

# City of Nelson News

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

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Then Now and  
Tomorrow  
Celebrating our Past.  
Building our Future.

## COUNCIL UPDATE

### COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR 2017

Statutory Holiday (or in lieu of Stat)
REGULAR Meeting (7 pm)
COW Meeting (starting at 7 pm)
COW Meeting (starting at 1pm)
APC Meeting (as needed)
CDC Meeting (11:30 am)
NHC Meeting (12:05 pm)
Annual Conferences
Annual Reception
2017 CBT Community Initiatives Grant Meetings

April 2017						
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AKBLG 2017 ROSSLAND						

May 2017						
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## CITY BULLETIN BOARD

### NELSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Your Library, your community, your world.

#### Report to the Community

The Nelson Public Library has published its 2016 Annual Report, and its Strategic Plan for 2016 – 2021, both of which are available at the Library or online. Find out about your Library now, and see where we are headed in the future!

#### Friends of the Nelson Library Kid-Sized Book Sale!

Saturday, April 8th from 10:00am – 2:00pm

In the children's library, downstairs

Browse hundreds of great books, DVDs, audiobooks, CDs, games and puzzles

All proceeds raise money for library projects and furnishings

The Library is accepting donations for the sale until April 3.

Check [www.nelsonlibrary.ca](http://www.nelsonlibrary.ca) for a complete listing of all our programs and services.

### NELSON FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

#### Reminder – Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up in the Fall

Do you have oil-based paints, paint-thinner, cleaning products or adhesives sitting on a shelf in your basement? What about fertilizers, pesticides, sealers, or automotive products? Go through your collection and decide what needs to be eliminated this year. All of these products are hazardous to you, fire fighters, and the environment in the event of a fire. These materials can be collected as part of the annual Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up, which occurs annually in the fall. Please plan ahead. Keep in mind that pressurized containers such as propane tanks (of ANY size, empty or full) are not accepted and should NEVER be stored inside your home due to the risk they pose to you and to fire fighters. If you have any, bring them to the RDCK landfill/transfer stations.



### NELSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### A Reminder to Motorists

There is a *Motor Vehicle Act* regulation change to simplify the *Slow Down, Move Over* rule, making it safer for roadside workers. Currently, the *Slow Down, Move Over* regulation requires drivers to reduce speed and, if on a multi-lane road, move over to another lane when passing stopped vehicles with a flashing light, which are considered "official vehicles". These include: police, ambulance, tow trucks, commercial vehicle safety enforcement vehicles, park rangers and conservation officers.

There were concerns that the current regulation does not protect all roadside workers such as highway maintenance workers, garbage collectors etc. The new regulatory amendment includes all vehicles displaying a flashing red, blue or yellow light. This will make it easier for drivers to know the rules of the road, as they will no longer have to check to see if the flashing light is on an "official vehicle".

The amendment will improve safety for all roadside workers and came into effect on Jan. 1, 2015. Drivers must slow their speed to 70km/h when in an 80km/h or over zone, and 40km/h when in an under 80km/h zone. If travelling on a multi-lane road, the driver must move into another lane to pass where safe to do so. The new regulation brings a \$173 ticket and three penalty points.



### URBAN DESIGN STRATEGY

The City of Nelson wants your input on the draft Urban Design Strategy. Join staff and the project consultant at a public open house on Thursday, April 20th in the boardroom at the Adventure Hotel (616 Vernon Street). For project updates visit [www.nelsonurbanstrategy.com](http://www.nelsonurbanstrategy.com). Please note, the draft Urban Design Strategy will be available online starting next week for public review and comment.

For information please contact Megan Squires in Development Services at 250-352-8221 or by email at [Msquires@nelson.ca](mailto:Msquires@nelson.ca).



### STATUTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:

OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14th AND IN LIEU OF EASTER SUNDAY, OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 17th.

### AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY SERVICE

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

Transit service is not available April 14th and April 17th.

For transit information visit [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com) or call 1-855-993-3100.

## OPERATIONS

### ALLEY OBSTRUCTIONS AND RELATED DANGERS

#### The issue:

Some alleys in Nelson are becoming progressively narrower due to residents placing the following on City-owned alleys:

- Structures, in the form of composters, garbage containers, retaining walls and fences
- Overgrown shrubs, trees, and piles of tree clippings
- Vehicles, trailers and boats

#### Why it must be dealt with:

Narrow or impassable alleys create difficult and unsafe passage for:

- City snow plow trucks
- City garbage trucks
- Hydro power line trucks
- Fire trucks
- Ambulance and emergency vehicles
- Police vehicles

#### What you can do to help:

- Place garbage containers, composters and materials onto private property.
- Remove structures encroaching onto City property.
- Trim overhanging trees and shrubs.
- Dispose of combustible materials, including dry leaves, yard and tree clippings.
- Do not park vehicles, trailers or boats in the alley as to obstruct through traffic.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

## NELSON HYDRO

### ENERGY USE RECORD!



Nelson Hydro hit an all-time record in January for power usage and power purchase; the highest in over 100 years of operating as an electric utility. On top of our power plants electrical generation of 9.1 MW, we had to purchase an additional 30 MW of power from FortisBC to accommodate the utility's needs. January's power bill from FortisBC cost the City just over \$1,000,000. This large bill can be contributed to January's continuous cold weather for our service area.

This highlights how important electrical conservation and energy efficiency home improvements are within our utility. We can help customers to conserve energy and reduce their electrical bills. Contact EcoSave program manager, Carmen Proctor, at [cproctor@nelson.ca](mailto:cproctor@nelson.ca) (250-509-2021) for more information on rebates, energy evaluations and low interest financing. *Some of the EcoSave participants have been able to reduce their heat utility costs by 30%.*

## GARBAGE COLLECTION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

The City of Nelson completed a three-week trial period with respect to recent amendments to the Waste Management and Wildlife Attractant Bylaw. Council has moved the final amendments through the first three readings. Based on resident feedback and analysis, the City will permit the use of containers. However, it remains the *preference* of the City for garbage bags to be placed for collection outside of a garbage can.

#### The City will permit containers to be used in the following manner:

- Garbage bags will be lifted out of a garbage can by a City employee and placed into the truck;
- Garbage cans will not be lifted by City employees;
- Garbage bags that are not easily removed from cans, will be left in the can;
- Garbage bags must be the correct size or will be left in the can;
- Garbage bags must be the correct weight or will be left in the can; and,
- Garbage bags must have an orange tag on every bag. Untagged bags will be left in the can.



The maximum weight per bag is 20kgs (44lbs) and the maximum dimension of an unfilled bag is 66cm x 97cm (26" x 38").

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