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Pipeline near-miss near Merritt

Canadian pipeline safety enforcement has resulted in penalty fines for Westcoast Energy GP Inc. and contractor Ogilvie Mountain Holdings LP, after a near-miss incident at a compressor station near Merritt.

The case stems from a September 2025 excavation strike on a live 2-inch power gas line — an event the regulator says could have caused serious harm.

Westcoast Energy GP Inc. was fined $52,000 and Ogilvie Mountain Holdings LP was fined $3,750 for September 2025 B.C. pipeline safety violations.

The incident is classified as " high-potential near miss". OMH, working as a contractor for Westcoast, struck a live 2-inch power gas line while excavating a pipe for inspection work at a Westcoast compressor station near Merritt. They used air-powered chisels and jackhammers near the buried gas line without confirming its location and failed to inform employees of their obligations under the Damage Prevention Regulations.

Westcoast, for its part, did not adequately supervise its contractors to ensure compliance with company standards or applicable regulations. That lapse drew the larger of the two penalties, reflecting the company's direct responsibility for contractor oversight at the work site.

Triquet Island archaeological dig

An archeological find in 2017 affirmed the Heiltsuk Nation's oral history — that a settlement on BC's Central Coast dated back to 14,000 years.

Heiltsuk oral history talks of a strip of land in that [Central Coast] area where the excavation took place. It was a place that 'never froze during the ice age' and where people flocked to for survival.

Ice from the late Fraser glaciation had retreated from the outer islands of the Central Coast, including Triquet Island, by ca. 18,000 years ago.

BC archaeologists have excavated a settlement on Triquet Island — in traditional Heiltsuk Nation territory — and dated it to 14,000 years ago, during the last ice age when glaciers covered much of North America.

Archeologist Alisha Gauvreau, a PhD student from the University of Victoria at the time and a scholar with the Hakai Institute, helped uncover the find. The crew found a number of artifacts at the site, including carved wooden tools.

By excavating through meters of soil and peat, the team identified a paleosol — a thin horizontal layer of soil — that contained a hearth-like feature.

Very carefully, they were able to isolate a few tiny charcoal flakes from the hearth with tweezers and send it in for carbon dating. Tests revealed the fragments were over 14,000 years old — thousands of years older than the Roman Empire and the Egyptian pyramids.

The site is one of the oldest sites of human occupation on the Northwest coast of North America. And it gives a new meaning to the First Nations concept of "time immemorial."

The finding also has *Cont'd, over*

Northern Sunrise

Kamloops Symphony Orchestra concert in Merritt

The Kamloops Symphony Orchestra will present a concert in Merritt on Sunday, November 22, 3pm at the Civic Centre — *Northern Sunrise*. It is part of their New Horizons series.

Led by conductor David Bui, "From the stillness before dawn to the full light of day, this program traces an arc of voices united by a sense of place and possibility. Anchored by Jerod Tate's sweeping Shakamaxon and closing with Sibelius' radiant Andante festivo, Northern Sunrise is an evening that feels like a landscape coming into focus." The concert will be 90 minutes long, featuring Mari Alice Conrad's *Northern Sunrise;* Bartók's *Divertimento;* Sibelius' *Andante festivo; and* Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate's *Shakamaxon.*

General tickets are $50, youth tickets are $15, available at the KSO's website: kamloopssymphony.com/

Community

The Florentine Christmas craft sale

Tomorrow, the Florentine will hold their Christmas craft sale, 9am-1pm, 4100 Belshaw St.

Seniors Assoc. Christmas craft fair

The Merritt Seniors' Assoc. annual Christmas craft fair will be held at the Seniors' Centre, 1675 Tutill Court, on Saturday, Nov 21, 10am-3pm.

Merritt Country Christmas

Country Christmas is Nov 23-27, with all the fun events, in various locations around town. The Parade is set for November 27th. Stop by Carrie Ware & Company to pick up an application or email merrittcountrychristmas@gmail.com to request one. Deadline is Monday the 23rd. FMI www.facebook.com/Merritt Country Christmas Week.

NVIT's Christmas Craft Fair

Handmade gifts, local artisans, Wednesday, Dec 2, 12-6 pm.

Valley Graze holiday market

Valley Graze will hold a holiday market on Friday, Dec 4, 4-9pm.

Elks annual Christmas craft market

December 5, 9am-2pm at the Elks Hall, 1702 Coldwater Ave. Crafters, Concession, raffle prizes

Stuff the cruiser

Merritt RCMP will hold their food bank drive on Dec 6, 12-4pm at the Walmart parking lot. Proceeds go to the NV Food Bank. Items that are needed are: non-perishable food, toys and pet supplies — to help families in need this Christmas.

Christmas Lights Tour

The Merritt Transit System will hold their annual Christmas Lights Tour Dec 14, 15 & 16 starting at 6pm. The cost of the tour is $5 per person, which will be donated to the NV Food Bank. Seats must be pre-booked & paid for by 12noon on the day of the tour. To reserve a seat, stop by the Transit System office at City hall or call 250-378-4080. The tour leaves at 6pm from City Hall parking lot, please meet at 5:45pm. Tour runs 2 hours.

School's Out

Through a partner- *Cont'd, over*

The man who invented the heat index passed away today. He was 83, but he felt like 94.

How do witches and wizards prevent from accidentally turning something into a frog? They use a spell checker.

I have a German friend that is an audio engineer for live music concerts. I have a Czech one, too.

Told my Canadian pal I got into an argument with my wife. "Why don't you buy her a bouquet?" he asked. I said, "She isn't a big reader."

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Triquet Isl. *continued*

broader implications for human history — namely early North Americans travelled the coast.

One theory of how humans entered the Americas is they came from Asia over an Alaskan land bridge through an ice-free corridor east of the Rockies and made their way through what is now eastern and central Canada. But further studies suggest that route did not contain enough resources for the earliest migrants to successfully make the crossing.

The alternative theory, which is supported by the site as well as evidence that has come from stone tools and other carbon dating, is people were capable of travelling by boat. It is apparent that they were adept sea mammal hunters.

Despite the small size of the island, 7 archeological sites have been recorded there. They are primarily distributed across the northern and protected coastal extent of the island. Features include intertidal fish traps and petroforms (circular stone alignments), culturally modified trees, shell-midden and shell-less midden accumulations, and a house platform. Estuarian root gardens, well established berry patches, and a Haíłzaqv registered trapline and trapper's cabin are also known on Triquet Island. While most of the outer coastal islands in the area of Hakai Passage and Kilditd Sound are rocky and steep sided, Triquet Island has gently sloped and protected beaches.

the largest archaeological site on Triquet Island is centrally located along a protected northeastern bay, facilitating access to resources in the surrounding productive intertidal and estuarine areas, coastal forests, deep-sea and near shore marine environments, and sea-mammal rookeries. An extensive tidal flat on the lee side provides an excellent place for landing watercraft and harvesting intertidal resources. The site contains a rich assemblage of stratified natural and cultural deposits bearing stone tools, hearth features, fauna, preserved organics, perishable wooden artifacts, and fire-altered rock.

Past archaeological research on the Central Coast demonstrated long-term cultural continuity in the absence of sustained political conflict, environmental upheavals, group migrations, and cultural replacement. Few village sites were permanently abandoned, implying that people were choosing to stay in places where they had millennia-old settlements rather than finding alternative locations. The option to remain and repeatedly reoccupy settlements over millennia was possible because of the stable relative sea level in the region. FMI triquet.hakai.org/

—Source: CBC, Smithsonian, Hakai Org

Community *continued*

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Community Band

The Nicola Valley Community Band meets Tuesday nights 7-9pm in the music room at MSS. They are always looking for new members. If you play a band instrument, even if you're a bit rusty but you still have your instrument they want you to join them. FMI 250-378-1595.

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