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Merritt receives more than \$3 million race set again for for diking project

The City will proceed with the installation of the next phase of the flood protection dikes, with a grant of \$3,398,150.

The Middlesboro Phase 1 project is a critical component of Merritt's comprehensive Flood Mitigation Plan, approved by City Council in 2022. It will involve the construction of a setback dike, designed to allow the Coldwater River to flow more naturally through the corridor, reducing the risk of flooding and safeguarding homes, businesses, and vital infrastructure.

The City will also receive \$60,000 to carry out a hazard risk and vulnerability analysis (HRVA), to allow communities to identify hazards of biggest concern and reduce risks through identifying future risk-reduction projects. As well as \$100,000 towards a sandbagging machine, to improve flooding resiliency by allowing the rapid sealing of manholes and catch basins. The sandbagging machine will reduce the labour required to produce sandbags in an emergency, freeing up personnel to conduct other response actions.

The funding is part of more than \$40 million for 61 projects across the province — approx. \$21 million for projects, from the new Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program and almost \$20 million from the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF).

Many other parts of Merritt's Flood Mitigation Plan remain unfunded. The City is committed to completing the next phases and continues to seek additional support for the full implementation of the plan.

You can get the latest updates on flood protection projects, funding, & community engagement opportunities at the Flood Mitigation Departments website: flood.merritt.ca or FMI email floodmitigation@merritt.ca

Pine St. fires under investigation as arson

Late last month, 4 abandoned structures on Pine St. were destroyed by fire, in an incident now under investigation as arson.

The properties, previously damaged during the 2021 flood, have been acquired by the City and were slated for removal as part of the STUWI(x) Naturalization Project, a collaborative floodplain restoration initiative.

On the evening of April 26, local Fire Rescue responded with 26 firefighters and 5 apparatus. The quick response meant that neighbouring properties remained undamaged.

After the containment of the blaze, Merritt RCMP took control of the scene. Preliminary investigation suggest the fires were intentionally set.

Police are seeking any tips from property owners in the area who may have video surveillance footage. Contact Merritt RCMP at 250-378-4262, file #2025-1867.

Merritt Crown bike this year

The annual Merritt Crown Bike race offers 3 races on the mountains surrounding town. The full crown is 120km bike race at 3,000m elevation; half crown is 60 km at 1,500 m elevation. The 2 p / 4 prelay race is 30-40km at 750m elevation. The majority of the race is along trails in the mountains and grasslands, but there are a few locations where the race intersects Merritt's roads: Voght & Hwy 5A, Nicola Ave & Quilchena, Main St to Lindley Crk Rd, and Midday Valley Rd & Houston St.

The event has grown to 300+ participants over the years. It was started in 2017 by Darch Oborn & his son James.

The race takes place June 14, starting on the Coutlee Plateau, 4.8 km up Midday Valley Rd. FMI & to sign up: www. headsortrails.ca/merrittcrownxcbike

Community Walk with your Doc

Saturday May 17, Doctors across BC are hosting "Walk with your Doc" events in their communities to encourage British Columbians to get moving for good health. The event will include music, food, sponsors, prizes, swag, and more,

on 11am-1pm at Rotary Park. Barrel racing at the Rodeo Grounds

The second evening of Nicola Valley Barrel Racing will take place Thurs May 22, 7-10:30pm, free admission.

City open house

The City of Merritt, council and staff, invites the public to attend a general open house on Wed, May 28, 4-8pm at the Civic Ctre. There will be info about: water systems & conservation, flood recovery projects, road projects, development & planning projects, permitting, FireSmart, etc.

Asthma education camp for kids

The BC Lung Foundation will be offering their Asthma Education Camps again this summer, a fun, educational setting for children ages 8-10 (with physician-diagnosed asthma) to learn about their asthma and enhance their management skills from certified asthma educators. Dates are: Summer Camp 1, July 21-24, 1-4:30pm each day; Summer Camp 2, August 11-14, 1-4:30pm each day. In-person at the BC Lung Foundation, 2675 Oak St, Vancouver. They are also offering a \$1,000 travel subsidy for qualified registrants living outside of

Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley. FMI email biagtan@bclung.ca, or call directly at 778-994-7754.

School's Out Merritt

Merritt Youth & Family Resource Society has paired up with the United Way to offer after-school programs 6 weeks long, until June 26. For children aged 6-12 years, max capacity of 12 in each group. It runs Mon & Thurs 3-5pm at the Family Place Early Learning Ctr, 2199 Coutlee Ave. To register your child for the next available session, myfrs1978@ gmail.com or phone/text 250-378-4878, open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm.

Gene Perret

An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly.

Retirement is wonderful. It's doing nothing without worrying about getting caught at it. I enjoy waking up and not having to go to work. So I do it three or four times a day.

We used to play spin the bottle when I was a kid. A girl would spin the bottle and if it pointed to you when it stopped, the girl could either kiss you or give you a dime. By the time I was 14, I owned my own home.

Retirement: It's nice to get out of the rat race, but you have to learn to get along with less cheese.

I went to school with a kid who was so smart, the only time he got an answer wrong, they had to go back and change the question.

I go for a short swim at least once or twice every day. It's either that or buy a new golf ball.

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