo, doors open 11am, ends 3pm. Every Friday Nite Bingo, doors open 4pm, ends 10pm. 1701 Coldwater Ave.

COLLECTING pop bottles & cans, for pick-up. Mike 525-0471

NA MEETINGS are held each Tues, Thurs & Sun 7pm at the United Church, 1899 Quilchena Ave.

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