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WEEKEND EDITION - MARCH 28, 2025 #4078
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Cooler water at the pool, after boiler fails

Until parts & materials arrive to fix the main boiler & replace the high-temperature refractory bricks which failed, water in the main pool will be held at 78°F instead of the normal 82°F.

The boiler for the main pool at the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre failed this past week. Community Services maintenance workers found evidence of fire damage and scorched, disintegrated firebricks in the boiler. Without firebricks, the boiler cannot operate safely and crews shut it off to prevent further damage.

With the boilers for the leisure pool and hot tubs still functional, they are managing to stabilize pool temperatures, though not what swimmers are used to.

There is currently no estimated arrival date yet, but updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

This boiler is relatively new, installed in 2019. And the bricks were replaced just last year because they were showing signs of deterioration and cracking. City staff are expecting to look at alternative, more energy-efficient means for heating the pools in the future.

TNRD sets tax rates for upcoming year

TNRD Board of Directors has adopted the 2025 Budget and Capital Plan. The tax requisition for TNRD services is \$28.8 million, an increase of \$1.6 million compared to last year.


This is a tax increase is 5.9%, however with new growth – particularly in the utilities and residential classes – the tax requisition is spread across a larger tax base. Many property owners will see an increase lower than 5.9% or even a decrease in taxes, depending on their property's assessed value.

Average residential properties will see a change in tax that ranges from a decrease of \$21.37 (Electoral Area "E") to an increase of \$10.58 (Mountain Resort Municipality of Sun Peaks).

The 2025 Operating Budget is \$63.98 million, which is funded by taxation, municipal debt funding, grants, fees, surpluses, and reserves.

Revenues were lower than expected in 2024 for tipping fees and building permits due in large part to slower economic activity. As a result about \$1.5 million was transferred from reserve funds of these services. Cost reductions have been made by using higher-than-expected surplus and interest funds, reducing expenses in Solid Waste and Recycling, and eliminating one full-time position.












FMI on the 2025 budget, details about operating and capital costs, to view the TNRD's award-winning tax rate infographics (shown at right), and to provide feedback, visit: tnrd.ca/budget.



TNRD
THOMPSON-NICOLA
REGIONAL DISTRICT

TAX BY SERVICE

City of Merritt
Residential Tax Rate by Service per \$100,000 of assessed value:

	Solid Waste & Recycling: \$35.34
	Library System: \$13.40
	General Government Services: \$8.30
	E-Comm 9-1-1: \$3.82
	Zoning and Planning: \$1.24
	Invasive Plant Management: \$0.66
	Film Commission: \$0.47
	Search and Rescue: \$0.23
	Crime Stoppers Program: \$0.10
	Regional Parks: \$0.07
	Fraser Basin Council: \$0.05
Total cost:	\$63.68 per \$100,000 of assessed value

Services listed above are Area-Wide Services. The proposed total tax requisition for these services in 2025 is \$1,502,264.

A Tie. A man goes into a restaurant and the maitre d' stops him. "Sorry sir, you need to wear a tie to enter." So the man goes back to his car and looks around, but there's no necktie to be found. So he takes his jumper cables, wraps them around his neck, ties a nice knot, and lets the ends dangle about. He goes back to the restaurant, where the waiter says, "Well, OK, you can come in... Just don't start anything."

Last night, my wife and I watched two movies back to back. Fortunately for me, I was the one who was facing the television.

SALES - MAR 29 & 30

1 Sage Place, SAT 8am-1pm. Multi family garage sale

2 2551 Irvine Ave. SAT & SUN 9am-2pm. Moving. Inside garage, rain or shine!! Everything must go

Community Murray Church Service

Sunday March 30, 10:30am, Fourth Sunday of Lent. All are welcome! Guest Minister Rev. Kathy Hogman.

Poverty & housing insecurity

The City of Merritt with Conayt Friendship Society has retained A Way Home Canada to facilitate a Community Organization Training and Engagement Session, on Monday, March 31, 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Civic Centre. The event explores factors contributing to housing instability, barriers individuals face, and how organizations can actively provide meaningful support. Open to community organizations and interested members of the public. To register, email housing@merritt.ca or complete the form online at www.merritt.ca/housingevent/

History of Life on Earth

The Merritt Library presents a series of 5 free illustrated talks by Al Horne on the history of life on Earth — from the big bang to now. Starts Wednesday, April 2, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, for adults.

Education & Employment Career Fair

The 2025 Education and Employment Career Fair will be held Wed, April 9, 9am-5pm at the NVIT Gym. More than 50 booths and a variety of info sessions & presentations. Lunch and refreshments, door prizes. No registration required, free attendance. Presented by Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly (CNA), Community Futures NV, Scw'xmx Tribal Council, NVIT, WorkBC and City of Merritt.

Easter Eggstravaganza!

Come celebrate Easter on Saturday, April 19, 10am-12noon. This year, the event will be at Central Park instead of Rotary Park. There will be an egg hunt (b.y.o.basket), bouncy castle, face painting, arts and crafts, and a magic show. FMI www.merritt.ca/easter/

Call for performers - Music in the Park

Deadline to submit an application to perform at Music in the Park is Friday, April 11, 4pm. runs Thursday evenings throughout the summer at the Rotary Park Bandshell.




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Better at Home Nicola Valley & ICS hosts a Seniors' Social, taking place on the first 3 Saturdays of each month!

This time of connection, with light lunch, is open to all Elders and seniors in community.

Time: 11:00am to 2:00pm
Location: ICS - 2040 Granite Avenue

Spaces to visit over a beverage, areas for playing games, resources available.

For information, please contact the Better at Home Nicola Valley Program Coordinator, Judy Myram at 250-280-3015 or jmyram@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca

Better at Home
United Way helping seniors remain independent.

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- Ashcroft Community Engagement Coordinator
- Certified Professional Accountant
- Grant Specialist
- People and Talent Clerk

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their cover letter and resume to:

Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly
Email: HR@cna-trust.ca
In-Person: 2025 Granite Ave, Merritt, BC

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

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