

COUNCIL UPDATES

Mayor and council set Strategic Priorities for 2012-14

After a six-month process that started in March, Nelson city council has reviewed and reaffirmed its strategic priorities for 2012 through 2014.

Council will focus first and foremost on improvements and maintenance of the City of Nelson's infrastructure — its water, sewer, roads and hydro system. Mayor John Dooley and councilors will also ensure the implementation of the 2012-2016 Financial Plan, which includes a review of sewer and water rates, the status of surplus city buildings and vacant lands, and an exploration of ways to maximize Nelson Hydro's returns including export sales and alternative energy provision.

Other priority highlights include:

- The increase of housing throughout the city, with more projects like the multi-family developments nearing completion on John's Walk, Choquette Avenue and the affordable housing complex at Anderson Place.
- The implementation of the Sustainable Waterfront and Downtown Master Plan.
- The implementation of the Community Energy and Climate Change Plan—which includes the very successful EcoSave Program—along with the City of Nelson's top level corporate designation from the Partners for Climate Protection program, a status held by only six other cities in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
- Further work on the establishment of the West Kootenay Transit Committee's regional bus system, serving communities including Nelson, Trail, Castlegar, Kaslo and Nakusp.

Strategic Priorities for 2012-14 will be formally adopted at city council's next meeting, Oct. 9, and will be posted on the city's website at www.nelson.ca.

Last month, twenty two residents applied for 14 community service volunteer positions with the City of Nelson's Advisory Planning Commission and the Cultural Development Committee. Nelson City Council recently appointed the successful applicants. A full announcement of the new members has been posted on the City's website. Council thanks everyone who applied and especially those residents, past and present, who volunteer in these positions. Your dedication and hard work are sincerely appreciated.

NELSON HYDRO NEWS

Hydro upgrades along Uphill streets and Highway 6

Nelson Hydro is starting two new upgrade projects within the city. Firstly, in Uphill, the distribution is being upgraded from five to 25 kilo-volts. This will involve some pole replacements as well as some changes to the wires and transformers. Secondly, a transmission line crossing over Highway 6 to Ymir is being renewed. Both of these projects are being undertaken as part of the long-range plan to assure system reliability. Expect construction activities to begin this fall.



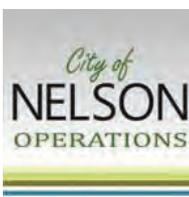
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Take care and prepare: Maintaining your water and sewer lines for winter

Pre-winter planning for water lines and sewer lines: Ensure that irrigation water lines and outside taps are shut off and well drained before the first frost. A burst outside water line is very difficult and expensive to repair in the winter.

Going away?: If you are away from your home for an extended period of time, have someone pour a bit of water into your basement floor drains, which often have built-in water traps that blocks sewer gases from entering your home.

Backing up?: If you have had ongoing sewer service problems, have your plumber check that your lines are clear for the winter. Have your sewer regularly maintained by a plumber, and remember, a common cause of blockages is flushing materials that don't disintegrate such as sanitary products, dental floss, paper towels, toys, balls and even Kleenex tissue-type products.



CITY BULLETIN BOARD

Nelson Official Community Plan nears an important final phase

Four years after it was last updated, the city's Development Services and Sustainability Department has completed a comprehensive review of Nelson's Official Community Plan (OCP), following months of public input. City council will be receiving the update plan in October. The primary purpose for the update is to incorporate the substantial planning initiatives the City has completed, such as the Sustainable Waterfront and Downtown Master Plan. Copies of the draft plan are available for review on the City's website www.nelson.ca/ocupdate, at the Library, and at City Hall.

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And just a reminder to folks in need of assistance from the Development Services and Sustainability Department...Staff are available to help you out on a walk-in basis, any time from 8:30 to noon, and outside those hours by appointment, Monday through Friday.

Poisons? Paints? Pesticides? Get rid of them, safely, next month.

City of Nelson residents are being reminded that the Regional District of Central Kootenay has four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) round-up events throughout the region next month.

The local round up is Oct. 13, from 10 am to 2 pm next to the Nelson Leaf's Bottle Depot. The round-ups will provide you with the opportunity to safely dispose of a wide variety of toxic household products. Correct disposal of household hazardous waste is important to prevent the spread of chemicals into our soil, air and water.

HHWs are any waste considered to be dangerous—any left-over product marked as flammable, corrosive, explosive or poison. Common examples are pesticides, varnishes, paints, cleaners and batteries.

Events will also be held in Castlegar, Creston and Nakusp. For more information about HHW disposal and depot locations, contact the Recycling Council of BC at **1-800-667-4321** or visit www.rcbc.bc.ca.

October is Love Your Library Month

October is going to be an engaging and fun month at the Nelson Library.

Here's a look at some of the events on tap for "Love Your Library Month."

- Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 pm. A Berry Interesting Evening with naturalist Daphne Van Alstine (a family event!)
- Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 pm. Margo Talbot: All that Glitters author reading
- Thursday Oct. 18 at 7:30 pm. Rosa Jordan: The Woman She Was author reading
- Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 pm. Readapalooza!

Finding Your Book Discussion Group — a fun, facilitated evening

- Wild and Wacky Wednesdays for Teens. Wednesday, Oct. 3 from 3 pm to 5 pm

Two more library events to check out: The What Nelson Eats photographic display courtesy Touchstones Nelson, and our Fall Fundraiser. More info? 352-6333.



Fire Prevention Week and Dinner with the Firefighters

City of Nelson residents are being reminded that the Regional District of Central Kootenay has four Fire Prevention Week runs Oct. 7 to 13, and the Nelson Fire Department (NFD) wants all citizens to develop and practice their Home Escape Plans. In the past 30 years, home furnishing materials and home construction has changed, resulting in fires that grow faster than ever. Escape planning is critical if a fire occurs. Click on the NFD's Fire Prevention Week page at www.nelson.ca for details on how to win dinner with the chief and the firefighters by submitting an escape plan before Oct. 28.



If you'd like to speak to the NFD in person, come visit them Oct. 5, from 11 am to 3 pm, on the 400 block of Josephine St, at our Fire Prevention Week kick-off. You might even get a ride to the top of our 85-foot ladder!

Scary stuff. But fun, safe stuff too!

As there is no City of Nelson newsletter in October, the Nelson City Police want to share an extra-early list of tips for Halloween:

- Go only to well-lit houses and remain on the porches rather than entering the houses.
- Travel in small groups with an adult.
- Ensure trick-or-treaters know their phone number.
- Ensure they've got their names and addresses on their costumes.

When walking in neighborhoods, kids should:

- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corner and don't cross between parked cars.

- Wear bright, reflective clothing.
- Consider using face paint instead of masks (as masks can obstruct vision.)
- Parents and adults should:
 - Supervise the outing for children under the age of 12.
 - Establish a return time for older children.
 - Prepare your home for trick-or-treaters by clearing your porch, sidewalk and lawns.
 - Drive slowly.



Goodbye to two great friends and co-workers.

In closing... The City of Nelson lost two great friends this month with the passing of Shirley Turner and Rodi De Vuono. Shirley worked with the City for 30 years, before retiring nearly four years ago from the position of Administrative Assistant. Rodi was an employee for 22 years, most recently as Garage/Transit Superintendent. The City's deepest sympathies and thoughts are with their families and friends. Shirley and Rodi will be missed by many.

NO CITY OF NELSON NEWSLETTER IN OCTOBER, WE'LL BE BACK IN NOVEMBER.

- **Thanksgiving Closures: City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Public Library will all be closed on Monday, Oct. 8 for Thanksgiving.**
- **For Operations Department emergency service, call 250-352-3103. To report a power outage call 1-877-32HYDRO (1-877-324-9376).**
 - Nelson Transit does not offer service on statutory holidays.