



GENERAL BAND HYBRID MEETING

Wednesday June 25, 2025

5:00pm Dinner at N'Kwala Gym

6:00pm at N'Kwala School Gym Via Zoom.

Join The Zoom Meeting at:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372746413?pwd=sZ83PRbfqpOcEedNrx9a1RuDh9B21Z.1>

Meeting ID: 853 7274 6413 Passcode: 608730

Agenda:

1. Adoption of Agenda.
2. Review of Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2025
3. Member Vote – Band transfer Candidate Cheylyne, Kaylee and Kaleb Manuel
4. City of Merritt Presentation – Flood Mitigation progress
5. Bell-iTel Survey Vote Information Lot 87 IR 1 Land Use

IMPORTANT NOTICE- This meeting will be recorded for note taking purposes only and will not be shared for any purpose.

Our North Star Vision for community safety is: Because our safety is grounded in culture, community members of all ages are safe in their homes, when we gather, in all the ways we communicate, and all the places we travel.

All Band Meetings are a safe space for all membership and visitors; therefore, all in attendance must be respectful.

Any abusive language, belligerence, or non-respectful actions will result in members being ejected from the Band Meetings.



NOTICE

Survey Vote: Lot 87 Nicola Lake IR 1 Land Use Bell Canada Enterprises Inc and iTel Networks Inc. proposed AI Data Centre Project

Upper Nicola Band has initiated a survey to determine if UNB Members are in favour of proceeding with negotiations with respect to leasing a portion of Lot 87, Nicola Lake IR 1 for an AI Based Data Centre Project to iTel Networks Inc. and Bell Canada Enterprises Inc., to be held on July 7, 2025. The voters will be asked the following question:

(please answer yes or no) Are you in favor of Upper Nicola Holdings Limited Partnership leasing approximately 100 to 150 acres of land on Lot 87, IR1 Nicola Lake, to iTel Networks Inc. and Bell Canada Enterprises Inc. for the purpose of constructing and operating an AI Based Data Centre Project?

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

June 9, 2025 – Virtual Session	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom Meeting
June 19, 202 – Elders Session	10:00 am – 11:00 am	UNB Health Centre
June 19, 2025 – In Person	3:30 pm – 8:00 pm	NVIT room M067
June 25, 2025 – In Person/Virtual	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	UNB General Band Meeting
June 30, 2025 – In Person/Virtual	1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:30 pm & 5:00 pm	UNB Office & Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89100312624?pwd=cwXVzjbmq1lj3giPRC8QHCZGoHC7c.1>

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VOTING OPTIONS

IN PERSON

July 7, 2025 – 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Quilchena Church & UNB Office

ONLINE/ELECTRONIC

Start: **June 23, 2025** at 9:00 am
End: **July 7, 2025** at 7:00 pm

To **PARTICIPATE** electronically, please visit: <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/uppernicola>

To register you will need to provide your Registry Number (10-digit Status Card Number starting with 697, Date of Birth, Email Address and Phone Number. **NOTE: if you have voted electronically for a previous vote, you do not need to register again.**

If you wish to vote electronically, click the link below and then click the red “Sign Up with OneFeather” or “Vote with OneFeather” button and follow the instructions provided. You will be required to provide a personal email and verify your identity to vote electronically. You will be guided through the step-by-step process. Visit this link to get started: <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/uppernicola>

To **VIEW** the Proposed Land Use Details please visit <https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/uppernicola>

For additional information on the proposed lease you may contact:

Quinn Ellerbeck, Partner, Lacombe Ventures Ltd. at 778-239-3826 or quinn@lacombeventures.com

For voting assistance please contact OneFeather:

Email: voterhelp@onefeather.ca





Toll Free: 1-855-923-3006

Phone support is available weekdays from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm Pacific Time

<https://www.onefeather.ca/nations/uppernicola>

Guide to Digital Voting

You will need the following:

-  A personal email address
-  Your date of birth
-  Your status or citizenship number
-  Voting pin number (will be sent to your email)

Scan the QR code to get started →



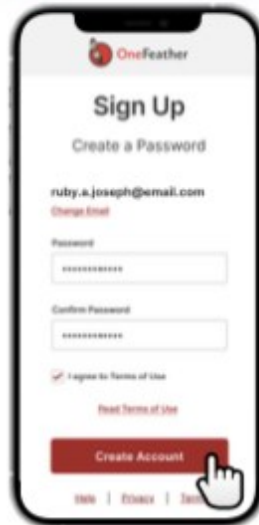
Or go directly to members.onefeather.ca

First, you'll need to create and confirm your OneFeather account

1 Enter your personal email



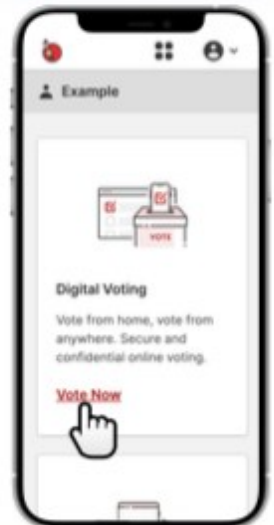
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3 Check your email & confirm



4 Click on Digital Voting

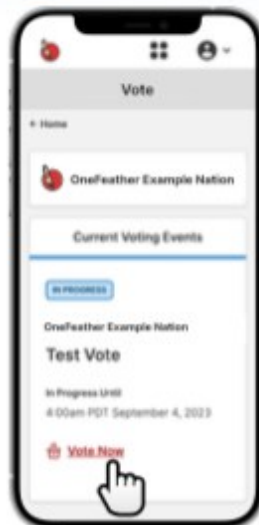


When you're ready to vote, it's easy and secure

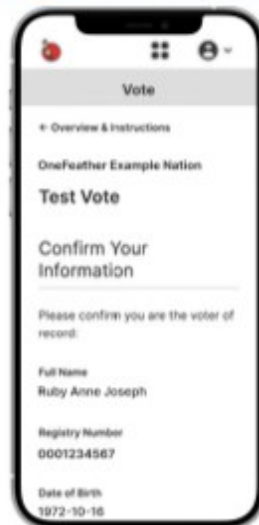
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8 Enter the PIN emailed to you



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voterhelp@onefeather.ca

1-855-923-3006 (toll free)

250-384-8200 (office)

Phone support is available Monday - Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm PST

Please leave a message if we're unable to take your call.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SHEET
Bell and iTel Networks DATA CENTRE
AS OF JUNE 4, 2025
LOT 87, NICOLA LAKE IR #1

PROPONENT: Bell Canada Inc. and iTel Networks Inc AI data centre.

LEASE AND SUBLEASE: As contemplated in the designation: Bell and iTel will sublease from UNHLP, with UNHLP or other wholly owned partnership of Upper Nicola as the sublandlord.

AREA OF LAND PROPOSED: Approximately 100 to 150 acres of land on lot 87 that will not be used by the solar project.

PROJECTED INVESTMENT: \$500 Million.

TIME TO CONSTRUCT: 2 years.

RENT: Expected rent would be the greater of: a) a fixed monthly rental amount; or, b) 5% of revenues received by Bell and iTel.

TERM: Balance of the time remaining on the designation: approximately 92 years;

USE: The use to which the lands would be put would be for a data centre. Preliminary investigation confirms that the infrastructure in the fiber connection is satisfactory for use of this size. The focus would be for AI (artificial intelligence).

ENVIRONMENTAL: There would be no unusual environmental effects from the operation of the data centre. The data centre will be a highly designed and modern warehouse complex. It will be quiet and non-polluting.

EMPLOYMENT: During construction, as an estimate, likely 2000 or more jobs. These will be of all skills and abilities; during operations, as an estimate, likely 200 or more, with roles ranging from highly-skilled to low-skilled.

OTHER MATTERS:

B.C. Hydro substation is also a key to this project. In order to accommodate this project as much as 300 MW per annum of electrical energy would be required. BC Hydro has provided initial confirmation that the Nicola Substation has the electrical capacity.

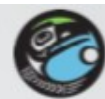
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA TAXATION: If this project is developed, it will generate tax revenues that will rival all revenue sources to which the Band has had access to up to this time. At the present time, it is not possible to determine, exactly, what the tax base may be. Taxation is based upon assessed values. The Band contracts with BC Assessment to determine the assessed value of the project. The current taxation rate for light industrial set by Chief and Council is at \$11.01291 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

SIYA PLACE COMMUNITY

Garage Sale



JUNE 14
9AM-4PM
**SNKLIP TRAIL &
GALLOPING WAY
SPAXMN**



I-SPARC

Move | Play | Compete

Indigenous Sport,
Physical Activity &
Recreation Council



Upper Nicola

NICOLA VALLEY INDIGENOUS YOUTH HOCKEY CAMP

- Camp will feature on/off ice training and skill development
- Cultural Activities
- Light food and beverage provided
- Open to all Indigenous Youth (First Nations, Métis & Inuit) ages 6 - 18.
- Door Prize Raffle

Event Inquiries:

Parker Orchard

Sport & Physical
Activity Coordinator,
Interior Region
porchard@isparc.ca
250-856-0868

SCAN ME



**Nicola Valley
Memorial Arena
Merit**

AUGUST 15, 16 & 17

<https://isparcbc.wufoo.com/forms/mpqjizi0aq2a83/>

FREE TO REGISTER



Canada

NICOLA CANOE PULL 2025

The Merritt First Nations Policing Section (RCMP) is planning its Annual Canoe Journey for the Nicola Valley. Our goal is to help build positive community relationships with the RCMP and surrounding aboriginal communities, the various organizations and the youth. The event will be held July 15-17, 2025. Tuesday will have an arrival time of 2pm, with dinner being served. Youth will camp Tuesday and Wednesday night at the Douglas Lake Camp site (located at the Old Kamloops Sailing club—Quilchena, BC).

Our vision is to support the future leaders of the Nicola Valley in a healthy active environment by supporting youth, being respectful, demonstrating cultural awareness, working together and having fun. This is being planned in partnership with TECK (Highland Valley Copper). With the planning assistance of Scw'exmx Community Health, Upper Nicola Indian Band, Lower Nicola Indian Band, Coldwater Indian Band, Nooiatch Indian Band, Shackan Indian Band, Scw'exmx Child and Family, Nlaka'pamux Health and School District #58.

It will be held July 15-17, 2025. This event is for youth between the ages of 10 and 18 years. If you have any questions or wish to help, please contact Cpl Jason OLNEY, Cst. Tammy DENNING, Cst. Derek VERSTEEG or Cst John RYAN at the Merritt Detachment at 250-378-4262.





Upper Nicola

Come join us on Indigenous Day

When: Saturday June 21, 2025

Where: nk^wir[?]itk^w (Glimpse Lake)

Time: 10am to 2pm

**Lots of fun activities planned and
Live music by Randy Chillihitzia**

More details to follow!

Hope to see you all there 😊



UNB FAMILY GOLF DAY



Friday June 13, 2025

Tee Times Start at 3PM

Merritt Golf and Country Club

**Cost: FREE for Upper Nicola
Band Members Only
Includes 1 Round of Golf,
Dinner and a Door Prize**



**Limited Space Available
To register contact Buzz Manuel at
C: 250-315-3457
E: event.coordinator@uppernicola.com**



way' Upper Nicola Band Members

At the October 25, 2023, General Band Meeting, the following motion was passed:

It was moved and seconded to appoint the following people to the Tribunal Committee:

1. Elder (65+years): Cindy Tom Lindley
 2. Woman: Emily Payout
 3. Man: Ernie Ducharme
 4. UNB member with a basic understanding of Syilx Language;
Maynard McRae Jr
 5. Person: Diana Boston
- On January 20, 2025, Emily Payout resigned her position as Tribunal Committee Member.
 - On January 29, 2025, Cindy Tom-Lindley resigned her position as Tribunal Committee Member.

As a result of the resignation, there are two Tribunal Committee positions vacant.

We are in search of two UNB members that is interested in serving on the Tribunal Committee: Elder (65+years), and person at large, with option, at least one person younger than twenty-five(25) years of age.

To apply please contact Jamilynn Viviers, Governance Executive:

Email: gov.executive@uppernicola.com

Phone: 250 350 3342



Upper Nicola

Quilchena Community Centre Community Open Houses

QCC is inviting the community to an open house on the last Friday of the month. You're welcome to join us from 3pm to 4:30pm.

Upcoming dates:

~~February 28th~~

~~March 28th~~

~~April 25th~~

~~May 30th~~

June 27th

July 25th

August 29th

September 26th



Hot dogs & soda too!





STATUS CARD RENEWAL/REPLACEMENT By APPOINTMENT ONLY

Status Card Day: FRIDAY'S

Times: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

WALK-INS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Call: Becky or Susan @ 250-378-5058 or 250-350-3342

ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION

ADULTS (Age 16+)

- 1 PIECE: Combined BC Drivers License & Services Card
(Category 1) Passport
SCIS Card (not expired by more than 1 year)
- 2 PIECES: Certificate of Birth
(Category 2) Certificate of Marriage or Divorce
Provincial Health Card
Provincial ID
Drivers Licence
Employee or Student ID with digitized picture

YOUTH/CHILD (Age 15-)

- Parent/Legal Guardian: 1 piece Category 1- or 2-pieces Category 2
Legal Guardian need legal guardianship order
- Child: One piece from either Category 1 or Category 2

***BC Care Card, Expired ID, SIN Card, Photocopied ID, or Certified Copied ID
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED***

****ID Must be intact and readable****



Annual General Assembly

And Syilx Youth Leadership Gathering

July 23-24, 2025 | Upper Nicola Band

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The Annual General Assembly (AGA) brings together the Syilx Okanagan Nation, including Elders, youth, and leadership to come together to discuss key topics that affect the Syilx Okanagan Nation and celebrate our accomplishments.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- Updates on governance
- Syilx Nation's assertion of title and rights
- Protection and management of Syilx territory (tmix^w)
- Health, Wellness & Social Development

Syilx Youth Leadership Gathering

The Syilx Youth Leadership Gathering (SYLG) aims to foster unity among the Nation's youth by immersing them in cultural practices and traditions while building strong interpersonal connections. The event offers a range of activities designed to deepen participants' connection to the land and to each other.

The Syilx Youth Leadership Gathering will occur congruently with the Annual General Assembly

OPEN TO ALL SYILX NATION MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

For More Info on AGA:
Raven Mikuletic
rmikuletic@syilx.org
250-707-0095 ext. 121

For More Info on SYLG:
Hailey Wright
haileyW@syilx.org
250-707-0095 ext. 233

ONE LANGUAGE. ONE CULTURE. ONE LAND. ONE PEOPLE

UNB Children 0-6

Please register for your **FREE** bins

Cultural Bin, Nutritional Bin, Garden Bin

JUNE 30TH

Contact Agnes at headstart@uppernicola.com

or call (250)350-3498.

UPPER NICOLA RECREATION POLICY APPLICATION

Note that the fiscal year goes April 1 – March 31; no retroactive payments for previous years; payments are for current fiscal year only Accommodations, food, travel, & work supplies are NOT covered.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Last name

First name

697 _____
Registration #

____/____/____
Birthday Y/M/D

M ☒ F ☒ Other ☒

Mailing address

City

Province

Postal Code

Physical address only if different than mailing

Physical address

City

Province

Postal Code

Home phone

Mobile phone

Best time to reach you: _____
Best phone to call? _____

Email address

Which you are applying for: Child (0-18) ☒ Adult (19+) ☒

Can you write a brief description about what your form of recreation that you would like to be reimbursed for:

Payable to: _____

Application amount: _____

Application recommended for funding _____

Approval for funding _____

For office use only, Circle one: Code: 10 -85810-710 OR 10-85810-706

SUMMER STUDENT

Employment Opportunities 2025

Upper Nicola Band funding to hire POST SECONDARY & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT job opportunities.
The position are as follows:

(POST SECONDARY & HIGH SCHOOL Positions Available) Wage: \$17.40 per hour Determine Funding through FNEC/ ISETP Program – Summer Work	
Experience	
High School Students Start Date: July 2, 2025 End Date: August 22, 2025	Post Secondary student. Start Date: ASAP End Date: August 28, 202

Description of Job, and qualifications:

Youth Worker/Position to be determined: Reporting to the UNB Director of Community Services; the Youth Worker/Labourer will assist with the UNB Summer Day Camps. The Youth Worker will supervise groups of youth in a safe manner, monitoring interactions and behaviours and will also be responsible for assisting the 5 Stations within the Day Camps. These individuals will also be required to help the UNB Departments with assigned with Office / Maintenance/ AGA/ Kwustemia events and activities.

Day Camp Leaders: The Camp Leaders will assist with planning and implementing daily activities for a group of 30 students ages 8 - 17 years old, at Glimpse Lake from July 7 to July 18,2025. Camp Leaders will maintain leadership, relationship skills with their peer co-workers and our youth and stays alert to potential safety to all Day campers. The leaders will be working in larger groups activities, learn, lead & engage our youth in cultural and traditional activities. There will be educational workshop such as Health and Nutrition - Cooking, and basic life skill class.

Qualifications: Proven leadership skills: strong written and verbal communication skills, reliable transportation and/or, strong time management, organizations skills, and must be returning to High School or Post-Secondary School September 2025 – 2026. **Must have a SIN #**

Please send current resume and cover letter to:
Upper Nicola Band, HR Manager
General Delivery, Douglas Lake, BC, V0E 1S0
Apply either in person, or by email: hr@uppernicola.com.

Deadline to: June 20,2025

Interviews: June 24,2025



**NOW OPEN FOR
2025/2026
N'KWALA SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
YOUR KIDS DESERVE, THE
BEST EDUCATION!**



250-350-3370
nkwala@uppernicola.com
9410 N'kwala Road,
Douglas Lake, BC, V0E 1S0

Our Program Includes:

K - 12 program, Individualized learning, excellent student to teacher ratio, 1:1 support, nsylxcən (Okanagan) language & on the land experiences. Open to all students. Busing for Merritt & Lower Nicola area. Breakfast & lunch program. School supplies provided. Ministry of Education accredited.



Upper Nicola



STATUS CARD APPOINTMENTS

will ONLY be available on
FRIDAY'S

If you need to update or
replace your Status Card,
you need to call
& book an appointment.

**WALK-IN'S WILL
NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED**

Please call Becky 250-378-5058




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we are looking for community members to
help guide the work on revitalizing our
language. if you are interested please reach
out to Justine
syilx2@uppernicola.com or
call 778 694 1272




UPPER NICOLA BAND - KWUSTEMTIMA

**WE ARE ACCEPTING
DEER HIDES AND BRAINS
FOR FUTURE PROJECTS**

CONTACT: BERNARD "BUZZ" MANUEL
CULTURAL WELLNESS EVENT COORDINATOR
UPPER NICOLA BAND
T: 250-350-3342
C: 250-315-3457
E: EVENT_COORDINATOR@UPPERNICOLA.COM




**Looking for a family doctor
or nurse practitioner?**

The Health Connect Registry can help

Go to www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-connect-registry

Register yourself, your family or others under your care.
When a provider becomes available, you will be contacted.

Telephone assistance is available by calling HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1,
or for the deaf and hard of hearing, 7-1-1.
Translation services are available.



Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice
Merritt



Rural and Remote
Division of Family Practice
Part of the BC Health Services



IN SEARCH OF: RESOURCE PEOPLE

RESOURCES NEEDED

We are in search of resource people. If you can offer something to our community we want to hear from you.

Traditional Food/ Medicine Makers
Storytellers, Drummers

Traditional Ribbon Skirts/ shirts

Beaders, Painters, Crafters, Quilters, Leather
crafters
Workshop Presenters
Elders

SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO KIM FULLER

kwustem.assist@uppernicola.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL KIM

Call 250 315 3671

APPLY NOW



Find a Health Care Provider in Merritt



With humility, we acknowledge that the practice of family medicine will take place on the unceded, traditional, and ancestral territories of the Syilx and Nlaka'pamux peoples

New Patients

A confidential patient waitlist is now available to connect local residents to a family physician or nurse practitioner providing primary health care in Merritt

Health Connect Registry

Register online at
www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-connect-registry
or call 8-1-1
You will need to provide:
Personal Health Number, phone number,
email and home address with postal code

Eligible Patients

Register yourself, family members, and/or persons in your care if each person resides within the Merritt local health area

Ineligible Patients

Persons who already have a family doctor or nurse practitioner in Merritt
OR do not currently live in the Merritt area
OR do not have a personal health number*
*PHN is found on the BC Services Card

What Happens Next

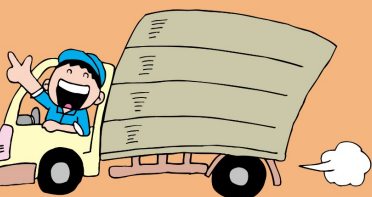
You will be contacted as soon as a provider has capacity to accept you as a patient. We are not able to provide an estimated timeline or any indication of your position on the list but it is expected to take some time and your patience is appreciated.

Health Care Help

HealthLinkBC.ca: 8-1-1
[Urgent Care Clinic](http://UrgentCareClinic.ca) - Kamloops: 250-314-2256
[Pharmacists](http://Pharmacists.ca): can renew certain prescriptions
PathwaysBC.ca: community health resources
[Virtual Doctor of the Day](http://VirtualDoctoroftheDay.ca) - First Nations
Health Authority: 1-855-344-3800



The Health Connect Registry is a provincial initiative of British Columbia's Ministry of Health, administered in this community by the Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice. Recruitment of new family physicians and nurse practitioners is an ongoing priority and registration also helps us to better understand how many primary care providers are needed so we can plan and advocate appropriately. While the goal is to connect every registrant to a primary care provider, it is not a guarantee. Please call 8-1-1 to make any changes to your registration.



IN SEARCH OF

We are looking for drivers who are able to drive our community bus and or van.

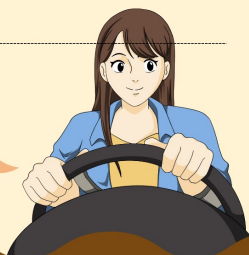
Requirements:

- A valid class 4 driver's license
- At least 2 years of experience driving a truck
- Clean driving record

If you are interested in this job opportunity, please send your resume to
Kwustem.assist@uppernicola.com

For more information please call
250 315 3671 and speak with Kim.

We look forward to hearing from you!



April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 Recreational Funding for UNB members.



To be eligible

- Each UN member who is eligible and approved will be allotted up to the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), maximum yearly amount.
- **Receipts need to be dated between April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026**

Eligible Activities:

Any recreational activity that includes sports fees and equipment, gym fees and equipment, outdoor activities, equipment, ect

You are also able to submit for traditional supplies you may be buy to do: bead work, Hide tanning, fishing/ hunting and canning

You can submit your applications to:
Thelma Chillihitzia officemanager@uppernicola.com

CURRENT JOB POSTINGS PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

WWW.UPPERNICOLA.COM

To get the full job description please see them on our website www.uppernicola.com. Please send applications to hr@uppernicola.com

Next newsletter is June 25th, 2025 so please have submissions in by June 20th, 2025 by 4PM.



Contact Us

Upper Nicola Band

Visit us on the web at www.uppernicola.com

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Douglas Lake, BC V0E 1S0

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F: (250) 350-3311



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