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Still fighting 'second generation cut-off'
150 years of the Indian Act

Sharon McIvor, local resident & a founding member of the Indian Act Sex Discrimination Working Group, submitted Parliamentary e-Petition 7200 — with 14,298 signatures — calling for Bill S-2 as amended by the Senate to be passed by the House of Commons.

The Senate voted to eliminate the controversial "second-generation cut-off". This rule historically prevented grandchildren from registering if a parent married a non-status person. The amendment proposes allowing entitlement to pass indefinitely as long as at least one parent is registered or entitled to be registered.

"This year is the 150th anniversary of the introduction of the Indian Act" said Sharon McIvor. "Yet, the sex and race discrimination in the status registration provisions, which has been a key feature of the Act since the beginning, is still not gone. Canada has been cited by numerous United Nations human rights mechanisms for its violation of the rights of Indigenous women, and for using the Indian Act as a tool of forced assimilation. The UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the UN Human Rights Committee have all explicitly called on Canada to end the discrimination and the second-generation cut-off. Canada has a long-overdue moral and legal obligation to uphold First Nations women's rights and the Charter-protected rights of First Nations people." *Cont'd, over*

Community
Nicola Valley Food Bank board mtg

A motion to replace the bylaws is being proposed at the board meeting to be held June 11, 5:30pm at 1898 Blair St. A copy of these bylaws can be obtained at the Nicola Valley Food Bank. Everyone welcome.

Merritt Crown bike race

The annual Merritt Crown XC Bike race, on June 13, offers 3 races on the mountains surrounding Merritt — full crown 120km bike race at 3000m elevation; half crown 60km at 1500m elevation; 2- or 4-person relay race 30-40km at 750m elevation. While the majority of the race is along trails in the mountains and grasslands surrounding Merritt, there are a few locations where the race intersects Merritt's road network. FMI www.headsortrails.ca/merrittcrownxcbike

NVIT Pow Wow

NVIT warmly invites you to gather for their inaugural Pow Wow, a time to honour Indigenous cultures, traditions, and community — Thurs, June 18, 12noon-5pm at the NVIT Gym. Pow Wows are sacred gatherings where songs, dances, and teachings are shared, celebrating identity, resilience, and our relationships to the land and to one another. We invite all relatives and friends to come together in respect, to listen, learn, and witness.

Please come with an open heart and follow Pow Wow protocols, as each song and dance carries deep cultural and spiritual meaning. FMI Lesley Manuel lmanuel@nvit.ca, 250-315-3153.

Father's Day pancake breakfast

The Merritt Elks will host a Father's Day pancake breakfast, garage/swap meet. Crafters. June 20, 9am-2pm. *Cont'd, over*

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If you ever need to scream and let all your feelings out, I highly recommend a cornfield. There's no judgment... And they're all ears.

I took my wife to an orchard for her birthday. We stood there for 10 mins, it was not the apple watch she wanted.

I got an email talking about how to read maps backwards. It was spam.

I'm not a fan of reward cards. I got too many points on one and now I'm not allowed to drive.

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

<p>Aries March 21 - April 19</p> <p>This week, if you find yourself circling a dilemma, it's not because the answer is out of reach - it's because you've drifted too far from your first instinct. Don't overthink. Say what feels true.</p>	<p>Taurus April 20 - May 20</p> <p>This week brings a powerful shift. A wave of reassurance reminds you of your ability to shape what comes next. Turn your attention to what you can influence.</p>	<p>Gemini May 21 - June 20</p> <p>This week, if you've been struggling, it's time for a reset. New possibilities are emerging. Your optimism will return. And the path ahead will look much brighter.</p>	<p>Cancer June 21 - July 22</p> <p>A conversation, a piece of news might not look dramatic, but it carries weight. Something valuable is unfolding. It has the potential to change everything for the better.</p>
<p>Leo July 23 - Aug 22</p> <p>You'll sense the moment when 'almost' becomes 'actually happening'. What's opening up in your world has been a long time in the making. It's ready to take shape in a way you can appreciate.</p>	<p>Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22</p> <p>This week you can see a lingering challenge with fresh, grounded insight. Guess what? It holds hidden potential. Be inspired by what you discover.</p>	<p>Libra Sept 23 - Oct 22</p> <p>If you're willing to choose what resonates, a new path will be revealed. Honour your deepest desires, and you'll be taking your first steps towards a future that feels liberating and right.</p>	<p>Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 21</p> <p>You're aiming higher, even if it takes more effort to get there. You've got the focus, patience, and clarity to tackle something that's always felt out of reach. It's about determination.</p>
<p>Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21</p> <p>This week, if you feel as if you're being pushed in a direction that doesn't sit right, pause and listen inwardly. So, kindly but clearly stand firm. And you'll feel inspired again.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>You're in an excellent position to think things through with clarity and care. By allowing for 'just in case', you'll strengthen your position... and your current goal.</p>	<p>Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18</p> <p>Just because results aren't immediate doesn't mean you're not making progress. Keep sight of your goal. The more thoughtfully you apply effort, the more impact you'll have.</p>	<p>Pisces Feb 19 - Mar 20</p> <p>Your awareness is deepening and you sense the subtle connections between cause and effect more clearly. This is a gift. It enables you to make decisions with lasting impact.</p>

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2nd generation *continued*

Last week, Chiefs and leaders rallied at the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) Chiefs Council Meeting urging Prime Minister Carney to meet with Sharon McIvor and First Nations women leaders immediately and to pass Bill S-2 as amended by the Senate without delay.



Sharon McIvor

Sharon McIvor is a member of the Lower Nicola Band, born in Merritt. She studied at the University of Victoria and Queen's University where she has acquired two degrees, an LL.B. and LL.M. in 1987 and 1995.

In 1985, Sharon applied to register herself as a Status Indian, following amendments to the Indian Act that year. Known as Bill C-31, these amendments restored and provided status to many women who had lost their rights after marrying non-status men. Under the new terms of the Act, she had status under section 6(1)(c), while her son had status under section 6(2). The main difference between sections 6(1)(c) and (2) is that the first group can pass on status to their children, while the second cannot.

Sharon argued that this was discriminatory. If she were a man with status, her children would have rights under section 6(1)(a), and her grandchildren would also have status either under section 6(2) if born after 1985, or under section 6(1)(c) if born before 1985. But because she is a woman, her children's status rights are not equal to those of a man with status, and her grandchildren would not receive status under the Act. Sharon took the federal government to court, arguing that section 6 of the Indian Act was discriminatory and infringed on her Charter rights. She won her case in 2007.

Community *continued*

Merritt & District Hospice Society

The Merritt & District Hospice Society will be available at the Merritt Library on Thurs mornings 10am-12noon for the month of June. Come in, say hello, and borrow a book from our hospice library, learn about living with loss sessions, ask questions about services and support, find out how to volunteer. FMI 250-280-1701, merrithospice@shaw.ca.

Canada Day celebrations

Wednesday July 1, the City of Merritt will host Canada Day celebrations in Rotary Park, 11am-3pm. Breakfast starts the day at the Civic Centre hosted by the Merritt Basque Society \$10, 7:30-10:30am. Lunch Rotary Park: \$5 12-2pm.

There will be human foosball, zorball, tropical bounce & slide, face painting & balloon artists, free photo booth, cookies & donuts fundraiser for Girl Guides, snow cones soccer fundraiser, concession, Love to Dance Academy performance, bike decoration, Art in Motion event trailer, and BreatheBikes. At 12:00 pm (noon) the singing of *O Canada* & flag raising, with a greeting from the Mayor. Live music with *Jackson Hollow* at the Rotary Park Bandshell 11am-3pm, and food trucks.

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NA MEETINGS are held each Tues & Thurs 7pm at the United Church, 1899 Quilchena Ave.

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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.

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FREE CAMPING FIREWOOD. Large willow rounds. Needs splitting. Bring a maul. 250 936 9356

ADJUSTABLE electric single hospital Bed \$50. Head, knees and height all variable. 378-7442

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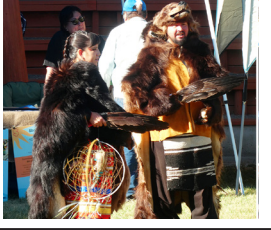
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