



**NICOLA VALLEY
RODEO ASSOCIATION**

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May 28, 2020

Mayor Brown and Council
City of Merritt
2185 Voght Street
Merritt, BC V1K 1B4

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Nicola Valley Pro Rodeo Sponsorship

I am writing to you with the sad news that, in the face of the Medical Health Officer's gathering limit of 50 people in response to the COVID-19 virus, the Association directors have no choice but to cancel the 2020 Rodeo. We tried hard to find solutions but none are available.

We need to make sure that the Association continues to be solvent (!) so are planning a number of events for our arena for summer and fall 2020.

We have also started planning for a bigger, better, more fun rodeo in 2021, including producing the rodeo dance.

Again we thank you for your support of the rodeo, and hope you will stick with us into 2021. We can't put on a rodeo without our generous sponsors.

There may also be clinic or event sponsorships opportunities available to sponsors during summer and fall of 2020, so you may hear from us sooner rather than later!

Yours truly

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Per:

Mary MacGregor
Secretary