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MONDAY EDITION - JANUARY 26, 2026 #4189

News, opinion, community events since 1996! Box 2199, Merritt, BC V1K 1B8

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Budget overview 2026-2030

Public engagement starts this week, with an Open House on Thurs Jan 29. Here are the highlights of the highlights outlined on their website: merritt.ca

Covering costs Prior to 2023, the City was unable to cover its costs and relied on reserves to balance the budget. Since then, they seek cost savings, pursue grants & sponsorships, have updated the Fees and Charges Bylaw (not been updated since 2015), and makr hard decisions on service levels.

Tax distribution Approx. 56% of property taxes fund municipal services. 41% (of the 56%) goes to Protective Services, the remaining portion goes to recreation, parks, public works, development, and other services. 34% of the total funds schools, BC Assessment, Transit, and TNRD. Parcel taxes (10%) fund water and sewer projects.

Normalized tax increases The City is now able to normalize tax increases to align with inflationary pressures and required service levels. The proposed tax increase on the municipal portion is 4.9% annually over the next 5 years. For the average \$460,000 residence, this is equivalent to an increase of \$8 per month.

Capital investments Proposed new capital investments — excluding flood mitigation: upgrades to Spirit Square, new fire hoses & AEDs, park lighting & furniture; Public Works projects: Voght St roundabouts, airport asphalt work, bridge maintenance. Capital improvements are budgeted at \$29 million over the next 5 years. These proposed projects are in addition to projects approved in the previous year's budget, not including the Kengard Well project (while treatment options are refined).

If you can't attend Thursday's open house, check out the many different options to give your opinion. All the info is on the City's website: www.merritt.ca/budget/

Community Merritt Youth Soccer AGM

MYSA annual general meeting will be held Tues Jan 27, 6pm in the Community Room at Interior Savings. The group is looking for new members to volunteer for several positions. Registration closes Feb 14. FMI info@merrityouthsoccer.com or at their website merrityouthsoccer.com

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

Family Literacy Week: Unplug & play

Family Literacy Week is Jan 24-31 and raises awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family. Lots more favourites: *Come Read With Me* at the elementary schools; *Explore Art Literacy* at the art gallery; the *Community Playground* at the NVIT gym; and *Active Stories* at the dance studio. For more details, visit literacymeritt.com or facebook.com/LMNVS.

2026 Thunderbird Rally

Round 1 of the 2026 BC TSD Rally Championship, the rally will be about 850km long, Merritt to Vernon, and back. Roads will be about 40% clear pavement, 60% snow-covered pavement and gravel. Registration starts Friday Jan 20, 7-9pm at Best Western Plus Hotel, rally HQ. First car out is at 10:31am on Saturday, Jan 31. End of day 1, dinner & scoring, Vernon at 8:00pm. First car out Sunday at 8:30am, back in Merritt for dinner, scoring & awards presentation. For good observation spots, go to rallybc.ca/archives/2026

Tobogganing Races

Feb. 7th, 2026. Registration forms can be found the Merritt Library & Breathe Bikes or register online @ eventbrite. (\$12 per entry). Early registration includes free lunch. FMI, text Cecilia 250-315-0022 or email gdcyck@hotmail.com

Int'l Women's Day nominations If you have any amazing women in your life that you would like to recognize, please let the NV Inter'l Women's Day committee know! Every year on March 8, they celebrate the women in our community who are working hard to create and support positive changes, and a healthy community. Please nominate those women who have positively influenced your life, the lives around you, or the community. The deadline for nominations is February 13, 12noon, email: nvwomeninaction@gmail.com. Include contact info for you and your nominee and the reasons for nominating, 1 per person.

Are mountains funny? No, they're hill areas!

A blonde walks into a bar that has a sign marked: "For Men Only". "I'm sorry, ma'am," says the bartender. "We only serve men in this place."

Two old men are sitting on a bench. A truck passes on the road. It is pulling a trailer loaded with turf. One of the men says, "See, that's what I will do when I win the lottery." "What?" asks the other one confused. "I will send my grass away for cutting!"

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

<p>Aries March 21 - April 19</p> <p>You'll find it easy to express your opinions in ways that garner respect. You've had to fight to make yourself heard, but this week, instead of battling, you'll find that you're being assisted.</p>	<p>Taurus April 20 - May 20</p> <p>Step up! Action needs to be taken. And you've got the skills and ability needed. So stop doubting yourself and get moving. As the week progresses, you'll enjoy your new role.</p>	<p>Gemini May 21 - June 20</p> <p>just because a certain person doesn't want to face up to a problem doesn't mean they shouldn't. Be open, your clarity can make a huge difference to someone's life this week.</p>	<p>Cancer June 21 - July 22</p> <p>This week, don't let anyone try to curb your enthusiasm. If you feel like making a spontaneous move, go for it! Just stay calm and don't react if you're being backed into a corner.</p>
<p>Leo July 23 - Aug 22</p> <p>This week, you'll find your ambitions and values are clearer than ever. When pressured to do something you don't agree with, you won't have trouble finding your voice. Stay true to yourself.</p>	<p>Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22</p> <p>You don't need a bulging bank account to feel rich. By sharing what you hold in your heart, you'll receive something money can't buy. Treasures, of an emotional kind, will come your way.</p>	<p>Libra Sept 23 - Oct 22</p> <p>You're being cautious about deepening a connection with someone. But you mistrust your instincts. This week, stop hesitating and trust. Inspiring mutual understanding is possible.</p>	<p>Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21</p> <p>This week, forces draw your attention to a close companion. They need your help. And you won't be sorry for the efforts you make to support them.</p>
<p>Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21</p> <p>This week, your discernment skills are high. Which means you can easily work out whether someone's crazy notion is worth investing energy into. It might be brilliant!</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>The challenges you face this week are caused by other people's choices - try to find ways to convince them to alter their approach. You can start turning things around this week.</p>	<p>Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18</p> <p>Even the craziest notions deserve to be thought through. An idea could make a profound difference to your world that you come to see it as one of the best decisions you've ever made.</p>	<p>Pisces Feb 19 - Mar 20</p> <p>Take the time you need to make your mind up this week. You're entering a new era. When you act out your ideas, you can, in your way, change the world.</p>

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CNA - Elders Coordinator
CNA - Human Resources Support Clerk
CNA - nte?képmx Guardian Coordinator
CNA - Special Projects Lead

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their cover letter and resume to:
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Email: HR@cna-trust.ca
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*Jennifer has a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a
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on hand to provide guidance for
those who wish.*



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SALES

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PERSONAL

LOST: Chain w/ medallion 315-7771
FOUND CAT. Appeared at Sunshine Valley address: Shorthair tortoiseshell young female cat. 378-6540
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LOST: keychain with change purse. Navy blue arrowhead beadwork w/ lanyard, Ford key & PO key, ID in change purse (status card & care card), between Post office & Black's on Nov 24. Please, just need ID back. 525-0406
NA MEETINGS are held each Tues & Thurs 7pm at the United Church, 1899 Quilchena Ave.
MISSING: 2 sets of 2 silver matching keys & 1 single key w/ blank photo tag attached. Call/text Gilbert 250-828-0582
DO YOU PLAY VIOLIN? Join our string ensemble group. Practice Wednesdays evenings. Text Cecilia 315-0022
ALANON (for friends & families of alcoholics) every Monday @ 6pm Trinity United Church Hall
ELKS EVENTS: Every Wednesday Bingo, doors open 11am, ends 3pm. Every Friday Nite Bingo, doors open 4pm, ends 10pm. 1701 Coldwater Ave.
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FREE: 4-bmr prop. range (604)312-1954 A/C \$100. Calvin 778-586-8362
MICROWAVE \$30 378-0838
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FOR SALE HOUSE/PROPERTY

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