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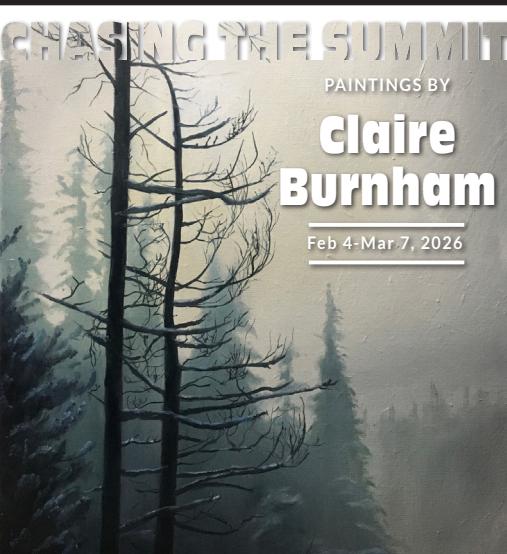
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Feb 4-Mar 7, 2026



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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](http://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 make 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/](http://www.merritt.ca/budget/)

free lunch. FMI, text Cecilia 250-315-0022 or email [gcdyck@hotmail.com](mailto:gcdyck@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: [nvwomenomination@gmail.com](mailto:nvwomenomination@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



**Aries**  
March 21 - April 19

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.



**Taurus**  
April 20 - May 20

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.



**Gemini**  
May 21 - June 20

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.



**Cancer**  
June 21 - July 22

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.



**Leo**  
July 23 - Aug 22

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.



**Virgo**  
Aug 23 - Sept 22

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.



**Libra**  
Sept 23 - Oct 22

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.



**Scorpio**  
Oct 23 - Nov 21

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.



**Sagittarius**  
Nov 22 - Dec 21

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!



**Capricorn**  
Dec 22 - Jan 19

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.



**Aquarius**  
Jan 20 - Feb 18

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.



**Pisces**  
Feb 19 - Mar 20

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.

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Family literacy week



## Family Literacy Week

January 24 - 31, 2026

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2202 VOUGHT STREET, MERRITT BC

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We are pleased to announce that we have more job opportunities to join the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly. Please visit our website to view the following job postings available:

CNA - Boston Bar Community Engagement Coordinator  
CNA - Elders Coordinator  
CNA - Human Resources Support Clerk  
CNA - nle?képmx Guardian Coordinator  
CNA - Special Projects Lead

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their cover letter and resume to:

Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly  
Email: HR@cna-trust.ca

In-Person: 2025 Granite Ave, Merritt, BC  
We offer competitive wages, benefits, pension, internal training, and professional development to support the right candidate. We believe in initiative, respect and community



values. If you have some of these qualities and believe you would be of value to our organization, then we want to hear from you!

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TUESDAYS 1:30-3:30 PM

Beginning January 6<sup>th</sup>

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those who wish.



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### SALES

**CRAFT MARKET & BAKE SALE**  
Shulus Hall Feb 7 10am-5pm. Raffle & door prizes, local artisans, handmade products, concession

### PERSONAL

**LOST:** Chain w/ medallion 315-7771  
**FOUND CAT:** Appeared at Sunshine Valley address: Shorthair tortoiseshell young female cat. 378-6540

**DISABLED PERSON NEEDS OCCASIONAL HELP** for odd jobs around the house (house cleaning, shovelling, etc). You should be strong, thinking and energetic with a good outlook on life. Please text 250-378-7938

**GOING AWAY ON HOLIDAYS?** Nd someone to care for your home or sml farm? call Bill, reliable, honest 315-3621

**LOST:** keychain with change purse. Navy blue arrowhead beakwork 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.

**AA MEETINGS** Wed., Fri., Sat. At 7pm, Mon. Noon at Trinity United Church, 1899 Quilchena Ave.

### SERVICES

**NEED CORPORATE** planning, business wealth account, collateral loans, key person insurance, etc 778-630-0323

**DOG GROOMING** (All Sizes). I have a few openings for new clients, located off Iron Mountain Road... please text or leave a message 604-220-7353

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**SHELLY'S BANNOCK & Catering** & other goodies 936-8368

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**FOR SALE - APPLIANCES**

**MICROWAVE** new 1200W family size Panasonic Genius \$150 378-5394

**FRIGIDAIR** stove, 2 yrs old \$250obo. Vitara fridge, 10 mos. old \$400obo. Amana washer & dryer, 4 yrs old \$300/pr obo 280-0543

**FREEZER**, smaller approx. 2'x4'. Calvin 778-586-8362

**COUNTERTOP** dishwasher, hardly used, 3 yrs old \$300 250-289-4759

**FREE:** 4-bmtr prop. range (604)312-1954

A/C \$100. Calvin 778-586-8362

**MICROWAVE** \$30 378-0838

**ARCTIC AIR** a/c 5000btu 18.5wx-15.5dx12'h \$25. Kenmore a/c 12,000btu 18wx15dx22 \$100. **Wshr/dryer** \$300/pr. Elect. fireplace w/ remote \$100. Gas stove, dbl oven, Americana \$150. Inglis fridge \$75 315-0415

**FOR SALE - AUTOMOTIVE**

1991 FORD F150 4x4 378-7124

### 4 MICHELIN A/T tires 275-65-R18, tires were take offs, lk nw \$400 280-0769

**95 CHEVROLET** Crew Cab Pickup Truck \$1500obo 315-0011 Aspen Grove

**SET OF 4 TIRES**, good rims, 245-17

winters for Ford \$400. Calvin 778-586-8362

**ALUM.** dry box combination tonneau cover for full size pickup truck with 6 ft. box. \$450obo. 315-2080

**4 SALIUN** tires 205/55/R16 M+S, used for 5 months \$225 378-2226 after 5pm

**PARTING OUT:** 2010 Ford F150, Lots of good stuff, Various prices or take truck for \$700 Tex 250-936-8982

**TIRES:** Five 185/65R15 snowflake, Two 215/65 17" wtrn snowflake M&S. Two 215/55R17 winter snowflake. Four 195/65 16" snowflake. Four 185/65R15 winter studded, brnd nw. Rick 936-8885

**2005 DODGE** 1500 4x4 SLT, auto, quad cab, 4 tires w/ snowflake last yr, gd glass, vry gd cond, vry reliable, lots work done, 220,000km, \$800obo. Greg 315-7525

**FOR SALE - PETS / LIVESTOCK**

**2000 BEAUTIFUL** large Angel Fish \$15/pair. 936-9912

**6-8 PIGEONS** with a good metal roost for them, to give away. 378-4947

**30-GAL.** fish tank, LED lights, 2-in-1 filter pump, bubble pump, gravel, ornaments, fish net, hand-held cleaner for glass \$250 315-3981

**6 FT HINGED** plastic dog ramp (astro turf lined for traction) \$95. Large well built **dog house** (insulated, aluminum roof, wavey-edged cedar siding) \$150 firm. Large Petmate portable plastic dog kennel \$135. Earl 378-5038

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**2 MALE** kittens to grt homes 250-682-2012

**PITBULL** puppies born Feb 28, ready now. Andrew 778-538-3682

**FREE:** Lonesome ringneck male dove w/ outdr cage. Hawk got mate 378-3496

**FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS**

**HEAD** mount cougar rug, offrs. 378-5038

4 cork boards, 4'x6', exc cond. 280-0543

**PR LADIES** Hunter boots, mudder purple, sz 7, gd cond \$50. 378-1843 aft 5pm

**100s PAPERBACK** books to give away free, for whoever will come to get them 315-9803, diananorgard63@gmail.com

**FREE FIREWOOD:** willow not the best firewood, fine once dry, about 1/2 to 2/3 of a cord, 1475 Clebsy St help yourself.

**FREE** 4 burner propane range w/ irge-oven. Free wht dbl porcelain **kichen** sink -4". Kane Valley Area but can drop off 604-312-1954

**WINDOWS**, aluminum frames, various sizes. Plywood 3/4" tongue & groove. Regular plywood, 1/2" Aldo 378-2832

**UNPASTEURIZED** raw honey: \$40 for 8 cups, \$20 for 4 cups, \$10 for 2 cups, \$5 for 1 cup 378-4947

**GRANNY'S** House Quilting & Retreat has sewing notions from Pat's Patches 378-3734

**FOR SALE - FURNITURE**

**VINTAGE** Half Canopy single bed, frame \$75 378-6787

**SINGLE SIZE** solid wood storage bed frame with 3 drawers and a headboard in great condition for \$100obo 315-9713

**DOUBLE BED** with box spring, frame, stands and set of sheets, gd condition just no room \$125obo. 4 **bar stools**, like new \$125 all 4 obo. **Pedestal sink** \$40. Rocking chair \$40. 2 **swivel** rocking chairs, light rose in colour, very nice looking \$375obo. 378-7333

**SOLID WOOD** kitchntbl, 2 leaves, 6 chairs \$85 378-1835

**WOOD** table w/ 6 chairs, 2 leafs, exc shape \$300obo. Other furniture: dressers, china cabinet, etc. etc. 280-0543

**HARDWOOD**tbl & chairs \$50obo. Solid hardwood dresser & mirr. \$50obo Debra 250-718-3740

**DLX** high-back leather padded desk/office chair, lk nw \$100 378-9169

**FILE CABINET** 4 drawer legal size \$75. Oak queen **headboard** and bed frame \$25. Matching oak large **dresser** with mirror \$75. Royal Dalton County Roses china set \$300. Bob 250-574-3598

**HIDE-A-BED** \$50obo. Rocking chair \$15. TV stand \$10. 378-8838

**2 GRAVITY** Chairs \$50 each 936-8387

### FOR SALE - ELECTRONICS/SOFTWARE

4 - TV'S 48", 41", and 2 32-inch. Phone for price 378-7333

**SIRIUS RADIO** w/ access., nw cond \$100 378-9169

**FOR SALE - RECREATIONAL**

**SAUER 3000** Carl Gustaff 6.5x55 with 6-24x50 scope. Very nice condition, silky smooth, very accurate \$800 hlangeloo46@gmail.com

**MUECCI** pool cue w/ case, brnd nw. value \$800+, sell \$600 hlangeloo46@gmail.com

**SHAKESPEAR** Wondertrol. 606 electric outboard motor with 12v battery and battery box \$75 378-6787

**WINCHESTER** 3" mag Mdl 12 shotgun, rarely used/lk nw \$850. Earl 378-5038