

News August 24, 2012

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NELSON
BRITISH COLUMBIA

COUNCIL UPDATES

Community service volunteers – call for applications

City Council welcomes applications from the public for vacancies that are open on the Advisory Planning Commission and Cultural Development Committee.

If you're interested in serving your community on a volunteer basis, please complete an application form and submit your qualifications no later than noon Sept. 7, by email to volunteers@nelson.ca, by fax to **250-352-2131**, or go to our website to submit an electronic application. Applications can also be delivered to the Office of the Mayor, Second Floor, City Hall, Suite 101, 310 Ward Street. For more information, visit the City's website at www.nelson.ca



OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Paving and project updates

In late August and into September, the Operations Department, in conjunction with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, will be making interchange improvements at Rosemont entrances, including Vancouver Street and Hall Mines Road. Patches and paving will also be done throughout the City.

The water main upgrade and new Pressure Reducing Station project at the end of Ninth Street, above Gordon Road, is underway. Work continues at the Mountain Station Reservoir in preparation for UV disinfection. This fall, a sanitary project of cast-in-place pipe relining is taking place throughout the city. For Operations emergency service, please call **(250) 352-3103**.

CORPORATE SERVICES – FINANCE

City's budget right on target

City Council recently received an update on the City's financial position as of June 30, and the news is good. The City is on target to end the year in line with the revenue and expense expectations approved in the 2012 Operating Budget. This second quarter financial update can be found on the City website under the "What's New" section.

The City sent out property tax notices to over 4,500 owners. To date over 90 per cent of the rolls have been paid and over 2,500 Home Owner Grants have been claimed. We've seen an increase in property tax payments made through on-line banking and many grants were claimed electronically through the City's website. The deadline for claiming 2012 Home Owner Grants is December 31, 2012.

An important notice for property owners with delinquent taxes: The annual Tax Sale will be held in Council Chambers at 10:00 am, Monday Sept. 24, 2012.

Due to some capital procurement challenges coupled with extreme weather events this spring, a number of projects were put behind schedule or placed on hold. However, numerous contracts and tenders have recently been completed or are in their final stage. As the weather improved through August, residents will have noticed an increase in construction projects as City staff and contractors work hard to complete the work before winter.

A sample of the big projects slated, underway or completed are: The Ninth Street Pressure Reducing Valve replacement, the Insituform relining of numerous sewer lines, the Mountain Station reservoir UV Disinfection System and the successful rebuild of the G4 and G2 Hydro generators, both completed to take advantage of the excess power generation created by a long freshet this year.

CITY BULLETIN BOARD

Need a building permit? Business license? Come and see us!

The Department of Development Services and Sustainability is here to help with the permits and licenses you need to do business, build and/or install signage.

A friendly reminder: Businesses operating within the City of Nelson are required to have a business licence. Building permits are required for changes in the occupancy of a building, and any other changes you may be considering to your home or commercial property.

Development permits within Nelson's downtown core are required for any changes to the exterior of your building, including awnings, signs, painting, or additions you may be considering. Permits are also required for all business signs, sandwich boards and sidewalk cafes. More info? **250-352-8260** or www.nelson.ca.

Where are you?

Too many homes in Nelson lack clear, visible numbers that identify an address. But you can help us reduce the time it takes to find your house in an emergency by ensuring your home can be easily identified from the road. How so? Cut back bushes or trees obscuring sightlines from the street, then test those sightlines by driving past your house, preferably at night, to see if the numbers are easy to spot. If the numbers are too small, find ones that are larger and more visible. You'll be helping those who are trying to help you.



Story times start next month!

The 2012 Summer Reading Club was a resounding success, with more kids than ever coming out for fun activities with Claire and Marianna. Over 160 people enjoyed Norden The Magician! Thanks to all the individuals and businesses who helped make the reading club's summer season great.

Sept. 8 is International Literacy Day. The "One Book, One Kootenay" selected author will be announced, kicking off a multi-library tour. Stay tuned for the Literacy Day Quiz and other surprises at the Library!

Story times start again on Wednesday, Sept. 19 with Stories for Growing (for three- to five-year-olds), and Saturday, Sept. 22 with Tales for Twos (for two- and three-year-olds). Call **250-352-6333** to register.



New Connect 4: Youth-To-Work Program

The Nelson and District Youth Centre is seeking applications for the next Connect 4: Youth to Work Program. Young adults will participate in this job readiness initiative for 15 weeks, 30 hours per week and will be paid minimum wage. In addition to skills development and work experience, participants will also be introduced to all aspects of healthy living. More info? **250-352-5656**.



Back to school tips for drivers and students

- Put away your cell phone and other gadgets when crossing the street. Focus your full attention on the road so you can respond safely.
- Use designated crossing points and follow pedestrian signs and signals. Make eye contact with the driver.
- On stormy days, wear bright or light-coloured clothing.
- Always walk on the inside edge of the sidewalk — away from the road. If there is no sidewalk, always walk facing traffic.
- Be extra-cautious around parked vehicles.



Labour Day statutory holiday

A reminder to everyone that City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Library will be closed Monday, Sept. 3 for Labour Day. Nelson Transit does not offer transit service on statutory holidays.

See you in September!

We'll be back in this space again on September 28, 2012.

Nelson Hydro outage information

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 HYDRO NEWS

Nelson Hydro customer advisory: Surge and lightning protection requirements

Nelson Hydro reminds customers that during the 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 possible adverse conditions.

City of Nelson/Nelson Hydro bylaw #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.

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OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Water conservation measures

People in B.C. use more water than almost anyone in the world, at approximately 490 litres each day. The City of Nelson reminds residents to conserve water and to:

- Water every other day only. Premises with even-numbered addresses water on even-numbered days (ie: August 28) and premises with odd-numbered addresses water on odd-numbered days (ie: August 29).
- Water in the morning, before 10:00 am, or evening, after 6:00 pm.
- Underground sprinklers should have the timer set to water the lawn about one hour each week.



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