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## Merritt teen perishes in Coquihalla River

Last Saturday at 6:17pm, Hope RCMP received a report that a 19-year-old man had fallen into the river in the Coquihalla Canyon Provincial Park area, near the Othello Tunnels.

Hope RCMP, RCMP Integrated Police Dog Services, Search and Rescue (SAR), District of Hope Fire Department, and Emergency Health Service attended the area. SAR deployed a raft and successfully rescued a bystander who became stranded while trying to old Merritt area resident [REDACTED]

First responders used a remotely piloted aircraft system; however, they were unable to locate Gavin. It is believed that he is likely trapped below the surface due to the heavy current.

The RCMP Underwater Recovery Team (URT) were consulted and attended the scene the following day to conduct a site assessment in daylight. Due to the steep terrain and fast flowing water, a coordinated recovery operation is being planned for a later date.

BC Parks has closed the Othello Tunnels until further notice.

## Upper Nicola Band warns of algae on Douglas Lake as well

the Upper Nicola Band's Blue/Green Algae Advisory now includes Douglas Lake, while the Nicola Lake advisory remains in effect.

More permanent signage that includes nsylxcen is being developed in partnership with Upper Nicola Band, First Nation Health Authority, Interior Health and BC Parks and will be placed when available.

They advise to avoid all contact. Do not swim — persons or pets; block access for livestock if algae scum is floating on the water and provide another water source.

Outflow water might also be contaminated, and may affect people and pets downriver from the lakes.

## Prov Govt looks to bring more clean energy

BC Hydro has launched a new call for power for 2025 to secure new sources of affordable, clean or renewable electricity.

As part of the 2025 call for power, BC Hydro has issued a request for proposals (RFP) to acquire up to 5,000 gigawatt-hours annually of electricity from large, clean or renewable projects in partnership with First Nations and independent power producers. This is the equivalent of powering 500,000 homes in British Columbia.

The 2025 call for power represents the next phase of B.C.'s renewable-energy expansion strategy – deepening First Nations partnerships, unlocking investment and accelerating progress toward the province's economic and climate goals.

"By boosting our clean-energy supply in partnership with First Nations, we are supporting growing communities and industries while creating thousands of good-paying jobs and making life more affordable. This is just one way we are securing our future in the face of escalating threats from President Trump," said Premier David Eby.

Project eligibility requirements include: generate clean or renewable energy; have capacity greater or equal to 40 megawatts; have a minimum of 25% equity ownership held by First Nations; and be operational by Oct. 1, 2033.

BC Hydro will issue calls for power every two years, alongside delivering \$36 billion in infrastructure investments through its 10-year capital plan.

When the Site C hydroelectric dam comes into full operation this year, it will generate enough electricity for 500,000 homes & increase BC Hydro's total supply by 8%.

BC Hydro is investing more than \$700 million over the next 3 years in energy-efficiency tools, technology and programs, which is expected to result in 2,000 gigawatt-hours per year of electricity savings, or enough to power 200,000 homes.

### More Rita Rudner quotes

Life is tough enough without having someone kick you from the inside.

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July 11 - Voght Park, Merritt

July 13 - Smith Pioneer Park, Lower Nicola

July 18 - Central Elementary, Merritt

July 22 - Diamondvale Elementary, Merritt

July 25 - Bench Elementary, Merritt

July 29 - Nicola Canford Elementary, Lower Nicola

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August 5 - Central Park, Merritt

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