

NEWS

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City of
NELSON
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COUNCIL UPDATES



Council recently reappointed the Downtown/Waterfront Steering Committee and the Community Energy Steering Committee. During 2011 Council adopted the Sustainable Waterfront and Downtown Master Plan and the

Community Energy and Emissions Action Plan. These two committees will continue their work based on Council's strong commitment to ensuring the vision and goals contained in these plans become reality.

"These are long-term plans which will require hard work, commitment and creativity by the entire community in order to achieve the ultimate vision" said Mayor Dooley.

"We will be reaching out once again to the community to ask for volunteers to participate in working groups to move goals forward that have been identified for the next 2 – 3 years."

Progress is being made in all of the following planning initiatives which will add vitality to the City's downtown area:

- Review and update of the City's Official Community Plan (OCP) to incorporate all of the City's planning initiatives
- Launch of Nelson Hydro's "EcoSave" Home Energy Retrofit Program
- Development of a business plan for District Energy
- Operation of the City's geo-thermal project at the 10th street campus
- Improvement of transit routes and continued collaboration with the RDKB and RDCK to improve regional transit
- Enhancement of the new Railtown District
- Conclusion of an agreement to move the Nelson Transfer Station off the waterfront
- Installation of a new skate park
- Continued collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce on the CP Station-house project.

NELSON HYDRO NEWS

Nelson Hydro Customer Advisory: Surge & Lightning Protection Requirements

Nelson Hydro reminds customers that during the spring and summer months there is a greater possibility of lightning and power surges on the electrical distribution system.

Customers are required to supply, install and maintain their own surge and lightning protection equipment at their service entrance and/or distribution system, to protect against these possibly adverse conditions.

City of Nelson/Nelson Hydro Bylaw No. 2020 explicitly states that the utility does not guarantee uninterrupted power supply, nor does it guarantee the constancy of its voltage or frequency. The bylaw further states:

"Nelson Hydro shall not be responsible for any loss or damage due to defect in service arising from any cause whatsoever."

Please ensure that the electrical system in your home or business is adequately protected. If you are not sure, you should call an electrical contractor to inspect your power system, and upgrade as required.



OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Water main flushing program

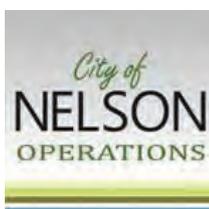
The City of Nelson Utilities Department is starting the Water Main Flushing Program. The flushing will be done Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm commencing on Tuesday, May 1st until Monday, June 11th, 2012 (approximately). For more information, see the City's website at www.nelson.ca.

Street cleaning and clearing

The City of Nelson has begun sweeping and flushing streets and boulevards.

Boulevard sand clearing

Please rake sand off of the boulevard and onto the road beside the curb. Do not place in piles or in bags. Call (250) 352-8228 or (250) 352-8238 when sand is ready for removal by the City sweeper.



Trees and wind

The City asks residents to please take precautions for falling branches in City Parks during windy weather and storms.

Spring runoff

With spring runoff underway, the City reminds residents to use common sense around rising creeks and drain courses. Please monitor children playing near fast-flowing waterways and report blockages due to branches and other debris to the Operations Department at (250) 352-8228 OR (250) 352-8238.

What NOT to flush down the toilet

Non-biodegradable materials flushed into city sewers eventually end up at the sewage treatment plant. Problems can occur in residential sewer systems AND in the City's sanitary sewer lines and lift station pumps. Sewer blockages are unpleasant and costly to property owners and city resources. Never flush the following products: feminine hygiene products and their applicators, q-tips, drinking straws, make-up pads, dental floss, condoms, cloth materials, plastic bags, teeth whitening strips, hair (human or pet), small toys or any other non-biodegradable items.

CITY BULLETIN BOARD

Official Community Plan update – Opportunity for feedback

Development Services & Sustainability staff have completed a comprehensive review and update of the City's Official Community Plan (OCP). The OCP was last updated in a comprehensive way in 2008. The primary purpose for this update is to incorporate the substantial planning initiatives the City has completed over the last three years, such as the Sustainable Waterfront and Downtown Master Plan. Copies of the draft plan are available for review on the City's website at <http://www.nelson.ca/ocpupdate>, at the Library, and at City Hall. Consultation on the OCP is ongoing with stakeholder groups and a public open house is scheduled for Thursday, May 24th.

Does your smoke alarm work?

Does it also win you prizes? Now it can! Contact Nelson Fire Rescue to learn more. If you ask us to drop by for a visit, be it for information on smoke alarms, protecting your exterior from approaching fires, fire escape planning, or other related information, you could win home fire insurance for a year. Kids can win rides in the fire trucks or an iPod. Prizes generously donated by Nelson Insurance Brokers' Association and Wal-Mart. Call us to find out details at (250) 352-3103.

We love kids at the Library

May 5th -12th is Canadian Children's Book Week! This year's theme is "Read a Book. Share a Story". See our display of books by Canadian authors. Match the titles to the authors and you may win a prize. On May 11th, winners of the Red Cedar Award – British Columbia's reader's choice award for kids' authors – will be announced.

There is space available in three story-sharing programs: Tales for Twos for 2 to 3 year olds on Saturday mornings, Preschool Story Time for 3 to 5 year olds on Wednesday mornings, and Book Babies for birth to pre-walkers on Thursday afternoons. Call (250) 352-6333 to register.

Victoria Day Statutory Holiday

City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Library will be closed on Monday, May 21st for Victoria Day.

Please remember that there is no transit service on statutory holidays.

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).

Sharing the road with motorcycles

As the warmer weather approaches, we will begin to see motorcycles on the highways. Motorcyclists are seven times more likely to be killed in a crash than other road users. To view a list of motorcycle safety tips for both drivers and riders compiled by the Nelson Police Department, visit our website at www.nelson.ca.

Specialized youth employment counselling for ages 16-20

If you are collecting Employment Insurance (EI), are a past EI recipient, are a BC Employment Assistance recipient or are under-employed (working less than 20 hours per week) and have a social insurance number and are legally entitled to work in Canada, you may be eligible for counselling.

If you have limited or no work experience, feel unprepared for independent job search or require essential skills to market yourself, this program is for you! Book an appointment today with a youth employment counsellor at Nelson Youth Employment Centre by calling (250) 352-5656 or email: nyec@netidea.com

