



## Writing Contest to Mark 50th Anniversary

**For Immediate Release (March 22/17):** The Thompson-Nicola Regional District is looking for writers young and old to wax poetic about the TNRD as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations. As an incentive, the TNRD is also offering prizes for the best entries, including a \$100 Chapters Gift Card and inclusion in the TNRD's 50th Anniversary Time Capsule for the first-place winner.

The 50th Anniversary Writing Contest is open to all residents of the Regional District. Entries can be set in the past, present or future and can be of any genre, as long as it relates to the TNRD. Submissions can be in the form of short fiction (up to 1,500 words), creative nonfiction (up to 1,500 words) or poetry (1 poem per page).

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, May 31, at 4 p.m.

The Writing Contest will have three age categories: elementary-aged (up to Grade 7); secondary-aged (grades 8-12) and 19 and older.

Prizes are as follows:

- 1st Place: \$100 Chapters Gift Card, inclusion in TNRD's 50th Anniversary Time Capsule AND A free pass to the 2017 Kamloops Writers Festival (19yrs+ category only)
- 2nd Place: \$75 Chapters Gift Card
- 3rd Place: \$50 Chapters Gift Card
- All 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive a TNRD 50th Anniversary Writing Journal

Submissions should be emailed to [contests@tnrd.ca](mailto:contests@tnrd.ca); mailed to 300-465 Victoria St., Kamloops, BC, V2C2A9; or faxed to 250.372.5048. They can also be dropped off at any TNRD Library branch. For more information, go to [tnrd.ca](http://tnrd.ca).

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The TNRD covers 11 municipalities (Ashcroft, Barriere, Cache Creek, Chase, Clearwater, Clinton, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Lytton, Merritt and Sun Peaks) and 10 Electoral Areas - "A" (Wells Gray Country), "B" (Thompson Headwaters),

"E" (Bonaparte Plateau), "I" (Blue Sky Country), "J" (Copper Desert Country), "L" (Grasslands), "M" (Beautiful Nicola Valley - North), "N" (Beautiful Nicola Valley - South), "O" (Lower North Thompson) and "P" (Rivers and the Peaks). The TNRD provides over 120 services including planning and building inspection, solid waste management, emergency preparedness, 9-1-1 services, recreation, utilities, television rebroadcasting, river buoys, transit, tourism, library services and operates a film commission.