Town folks buy Merritt Centennials

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) — A group of Merritt, B.C., businessmen have bought the Merritt Centennials of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League for an undisclosed amount.

BCJHL president Dennis Coates of Kamloops said Thursday the group, headed by Don Dewince, bought the team from its White Rock, B.C., owners.

The team began playing in White Rock last fall, but poor attendance at games caused the Centennials to switch to Merritt.