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Upper Nicola Band to vote on AI data centre

The Upper Nicola Band initiated a survey to determine if UNB Members are in favour of proceeding with negotiations regarding leasing a portion of Lot 87, Nicola Lake IR 1 for an AI-based data centre project to iTel Networks Inc. and Bell Canada Enterprises Inc.

The proposed data centre is 1 of 6 that Bell Canada is working on in the area – 3 in Kamloops, 1 in Merritt, and 2 more at still-undisclosed locations.

The voting starts online today, with in-person voting on July 7. Voters will be asked: "Are you in favor of Upper Nicola Holdings Limited Partnership leasing approx. 100-150 acres of land on Lot 87, IR1 Nicola Lake, to iTel Networks Inc. and Bell Canada Enterprises Inc. for the purpose of constructing and operating an AI Based Data Centre Project?"

The final 2 of the 5 info sessions will be held June 25 & 30, with a Zoom option.

The proposed land is 100-150 acres on lot 87 that will not be used by the solar project. The data centre project represents an investment of \$500 million, and would take 2 years to construct. Employment during construction is estimated at 2000 jobs at all levels; and during operations, estimated at 200 or more.

A key factor in the location is the BC Hydro substation. In order to accommodate the project, as much as 300 MW per annum of electrical energy would be required. BC Hydro has provided initial confirmation that the Nicola Substation has the electrical capacity.

Community Vintage Car Club & Horseless Carriage Club show & shine

On Tuesday, June 24 the Vintage Car Club of Canada Antique Chapter and the Horseless Carriage Club of America Vancouver Chapter, will be showcasing classic cars while visiting Merritt from June 22-25. They will hold Show n' Shine in parking lot of the Grand Pub & Grill at 3pm.

Canada Day Celebration

Canada Day festivities will take place Tuesday, July 1, with the Main Event in Rotary Park 11am-3pm; Breakfast at the Civic Centre 7:30-10:30am; Lunch in Rotary Park 12noon-2pm. There will be NO fireworks in the evening.

Immigrant welcome BBQ

Saturday, July 5, 11:30am-2:30pm, in Central Park. Friends, food and kid's activities. Everyone welcome. Just drop in. Hosted by Kamloops Immigrant Services, immigrantservices.ca

Blueweed Workshop

Check out the Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee's and Purity Feed's Blueweed Workshop taking place on July 8, 10am-12pm in Merritt. This workshop will give you the best tips on identifying invasive Blueweed and experts will provide advice on the best management practices! Registration is required. Email invasive-plants@tnrd.ca or call at 1-877-377-8673 to register for the event.

Music in the Park













Celebrate summer nights with Music in the Park every Thursday evening 6-8pm through the summer at the Rotary Park Bandshell. The line-up: Jackson Hollow July 10, Doug James Band July 17, Serious Dogs July 24, Madison Kreb July 31, Outlaws & Lace Aug 7, Merritt Music Students Aug 14, Coquihalla Coyotes Aug 21. Check the schedule: www.merritt.ca/music/ Bring your picnic and chairs.

Steve Martin's Humour

I believe in equality. Equality for everybody. No matter how stupid they are or how superior I am to them.

I love money. I love everything about it. I bought some pretty good stuff. Got me a \$300 pair of socks. Got a fur sink. An electric dog polisher. A gasoline powered turtleneck sweater. And, of course, I bought some dumb stuff, too.

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

 <h3>Aries</h3> <p>March 21 - April 19</p> <p>If you're trying to change direction and implement change in your world, this week you make a crucial decision. It leads you in a positive, exciting new direction.</p>	 <h3>Taurus</h3> <p>April 20 - May 20</p> <p>This week there's the possibility of a rare and special encounter. Be ready to embrace a delightful sense of mutual understanding that inspires hope at home & at work.</p>	 <h3>Gemini</h3> <p>May 21 - June 20</p> <p>This week, expect to feel confident about your plans. You might not be ready to divulge your dream; but soon. Be discreet, it'll bring the encouragement you need.</p>	 <h3>Cancer</h3> <p>June 21 - July 22</p> <p>This week, you're able to make a proper assessment of a bewildering situation. Once you know the ins and outs of what's going on, don't hesitate. Go for it!</p>
 <h3>Leo</h3> <p>July 23 - Aug 22</p> <p>You'll be able to encourage people to see things from your viewpoint; and access the support you need. Share your ideas and the insights will reveal exactly what you need to do next.</p>	 <h3>Virgo</h3> <p>Aug 23 - Sept 22</p> <p>This week the turning point you've reached is concerned with emotional revival. By focusing on your relationships, you'll find inspiring connections... and more love.</p>	 <h3>Libra</h3> <p>Sept 23 - Oct 22</p> <p>You've been dealing with a challenging situation with some success. This week, by allowing a scenario to unfold, you'll find the freedom to focus on your own desires. And start fulfilling them.</p>	 <h3>Scorpio</h3> <p>Oct 23 - Nov 21</p> <p>This week brings the promise of revelatory ideas which you can implement. Focus on what most inspires you... and start manifesting!</p>
 <h3>Sagittarius</h3> <p>Nov 22 - Dec 21</p> <p>This week you have power at your fingertips, and more impact than you think. If you want to sustain this momentum, remember, others might need time to adjust. Be gentle!</p>	 <h3>Capricorn</h3> <p>Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>This week comes with positivity, making you motivated to reach your goals. Though it won't be problem-free, with a confident, optimistic approach, it brings results.</p>	 <h3>Aquarius</h3> <p>Jan 20 - Feb 18</p> <p>This week, expect to be re-inspired and re-energized. An abundance of new possibilities is heading your way. The change you seek is imminent.</p>	 <h3>Pisces</h3> <p>Feb 19 - Mar 20</p> <p>This week, you'll find the courage to lay your cards on the table. You'll be surprised (in a good way) by what develops. Events will very much play to your advantage.</p>

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