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## **Evelyn Smyth** Passed December 14, 2025

Evelyn Smyth passed away peacefully on December 14, 2025. She is survived by her husband, three children, and cherished grandchildren. The family will gather for a celebration of her life in the spring. In place of flowers, donations may be directed to the Alzheimer Society of British Columbia. The family would also like to thank the staff at the Merritt Hospital and Kamloops Hospital for the excellent care Evelyn received.

## **Mayor Mike**

A couple weeks ago, Merritt Mayor Mike Goetz was back in the news asking the Ministry of Education to delay closing a school for a year, as our population & economy seem to be improving.

That made me think about all the other times he has stepped forward, asking about and getting involved with issues that are not in a Mayor's immediate realm of 'jurisdiction' — hospital/health care, education, forestry, flood mitigation.

So I asked him why he does it.

He said: "I'm interested in the issues that affect people in the community. I ask for more information on behalf of myself, Council and residents. I want to get the correct answers so that Council can know the important points [of an issue] and then support the community.

"If you don't say something [at the time the issue is raised] then it becomes the status quo", he said. ie. Emergency Dept. closes often enough, it becomes just the way it works... "And we don't get the service that we have paid for."

So he will soon be sending off another invoice to Interior Health for the amount equivalent to the 12 days in Merritt that the emergency dept. was closed.

"I don't expect to get the money," he says. But he does expect IHA to acknowledge the sum, and perhaps it could go to fund additional spaces in medical or nursing schools, or into recruitment.

And the sum affects the municipal budget. It can be equivalent to the difference between having to raise property taxes by 11.5%, instead of only 10.5%.

What has come out of it, though, is that 14 Mayors from communities with ongoing hospital closures have started meeting, and together they are getting more attention for their plight.

"[As a Mayor] I can phone up Minisrs, they take my calls. All Mayors have the ability to do that. And there is always an avenue or ability to make a change." Or at least to get change started.

"Merritt has a great Council. I have 100% backing of the Council." And together they are getting things accomplished.

In the New Year, Mayor & Council will continue with projects they've been working on: addressing housing; refurbishing municipal venues (arena, pool, ball fields) and developing more capacity (softball & soccer fields); developing investment (light industry that will be friendly for the valley); and the new downtown revitalization project just recently unveiled.

Things are also happening around town — Mako Furniture, the AI Ctre, Exit 286, the hotel, the apartment, and Frank's last phase of the Grandview Heights development. "This year, building permits are the highest they've been — ever.

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has Noel.

How do you know Santa is real? You can always sense his presents. Who does Santa call when his sleigh breaks down? The Abominable Towman. What do you call Santa when he's on a break? A Santa pause.

Where do Santa's elves go swimming? The North pool. What did the English teacher call Santa's helpers? Subordinate Clauses. What is Santa's primary language? North Polish.

## **Holiday financial** assistance available

for those who received Red Cross assistance after Nov 2021 flooding

The Canadian Red Cross is offering \$1,250 in one-time holiday financial assistance to eligible households that previously registered with the Red Cross due to the 2021 BC Floods and Extreme Weather Event, and received assistance.

This financial assistance is being offered to help with recovery-related costs and the added expenses that may come with the holidays and winter season, as well as to support the mental health and well-being of impacted communities.

The Canadian Red Cross have started contacting eligible households — directly by email or by phone — with more info regarding the holiday financial assistance, which will be available until January 16, 2026.

FMI call the Canadian Red Cross at 1-800-863-6582 Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, bcfloodrecovery@redcross. ca or check their website: redcross.ca/ 2021BCFloods

### **Community Christmas Lights Tour**

Merritt Transit System will hold their annual Christmas Lights Tour Dec 15, 16 & 17, 6pm. You must pre-book & pay by noon on the day of the tour, \$5 which will be donated to the NV Food Bank. To reserve a seat, visit Merritt Transit Svsterm office at City Hall or call 250-378-4080. Meet at the City Hall parking lot at 5:45pm, depart 6pm, for 2-hr tour.

#### **LNIB Santa parade**

The Lower Nicola Band Santa parade will be held Thurs, Dec 18, starting at 5pm. The parade starts at Rocky Pines Community Centre, winds down Aberdeen Rd, through Lower Nicola, then along Hwy 8, and through Shulus.

#### Baker & craft market

Friday December 19, 3-8pm there will be a market with St Nick, plus 10 vendors at the Lower Nicola Community Hall, 2383 Aberdeen Rd.

### **Merritt Christmas bird count**

The Nicola Naturalists are running the 27th annual Christmas bird count in Merritt — Saturday Dec 20th. You don't have to be an expert birder - each group has a knowledgable leader. A great way to learn the winter birds. FMI or to register email: nicolanaturalists@gmail.com or phone 250-378-2468.

#### **Rediscovered Treasures 2.0**

The Rediscovering Treasures Show is a gallery fundraiser to find new homes for forgotten or unwanted art. Give these works a new chapter. Please donate any art you would like to find a new home for, to be part of the Rediscovering Treasures 2.0, a silent auction fundraiser Jan 7-31, 2026. Drop off your donations at the NV Arts Centre, Mon-Sat 10am 5pm & Sun 12noon-4pm, by Dec 24, 2025.

#### **Polar Bear Swim**

Start the year off at Nicola Lake on Highway 5A on January 1 at noon, near N'kwala Beach for the polar bear swim. Also accepting donations for the NV Food Bank

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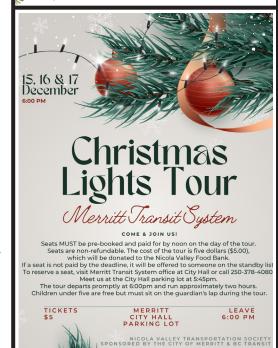
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