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Spirit Square, Quilchena Ave. & Fairley Park revitalization

It's been nearly 13 years since Spirit Square opened, and downtown Merritt experienced its last revitalization. The City began planning for it in 2008 and it opened to the public in 2013.

This new revitalization planning began in spring 2025 with an engagement process — interviews, workshop and open house. Groups involved in the initial input include the Farmers Market, Tourism Nicola Valley, the Firefighters Assoc., Interior Community Services, the NV Community Arts Council; and City staff, Mayor and Council members.

In December, the consultants presented their concepts to Council. And now the City is reaching out to stakeholders to get feedback on those proposals.

City of Merritt Housing Director Holly Ferris is the point person for feedback from businesses and organizations, especially as it relates to "sustainable workforce housing and what that looks like for businesses and organizations in the community, and if it has an impact on staff retention". As well as any other thoughts around economic development.

The Quilchena Ave. component aims to build on what's already there — good tree canopy and walkability — and to primarily add movable furnishings, better lighting and create some space where shoppers would linger.

The Fairley Park component plans for new playground equipment, and to expand it to include the open area next to the new active transportation trail.

The housing portion comes with the Spirit Square component — and not in the 'interim' concept, but in the 'longterm' concept.

The interim concept proposes to integrate fencing, improve the lighting, retrofit the building, secure a tenant, maintain current amenities, program the square, create a shaded place to sit, establish an entry kiosk, and provide drinking water and misting station. This phase would be a 1-5 year plan, until appropriate funding & partnerships could be secured.

The longterm concept is where the housing comes in. The proposal is for more comprehensive redevelopment options, which could be delivered in partnership with other community organizations like Interior Community Services and BC Housing.

One idea is to develop a mixed-use building with ground floor commercial, and residential above on 3 floors, in the old community policing building including the garden space adjacent to it. They're calling this option "Starry night".

Longterm concept #2 goes further, removing the current stage and post & beam canopy structures, and developing 4-storey mixed-use buildings along the lane. They're calling this option "Village Green".

The proposal document is available as part of the Dec 9th meeting agenda, on the City's website under the 'City Council' tab, and navigate down to 'agendas & minutes', then to the Dec 9, 2025 meeting.

A mother said to her son, "Look at that kid over there; he's not misbehaving." The son replied, "Maybe he has good parents then!"

When the waitress in a New York City restaurant brought him the soup du jour, the Englishman was a bit dismayed. "Good heavens," he said, "what is this?" "Why, it's bean soup," she replied. "I don't care what it has been," he sputtered. "What is it now?"

Bearly Escape A guy is hiking in the woods one day when a bear chases him up a really tall tree. The bear starts to climb the tree, so the guy climbs up higher. Then, the bear climbs down and goes away. So the guy starts to climb down the tree. Suddenly, the bear returns, and this time he's brought an even bigger bear with him. The two bears climb up the tree, the bigger bear going higher than the first. But the guy climbs even higher still, so the bears can't reach him. Eventually, the bears go away. Naturally quite relieved, the guy starts down the tree again. Suddenly, the two bears return. But this time the guy knows he's in big trouble. Each bear is carrying a beaver.

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FEBRUARY 25, 2026 | 3:30PM



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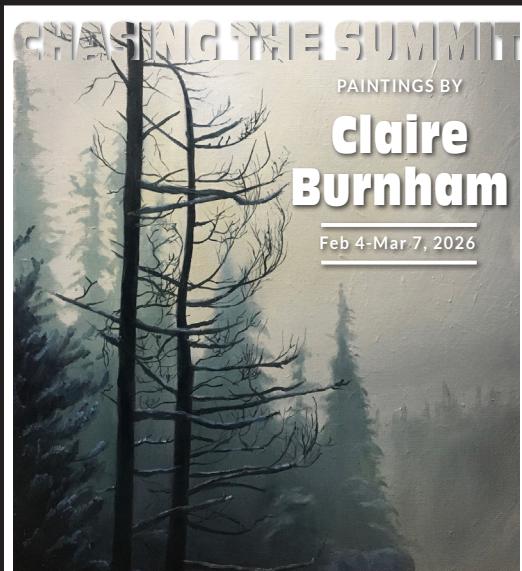
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