

# 2018 Candidate Profiles for Mayor



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A highly organized, principled individual who believes Merritt can grow into the jewel it is meant to be.

- Current City Councillor
- 35+ year Executive career ... healthcare, school districts
- Long family history in Merritt
- Retired, returned home after successful career
- Numerous projects overseas ... passionate about serving the under-privileged
- Chair Finance Committee, Served on Policy Committee, Heritage Commission, liaison Community Futures
- Past-Treasurer, Deacons Board
- Vice-President, Strata Council
- Lifelong learner ... committed to serving community

Linda  
**BROWN**

### Foundational Principles:

Respect, Integrity, Accountability, Leadership that builds trust and confidence

### Goals:

Build and develop this community: market as “Open for Business”

Flooding Mitigation

Revising Development Process

Reviewing OCP

Review Zoning Bylaws

Core Services Review

Fiscal Accountability (realigned budgets, lower taxes)

Review Maintenance (Roads, Alleys, Snow Removal)

Increase Housing Inventory

Partnerships with Community Groups, Regional organizations, First Nations

Increase Employment Opportunities

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Neil  
**MENARD**

My name is Neil L. Menard, I am running for the position of Mayor in the City of Merritt, B.C. I was born and raised in North Central Saskatchewan, a small town, Hudson Bay Sask. Went to school there, worked in the forest industry and or heavy construction as an iron worker. Served in the Royal Canadian Navy, went back to heavy construction and the forest industry, was hired as a business agent with the International Woodworkers of America, worked for them until I returned as the 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. for Canada. Moved to Merritt, BC, which is now my home.

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Susan  
**ROLINE**

My family arrived in Merritt in 1950, prior to my birth. I have and continue to be an active, contributing resident that has great pride for my community, its residents and their accomplishments. I served two terms as Mayor in 2008-2014. I am retired from a 40 year career in the Financial Services Industry. My volunteer efforts are extensive and have been recognized by being awarded with Citizen of the Year and the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal. I believe one needs to give back to the community they make home in order for it to be the place you want to call home.

Sam, my spouse of 34 years and I enjoy family time, campouts, car shows and visiting friends. We are a family that takes interest in politics and have spend considerable time learning, understanding and following the political scene.

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Catherine  
**BELLIVEAU**

I have been a Merritt resident for the past 8 years. I served as a member of the Parent Advisory Council at Diamond Vale and MSS for 7 school years, including 2 years on the School Planning Committee and 1 year as a PAC executive member. 4 years as an admin on the Merritt Grapevine has allowed me to connect with the community in a unique way. I have been employed by Nicola Valley Chiropractic as a receptionist for the past 3 years and I've been volunteering with the ICS Youth Centre for just over 2 years.

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## Candidate for Council



Mike  
**BHANGU**

Hi, my name is Mike Bhangu, I hold a Bachelor's Degree, with majority Political Science credits, and I am a non-fiction author of ten books. My specialties are political and theological discourse. I also publish and work in film.

I've worked since I was sixteen in such industries as hospitality, retail, lumber, manufacturing, media, and communications. I understand the different facets of a community. To add, I understand civic governance, and I desire to improve the living standards of my fellow citizens. Toward this end, I invested fifteen years delving into history, philosophy, theology, economics, and politics. I wish to use this knowledge to serve as City Councillor.

The following are issues I'll review:

- Investment and Employment.
- Public Involvement.
- Flood Prevention.
- Senior Assistance.
- Youth Activities.
- Community.
- Crime.
- Roads.

I care for the city that raised me and I desire to make Merritt safe and prosperous. Please, give me the opportunity.

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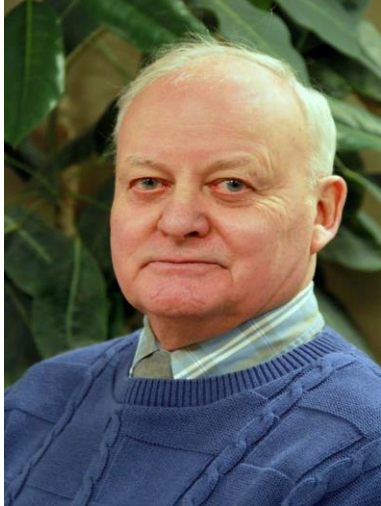
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Kurt  
**CHRISTOPHERSON**

I was born in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan and moved with my family to BC in 1962. I finished high school in Salmon Arm, went to Trinity Junior College in Langley for one year before heading off to UBC. I took a couple years off, working at various jobs, and did some travelling down in Australia and New Zealand. I returned to UBC, got my degree in education and moved to Merritt in 1972. I fell in love with the place and have called Merritt home ever since. My wife, Margie, and I met in Merritt, and raised our family here. We have three wonderful grandchildren who live here. I have served on City Council for two terms and worked on numerous committees. I believe Merritt has tremendous potential. Community involvement has included Merritt Minor Hockey, Cubs and Scouts, Arts Council, Country Christmas, Health Care and the theatre society.

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Adam  
**ETCHART**

Adam is a Merritt born and raised candidate looking to join City Council in 2018. Working many years in the insurance industry and having served with several volunteer groups, Adam represents the people of Merritt. Mitigating flood risk, encouraging economic enhancement and creating prosperity for our residents are Adam's key priorities.

He can be contacted via email at [adametchart@gmail.com](mailto:adametchart@gmail.com) or by his Facebook page Adam Etchart for Merritt City Council. Merritt's greater potential is real and achievable.

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If elected, I intend to serve the people of Merritt through dedication to the growth of our city into the prosperous, diversified, and sustainable community that it has so much potential to be.

Travis  
**FEHR**

I will work hard to deliver:

A message to the world, that Merritt is ready to welcome new business and sustainable industry and is a destination to responsibly experience an abundance of unique outdoor beauty and adventure.

Development of our parks and recreation infrastructure, to make Merritt an attractive option for new families to be active and connected to their community.

Solutions for flood prevention, in the short and long-term future.

Responsive, accountable leadership. Moving Merritt forward means open dialogue, between citizens and council, council and city hall, council and higher-level government. My personal guarantee to every citizen is a response. Your preferred method of communication is encouraged.

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## Candidate for Council



Tony  
**LUCK**

Some of my experience includes:

- Director Merritt Community Futures
- Director/Vice-Chair: Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Director/Vice-Chair: Mission Community Foundation
- Councillor: District of Mission (2011 - 2014)
- Director: Fraser Valley Regional District.
- Director/Vice-Chair: University of the Fraser Valley Alumni Association

I believe that Respect, Accountability, Integrity and Leadership should be the guiding principles for anyone seeking office. I'm committed to these principles and I am excited to be running for council.

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Elijah  
**MACK**

Being 22 and actively volunteering in local communities, including Merritt. Gives myself unique perspective. Not only for Merritt. But to help our youth across the Nation.

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Emma  
**MARTIN**

My objective is to make Merritt a more diverse and open-minded community, both socially and financially.

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Suzanne  
**SAUMURE**

The characteristics I possess are that I am diligent, very responsible, proactive, committed, tolerant, and very self aware. I always consider the interests of my community, and doing what is best for the town. That is why I support the rainbow vote and the revitalization of our downtown core. I also am enjoying being actively involved in the local democratic process. You can find me in town walking around introducing myself. With the knowledge I have accumulated over the past 30 years this makes me the perfect choice for Merritt City Council.

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Ginny  
**PROWAL**

My name is Ginny Prowal and I am running to be re-elected for City Council.

I moved to Merritt in the 70s- My sons David and Dennis were born and raised here in the Nicola Valley.

Merritt is safe- children walk to school, people walk the trails without fear.

I learned a lot my first term on Council. The biggest surprise was learning what Council can't do because of other jurisdictions or rules.

I adhere to the Code of Conduct. Council is a team ruled by consensus.

Pet Peeves - litter and cigarette butts - speeding and tailgating

Thank you to all of you that have come to me with concerns and ideas.

Ginny Prowal

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Melvina  
**WHITE**

"I believe that the foundation of any thriving community is its people. People deserve to live in a supportive community that provides access to jobs, education, healthcare, arts and culture, recreation and tourism. We can maintain our small-town values and traditions while protecting and developing our financial infrastructures."

Merrittonians are paying some of the highest tax rates in the province. How can we get ahead of these climbing costs? How can we strengthen and grow our tax base? These are some of the questions we need to work on answering.

The heavy lifting really happens at the municipal level. It will be a great privilege to serve my community. I will run a positive campaign, demonstrate integrity, honesty and a passion for the community. I look forward to working with citizens and my new fellow council members to build a better Merritt.

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