

**COMMUNITY EVENTS & SERVICES**

Mt. View 1966 - 50th Reunion - grads send contact info to mtview1966@gmail.com or call Dave Hutchings 250-477-4505  
 Mar 17-20 - Kamloops Cowboy Festival  
 Mar. 19 - Hams & Turkeys at the meat draw, Barriere Legion 3pm  
 Mar. 19 - Barriere Seniors Flea Market at the Seniors Hall 9am-1pm.  
 Call for info and table rentals (\$10) 250-672-9337  
 Mar 25-27 - Cattle Penning at North Thompson Agriplex  
 Mar 29 - Barriere's Writers Group, Barriere Library 10:30am  
 Mar 29 - Genealogy Group, Barriere Library 1pm  
 April 2 - Barriere Search and Rescue open house 10am - 3pm at the new building on Barriere Town Road. Refreshments, BBQ and prizes for new members call 250-320-9775 for more info  
 April 2: North Thompson Women In Business Expo, at Clearwater Lodge foyer. Info Fay 250-674-2700 or email ntwomeninbusiness@gmail.com  
 April 9 - True Grit Big "4" Rodeo and Dance. Rodeo 6pm, dance 9pm NT Agriplex, for more information call 250-832-3561  
 April 9 - 10th annual Seedy Saturday, 10 - 2 Clearwater Ski Hill Lodge info at 250-674-3444 schoolcreekfarm@gmail.com  
 April 14: Barriere Elementary Heritage Fair  
 April. 21 - Grad Fashion Show Doors open at 6pm tickets \$10 available from the grads or at the door.  
 April 24 - Free dump day. 1 free pickup load per household at the Louis Creek Eco-Depot  
 April 28: National Day of Mourning - unveiling of "Logging Industry



**Barriere Fire Department**



**Reward Offered:**

**Winch stolen from Fire Hall car trailer on either March 8th or 9th**

**REWARD**

**No questions asked call or text 250-819-2017**



Barriere Secondary School

Cordially invites you to our

**Grad 2016 Fashion Show**

All Proceeds to Dry Grad 2016

Tickets available:

From all Grad Students  
 And at the door.  
 \$10 per person

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
 Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

4811 Barriere Town Road



**TRUE GRIT Indoor Big '4'**

**CABARET DANCE**

No Minors • Tickets \$15 will be pre-sold separately

Legion



**JOHN WAYNE SALOON**  
 BEER GARDEN

**CONCESSIONS**

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April 9, 2016, 6 p.m. *Stock Drive TBA*

**NORTH THOMPSON AGRIPLEX**

Barriere, BC

Presented by  
 DnB Rodeo Stock

Admission  
 \$12 • Seniors & Students \$10  
 Children 10 and under FREE

**Events**  
 Bull Riding  
 Saddle Bronc  
 Bareback  
 Ladies Barrel Racing

Ladies Barrel Racing  
 'Long Go' at 10am  
 FREE admission

For more information contact: DnB Rodeo Stock 250-832-3561

Tickets available at the Horse Barn in Kamloops and North Thompson Star Journal, Country Feeds & The Legion in Barriere (Rodeo tickets will also be available at the door)

# Small scale hydro project proposed for Mud Creek

By Keith McNeill  
The Times

Blue Water Power Corporation of Abbotsford is proposing a 15 MW (megawatt) run-of-the-river waterpower project on Mud Creek, which is located east of Blue River.

A referral from the provincial government on the proposed project was received for information by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District board of directors during its Feb. 18 meeting.

Staff would bring the proposal before the board again for resolution prior to a permit being issued.

The proposed power project would be located upstream from Mud Lake and Mud Lake Delta Provincial Park. In addition, there would be a transmission line roughly 15 km long to carry electricity back to the main powerline north of Blue River.

The project proponents are seeking an investigative license that would enable evaluation, sampling and feasibility studies of the site to assess the viability of water power generation there.

The provincial government indicates minimal disturbance on the land is anticipated during the investigative license stage.

TransAlta has operated a 19 MW small scale hydro plant on Bone Creek, which is about 20 km north of Mud Creek, since 2011.

Many other streams in the Blue River area have small scale hydro projects proposed for them but most are still in the concept stage.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
**COME ON IN**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**  
**Come by the new Barriere Search and Rescue Building**  
4601 Barriere Town Rd.  
on Saturday April 2 from 10am - 3pm

Come and see what BSAR has to offer  
**REFRESHMENTS - BBQ FOR EVERYONE**  
**& DOOR PRIZES for all new members**  
Call Tim for more info 250-320-9775

# Ticks feed on animals when it's 4°C

Submitted

March is National Tick Awareness Month in Canada. This initiative led by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), in partnership with Merck Animal Health, helps shed light on tick behaviour and risks, and the importance of tick seasonality in establishing parasite control programs for pets.

Ticks, which can transmit illnesses such as Lyme disease, can now be found in many areas throughout Canada. More cases of Lyme disease are being reported annually, contributing to growing public concern. Yet, despite an increase in public awareness, many people don't know one

very important fact about ticks: they don't mind cold weather.

In most parts of Canada, tick activity begins when the snow starts to melt and, depending on the tick species, can continue well into late fall. For example, black-legged ticks that can transmit Lyme disease start looking for animals to feed on when it's 4°C outside.

Traditionally, pet parasite prevention programs have been scheduled to begin in late spring, to coincide with the emergence of fleas, mosquitoes (that can transmit heartworm), and other seasonal parasites.

However, waiting for the arrival of warm weather before initiating parasite protection leaves pets vulnerable to ticks

during the crucial time between the first thaw and the start of conventional parasite control protocols. Since the best time to start protecting pets against ticks is before exposure, March is the ideal time.

"As veterinarians, we are in a unique position to take a leadership role in the fight against ticks," says Dr. Nicole Gallant, president of the CVMA. "National Tick Awareness Month is a rare opportunity for us to educate and empower pet owners, so we can work together to help prevent the spread of tick-borne diseases that can affect the health of pets and people."

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association urges pet owners to contact their veterinarian on how to protect their pets.

# MP McLeod calls on Ottawa to defend private property rights in wake of title declaration by bands

By Kamloops This Week

The Conservative MP for Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo is urging the federal Liberal government to defend the rights of private property owners in B.C. in the wake of the recent decision by two First Nation bands to declare title on private property in Kamloops.

The civil suit by the Tk'emlúps and Skeetchestn Indian bands (collectively known as Sik'emlupseme to Secwepemc Nation, or SSN) seeks to declare aboriginal title over private property owned by mining company KGHM Ajax, including Jacko Lake, which the SSN claims is important to the First Nations culture. The claim also affects other private property in Kamloops.

"We recognize that there is work to do towards resolving longstanding land claims," McLeod said.

"However, every federal government in the past has been unequivocal that private-property rights are not on the table. That is why it is deeply concerning to hear the justice minister [Jody Wilson-Raybould] say that when it comes to the federal government's litigation strategy, they will be 'potentially changing [their] approach'."

The B.C. government will "vigorously oppose" an aboriginal title claim on land owned by KGHM Ajax, the company that wants to build a copper and gold mine south of Aberdeen.

In a release, the Ministry of Justice said it

had filed a response to a title claim made by the Sik'emlupseme of the Secwepemc Nation (SSN) last fall, which included Jacko Lake and other land where KGHM Ajax hopes to build its open-pit mine.

The Sik'emlupseme of the Secwepemc Nation is comprised of the Tk'emlúps and Skeetchestn Indian bands.

At the time of its claim last fall, Skeetchestn Chief Ron Ignace told KTW his band and the Tk'emlúps Indian Band want the right to dictate how the land is used and have concerns about the environmental implications of the Ajax mine.

The lake, which SSN calls Pipsell, is also the site of epic Secwepemc story, The Trout Children, according to a Simon Fraser University researcher.

In January, the B.C. government announced it will "vigorously oppose a declaration that has the potential to create uncertainty over the land base and for private property owners across this territory."

While a landmark Supreme Court of Canada decision in 2014 granted the Tsilhqot'in First Nation title to more than 1,750 square kilometres of land west of Williams Lake, that title claim did not deal with private property.

Kamloops-North Thompson MLA and Health Minister Terry Lake has because of the private property it includes, the Jacko Lake claim is "unlike any rights and title claim in the past," noting while the claim centres on the Ajax site, it also includes much of the Kamloops area.

McLeod said ranchers and farmers are rightfully concerned about the impact on their lands and their livelihood as a result of this lawsuit.

"While the premier of British Columbia [Christy Clark] has said she will fight for private-property rights, it is disappointing that the government in Ottawa has left private land owners in limbo," McLeod said.

"We call on the government to stop hiding behind the courts and defend the rights of private-property owners in British Columbia."

*Wish you all a safe and happy holiday season*

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