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**Police not involved in last month's death**

The Independent Investigations Office (IIO) of BC has now completed its investigation into an incident last month. The chief civilian director reviewed the evidence collected by IIO investigators – including officer statements, radio transmissions, as well as video footage – and has determined that there is no connection between police actions and the man's death.

Around 9:30pm on April 2nd, an RCMP officer located a vehicle parked on the side of Hwy 97C near Iron Mountain Rd. At the same time, police received a phone call expressing concern for a family member believed to be in that area. The officer on scene reported that the man inside the vehicle was in possession of a firearm. Additional officers, including members of the Emergency Response Team were called in and contained the area. Police then used a drone and discovered the man had sustained a self-inflicted injury while inside the vehicle. He was pronounced deceased on scene.

The IIO was notified shortly after the incident and began their investigation.

**Wind power project for Upper Nicola Band**

The Nicola Wind Project (West Kelowna), a joint venture between Elemental Energy Renewables Inc. and the Upper Nicola Band, is one of 4 wind energy projects that got the green light from the Province & BC Hydro this week.

BC Hydro received a strong response to the call for power launched last July, with 14 proposals. Following a competitive evaluation process, they will award 30-year electricity purchase agreements to Nicola Wind (West Kelowna) - 496 megawatts; Bessie Wind Project (Dawson Creek) - 251MW; Sweetwater Wind Project (Dawson Creek) - 210MW; and Taylor South Wind Project (Taylor) - 201MW.

The projects will provide 3,500 gigawatt hours per year of electricity, enough to power 350,000 more homes, boosting BC Hydro's current supply by 5%. All 4 successful energy projects will have 51% equity ownership.

**Rear View MMMirror, May 19, 1995 Vinny's dog... BUSTED!**

First Vinny gets put in jail, then his 15-year-old son goes into the slammer, now ... his dog! Is there no end to the downward spiral of this tragic Canadian family? *Cont'd, over*

**An old woman goes to the newspaper office** after her husband died. She explains that she needs to get an obituary published. She is asked what she wants the obituary to say. The woman thinks and says, "Fred Smith died." The reporter looks at her and said, "Miss, you can have it say more than that if you want." So the little old lady thinks for a second and says, "Fred Smith died. Boat for sale."

- SALES - MAY 15, 16 & 17**
- 2509 Aberdeen Rd, LN. FRI, SAT & SUN. Bedding plants, tools, miscellaneous.
  - Fall Fair Bldg, 319 Lindley Creek Rd, SAT 9am-2pm, SUN 10am-2pm. First giant Fall Fair garage sale. Donations accepted
  - 1926 Houston St, SAT & SUN 8am-?
  - 1873 First Ave. SAT 8-12 noon weather permitting. Baking & lemonade as well. Fundraising for a trip back east in July!
  - 254 Hwy 8, Lower Nicola mobile home Park. SAT & SUN 9am-3pm. Multiple homes involved
  - 320 Earnshaw Ave., Low. Nic. SAT 9am-3pm, SUN 9am-12noon
  - 1601 Nicolls Rd (Sunshine Valley East). SAT & SUN No early birds. Multi family, tack and stuff
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**Community 'Coldwater Stories' community walk**

The City of Merritt Flood Mitigation team will host the *Coldwater Stories Community Site Walk* on Friday, May 22, 10am-1pm, starts at the parking lot across from Claybanks RV park.

The day before the walk — Thurs. May 21, 4-8pm at the Civic Centre — those who attend the City of Merritt's Open House will be able to catch the premiere of Episode 1 of *Coldwater Stories*, the new docu-series showcasing the journey of the Coldwater Corridor River Recovery.

**TNRD trunk sale**

TNRD will host a trunk sale event in Spirit Square on May 24, 2026, 10am – 1pm. Sell, swap, or donate items from your home in a community-wide garage sale. Live music; browse and buy bargain finds, stay for the community atmosphere! Sign up to be a vendor free of charge, limited to 2 spots, contact the TNRD Solid Waste and Recycling Department at 250-377-2596, or recycleright@tnrd.ca

**Municipal open house**

The City of Merritt, council and staff, invites all members of the public to attend a general Open House on Thursday May 21, 4-7pm at the Civic Centre. Comprehensive information about activities and progress in various segments of operations: water supply & systems, flood mitigation projects, road projects, development and planning projects, firesmart, emergency preparedness, recreation, finance, careers and more.

**NV Arts Council plein air painting**

The plein air painting event led by artists Linda Suzuki and Vanessa Trenholm will be held May 23, 9:30am-3pm, at a secret location at Nicola Lake! You will receive all the art materials required for a Plein Air activity. Please bring a lawn chair and/or a blanket, lunch, appropriate outdoor clothing and sun protection. The two artists will guide you through the process of watercolour painting outdoors. Registration required [www.nicolavalleyarts.com/programs/adults/](http://www.nicolavalleyarts.com/programs/adults/)

**Forest Landscape Plan open house**

Residents in communities in the Souther Interior are invited to share their input about the development of the tmix<sup>™</sup> naqscn (pronounced *ti-MUUK nak-CHEEN*) Forest Landscape Plan (FLP) to guide forest-management decisions in the area. Share your thoughts through a survey, which will run until July 10. An open house will be held in Merritt on May 27, 6-8pm, in Room 2 at the *Cont'd, over*

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Over the years, the Lilac Conspiracy has provided lilac slips from heritage plants, by donation, as an incentive to propagate them & continue the old stocks in the community.

**Lilac Festivals in Merritt**  
The first lilac festival was held in 2004, in mid-May when the lilacs were bursting with colour & fragrance in Merritt. It was an art & music event in a heritage warehouse in the downtown area — a huge success with a Bohemian style. The event appealed to those who love the flowers & enjoy art. Festivals were held each year until 2008, but 'lilac awareness' has continued to be promoted through art posters during lilac time.

**The Merritt Lilac Project**  
The Merritt Lilac Project began in 2005 with Bill Vander Zalm donating well-started 4'-5' lilac trees to the citizens of Merritt. Since that time, more than 5,000 lilacs have been planted in our community, thanks to his generosity. With this gift, the variety of lilac trees is greatly enhanced, extending the blooming season by at least 2 weeks. The bushes are young still, but continue thrive in our climate. They are an investment that will mature in the years to come!

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**Vinny's dog** *continued*

Last week, after a call from Vinny's concerned landlady, RCMP proceeded to Vinny's basement apartment, gained entry and took into custody one 8-month-old mongrel pup named 'Flash.' The dog, in the depths of depression due to loneliness, staring off into the middle distance, accepted impoundment resignedly. Dozens of standers-by witnessing the heart-wrenching custody reported that police, some fighting back emotion, showed a great deal of compassion in not using paw-cuffs.

"The cops were super," said one witness. "They treated that little pup like a real human being. My wife was there. She says the dog was crying, and she swears she heard a soft little whine that went 'vinn-eee, vinn-eee'" It was enough to make a hard-hearted barber weep!

Police were puzzled, back at the station, when the dog refused water, milk or lucozade. They sat by helplessly watching the pup slowly de-hydrate:

"You could actually see the little fella *drying out!*" said a Corporal.

Then, a bright young Constable came up with the solution: cough syrup!

With a veterinarian looking on, the animal was given a small bowl of diluted cough syrup, the kind with codeine, the kind that drove the dog's master to crime. Flash sniffed at the bowl once, and then downed the entire cocktail in one gigantic slurp. Shortly thereafter the dog did a brief jig on its hind legs, atop a spinning soccer ball, and then chased its tail in circles until it flopped off the ball onto the floor, exhausted but content.

Flash is currently in the care of the City Pound, undergoing drug re-hab.

The Merritt Bylaw Enforcement Officer reports that the pup is slated for the Foster Pet Program.

"She will not be destroyed," said the Enforcement Officer. "We'll get her healthy, and find her a good home."

Anyone interested in providing a home for this poor, homeless orphan of a pooch, please call 378-9059, the Foster Pet people.

(vinn-eee. vinn-eee) — Gordon Cockle, MMMirror, Friday May 19, 1995 #22

**Community** *continued*

Civic Centre. A Virtual town hall will be held June 15, 6:30-8pm. Link: [us02web.zoom.us/j/81380867582?pwd=dNBGRsi4ZtaR9XqxIISCDcoXx6P6JL.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81380867582?pwd=dNBGRsi4ZtaR9XqxIISCDcoXx6P6JL.1)

**Shipping container survey**

The City of Merritt is now reviewing their shipping container bylaw and exploring how they are used on private property. Part of this process involves public input to help shape future regulations — and they want to hear your views on temporary and/or long-term usage of shipping containers on residential land within the City. The deadline to complete the survey is May 31, available at [www.merritt.ca/containers/](http://www.merritt.ca/containers/) or FMI contact [planning@merritt.ca](mailto:planning@merritt.ca)

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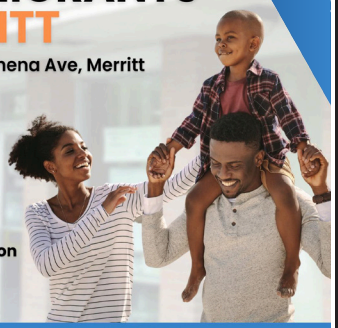


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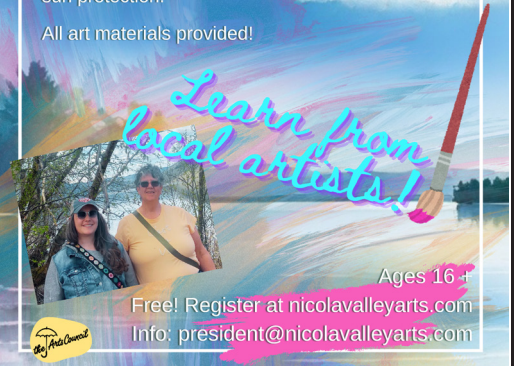
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