

COUNCIL UPDATES



Celebrating our Past. Building our Future.

City's new logo a sign of great times

It's back to school time, and with that, the City of Nelson is back too, with the latest news and info for the start of your September.

Over the summer, local folks will have noticed some handsome new signage located at a lot of City construction sites around town. Affixed with the logo "Nelson Then, Now and Tomorrow" the brightly coloured new emblem aims to celebrate the City's commitment to the stewarding

and maintenance of Nelson's tremendous history, and its dedication to building and improving the city for current and future residents, through a diverse variety of projects and programs.

Amongst them, the new Nelson Skate Park, in Rosemont — slated to open early this fall — beautiful parks at the ends of Davies Street and Seventh Avenue, and Nelson's downtown sculpture stroll, which opened to terrific response in time for ArtWalk's 25th anniversary. The City has also made great strides in the upgrading of its vital infrastructure, with crews tackling major revitalization jobs on the City's water and sewer systems as well as Nelson Hydro's formidable Rosemont substation replacement and the downtown hydro conversion project.

New buses to make local and regional transit even better

There's more exciting news for the City...next month, BC Transit's first state-of-the-art Vicinity model bus will make its debut on the Heritage City's streets. With a capacity of 39 passengers, the Vicinity is a medium-duty bus ideal for Nelson and West Kootenay Transit System users. These buses will replace some of the larger Nova model units currently in operation. The Vicinity comes at a time when local and regional transit service is rising to the challenge of changing times, with even better routes and now, even better buses too.

NELSON HYDRO NEWS

The Overhead Overview: Downtown Conversion Project Update

Nelson Hydro's Downtown Conversion project is underway. Here are a few highlights and reminders:

- Overhead power line construction continues in the downtown core, mostly in the alleys.
- This is the final construction phase to upgrade the electrical power system downtown.
- The project helps meet our overall plans for system reliability and will improve lighting in the alleys.
- Please observe the safety zones and traffic control around the construction crews as they work overhead.



Do you have a home-based business? Best to back it up.

A lot of Nelson businesses are now located at home and the personal computer (PC) is an important part of those businesses' day-to-day operation. Occasionally though, there'll be power interruptions on the Nelson Hydro distribution system, either scheduled or un-scheduled. These interruptions can cause loss of data to your computer systems — if they don't have a back-up power supply.

Customers operating home businesses that rely on PCs should consider the investment of a UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply). These battery back-up supplies will provide power to your computer from five minutes to one hour, to ensure that you don't lose important data. Some UPS systems can also provide power filtering to reduce the amount of unwanted harmonics and power surges to your computer. Whole home surge protection is another option customers can have installed which can be used in conjunction with a UPS system.

A friendly tip or two... Reduce power consumption by turning off your computer when not in use (assuming that sleep mode is not used). If your computer must remain on, make sure to set the sleep mode function... Remember, Nelson Hydro cannot predict un-scheduled outages and may not be able to advise customers of maintenance outages, so please ensure that you have installed a back-up power supply for your PC, just to be certain.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

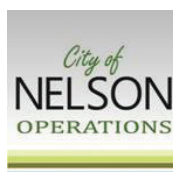
Thanks for the urgent effort!

The City would like to thank their hardworking Public Works and Parks crews for the excellent job and clean-up after the big wind storm event last Sunday, August 25th.

Well done!

Clear The Lane: City and Fire Department checking for obstructions and encroachments

The City of Nelson's Operations and Fire Departments will be conducting alley assessments looking for composters, garbage containers, plants, trees, retaining walls and fences which encroach on City property laneways. The City and fire department want to ensure unobstructed access for fire trucks, ambulances, police vehicles and city garbage trucks.



As per City of Nelson Traffic Bylaw No. 3156, Section 82, residents who have yard items or fencing encroaching on City property will be given a written notice which gives you 14 days to remove the obstruction.

Water and storm sewer system upgrades well underway

In order to locate potential leaks in the City of Nelson's water lines, crews will be doing night-time water flow analysis. Did you know that so far this year approximately 1,000 m (3,280 ft) of galvanized water lines have been replaced with poly pipe? Also, thanks to the Columbia Basin Trust, which has given the City a grant to perform an analysis of our storm water system, in order to determine the possible need for improvements.

Nelson's new parks ready for all

There are some great new green spaces and parks ready for your enjoyment. Here are few well worth a visit.

- The Seventh Street green space is complete and is a wonderful area for all the City's residents, particularly seniors who live nearby.
- Up at the spacious new Davies Street Park, sod has been laid, the playground, playing field and washrooms are open, and the pathway is well lit at night.
- Despite the cooling weather, water conservation measures are in place. That means that only parks with well or creek water will be watered during this time.

CITY BULLETIN BOARD

Need a permit for that?

Did you know that a Building Permit is required for all new structures and structural changes to any building? This includes projects such as sheds, carports, decks, finishing a basement, adding a suite or removing a wall. Exempt are detached accessory buildings under 10 sq.m. (107 sq.ft.), however all structures, small or large, must be located fully on private property and must meet required setbacks, including garden sheds, decks, temporary structures such as portable garages, etc.

We are happy to help you figure out if your project needs a permit or meets bylaw requirements such as setbacks. Visit www.nelson.ca for information on permit requirements, zoning, building heights, other permits you may need and how to apply. You can also call us at the Development Services & Sustainability Department at (250) 352-8260, or stop by the 1st floor of City Hall between 8:30 am and noon.

LIBRARY

Fall into a good book — any which way

We have eReaders to lend! New Kobo Glo and Sony eReaders mean you can borrow a book whether we're open or not!...We have help to lend! Book an appointment for help with devices and databases. Call 352-6333. We have eco-sense to lend! Borrow a Kill-a-Watt power consumption monitor thanks to the EcoSave program... We have knowledge to lend! Over 45,000 volumes on the shelves and thousands more with eBooks, magazines online, and databases from travel to car repair...and...we have special programs all year long. The latest? Learn about raptors in a presentation by former City councillor and bird expert John Neville on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7:30pm.



NELSON CITY POLICE

Back to school rules: 30 km/h!



It's that time...next Tuesday, Sept. 3, marks the beginning of the school year. The Nelson Police Department is reminding motorists that school zones will be in effect. The speed limit for all school zones and playground zones in the City of Nelson is 30 km/hr. Please be aware that children will be out.

Parents, we are also reminding you to talk to your children about being safe while on the way to school. Those who ride their bikes should be reminded to wear a bike helmet and to obey traffic rules. The Nelson Police Department will be monitoring cyclists and helmet usage over the next few weeks.

We'll also be looking for distracted drivers. If you're e-mailing, texting or handing a cell phone, the fine is \$167.00. Thank you and have a safe school year!

NELSON FIRE & RESCUE

BBQs, propane and balconies — a dangerous combination

In light of recent tragedies involving BBQ's being used on apartment balconies, Nelson Fire Rescue has a stern reminder: Never leave your BBQ unattended! Most apartment balconies do not have the fire detection/suppression systems (eg. alarms and sprinklers) that the rest of the building does. The danger is elevated when people use the balconies as storage space, with flammable materials ending up close to a potentially hot BBQ. Be safe! Keep an eye on your BBQ until it has completely cooled.



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Have a happy Labour Day Holiday!

In case you forgot, this upcoming Monday, Sept. 2nd is a statutory holiday. Here's a list of the City of Nelson's Office Closures and After Hours Emergency Service: City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Public Library will all be closed for Labour Day.

For Operations emergency service, please call 250-352-3103. To report a power outage, electrical hazard, damage to Nelson Hydro equipment or for outage updates, call 1-877-32HYDRO (1-877-324-9376). Nelson Transit Service busses will not be running Monday either.