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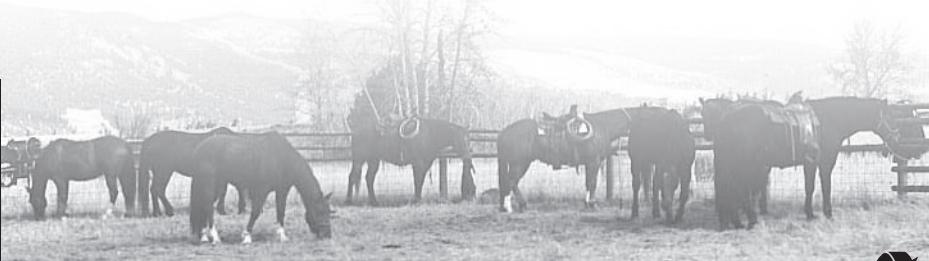
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The Coquihalla will be fully closed to complete pothole repairs as quickly as possible, given the safety concerns associated with the current pavement conditions and the favourable weather window available this week to undertake this urgent work.

Highway 5 southbound in Merritt will be closed Thursday, Jan. 22 (overnight from 10pm until 4am) to complete repairs at the Hwy 3/5 split, east of Hope. Highway 3 westbound traffic travelling from Princeton to Hope will move through a reduced-speed zone near the work zone.

Letter to the Editor Consultations on school closure process 2026

As a retired SD#58 Teacher and French Language Coordinator, it was with shock and dismay that I read the *Merritt Herald* page 3 report on "Consultations continue on school closure process". The report put forward by the School Board for possible Scenarios in the process was alarming.

The first scenario - no school closure but huge staff cuts seems like an impossible choice with continuing staff cuts in consecutive years. Following the COVID crisis where students fell back due to lack of staff support and online learning, this would be seen as the worst possible choice.

Scenarios #2,3,&4 has students, staff, and programs being shuffled (at huge expense, you can be sure) from recently upgraded schools to schools which are in dire need of upgrading. No mention is made of Bench School which is in dire need of upgrading and overflowing with students because of School Board policy to allow students to often move out of their designated school zone when they apply.

Also, no mention was made of the favoured proposal offered at the consultation done at Collettville, which I attended. It was unanimously endorsed by the group but not mentioned as a proposal by those monitoring the consultation process. That proposal, I would call it #5, was: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE BE CLOSED AND THE PERSONNEL BE MOVED INTO AN UNDER UTILIZED SCHOOL, SUCH AS CENTRAL OR COLLETTVILLE. This would cause minimum disruption to schools and staff, not to mention students and libraries etc.

This is very common in most districts, such as Kamloops, Vernon, Kelowna. One of the Kamloops administrators I spoke with told me she'd worked in many districts as an administrator, and all the school board offices were within one of the existing schools. The School Board Office building could be sold, and the bussing hub moved to Collettville as proposed in scenario #2.

I find it hard to believe that this scenario #5 was never brought forward from the Collettville consultation session as it causes the least disruption to staff and students which is certainly the first consideration in any school district.

There is no doubt that administration would have to find out what the costs saved would be in this Scenario, but as we were required to consult on the entire process without financial information, this would seem to be the first step for the School Board to work on.

With respect to the School Board, Staff, Students and Parents of SD#58, I remain sincerely,

M. Denise Williams

From Douglas Adams, author of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*

Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.

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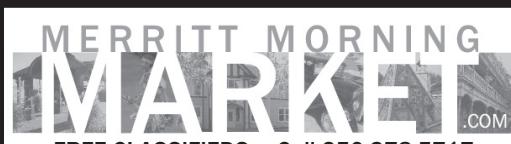
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