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# MERRITT MORNING MARKET



**LINCOLN ALEXANDER DAY ED. - JAN 21, 2026 #4187**

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## Coq closed to Hope overnight Thurs

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 supplies, 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.

**We are not** an endangered species ourselves yet, but this is not for lack of trying.

**We are stuck** with technology when what we really want is just stuff that works.

**Solutions nearly always** come from the direction you least expect, which means there's no point trying to look in that direction because it won't be coming from there.

**We can't win** against obsession. They care, we don't. They win.

## Lincoln Alexander

Lincoln MacCauley Alexander was born on Jan. 21, 1922. He practiced law for more than 10 years and in 1968 was elected MP of Hamilton West, becoming Canada's first black MP. He held his seat for four terms but left in 1980 to become chair of Ontario's Worker's Compensation Board.

In 1985, he was named lieutenant governor of Ontario, the first black man to hold that title. He was also the University of Guelph's longest-serving chancellor from 1991 to 2007. He died in October 2012 at the age of 90.

As of December 3, 2014, Lincoln Alexander Day January 21, Lincoln's birthday, is now recognized officially across Canada.

## Community

### SD58 'Potential School Closure' mtgs

Potential School Closure meetings continue: Lower Nicola, Nooaitch and Shackan Bands Jan 28 5pm @ Rocky Pines Community Ctre. Upper Nicola Band Jan 29 5pm @ N' kwala School Gym. Coldwater Indian Band Feb 2 5pm @ Coldwater School Gym. FMI [www.nssd.ca/school-closure-process](http://www.nssd.ca/school-closure-process)

### Budget open house

The City of Merritt will host an Open House on Thurs, Jan 29, in the afternoon 12noon-2pm (presentation at 12:30pm) and in the evening 6-8pm (presentation at 6:30pm). Learn about the proposed changes to the municipal budget for the coming 5 years — get informed, ask questions, and provide feedback on how public funds are allocated to services and projects that impact the community.

### Family Literacy Week: Unplug & play

Family Literacy Week is January 24-31 and focuses on raising awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family. It's also a great opportunity to take a break from devices and enjoy many health benefits, which inspired the Beem Credit Union *Unplug and Play* Family Literacy Week.

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### Tobogganing Races

This is the 2nd year for this family friendly event — Feb. 7th, 2026. Registration Forms can be found the Merritt Library & Breathebikes MerrittBC or register online @ eventbrite. (\$12 per entry). Early registration includes free lunch. FMI, text Cecilia 250-315-0022 or email [gcdyck@hotmail.com](mailto:gcdyck@hotmail.com)

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