

City of Nelson News

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

COUNCIL UPDATES

Here We Go! Stores To Shores Sets Sail....

The most comprehensive upgrade and beautification program Nelson has seen since the famous 1980s revitalization of Baker Street kicked off last week in the heart of the Heritage City's downtown — a project that addresses many of the key recommendations made in the City's blueprint for future development, the Sustainable Waterfront and Downtown Master Plan (SWDMP).

The City of Nelson's Stores To Shores Downtown Revitalization Project is officially underway. Work will take place from **IODE Park along Hall Street's 300, 400 and 500 blocks.**

"It's such an exciting and important time for Nelson," says Mayor Deb Kozak. "We're writing a brand new 21st century chapter in our City's history."

The **eight-month project** has been awarded to local company Maglio Installations.

Aimed at establishing **stronger, safer pedestrian and traffic connections between historic Baker Street and the city's beautiful lakefront**, the project will happen in conjunction with the required upgrade of Hall Street's infrastructure — including **water and sewer lines, electrical and fibre-optic, new pavement, sidewalks and stairways.**

Over 60 percent of the project's budget will be allocated to required infrastructure upgrades, the other third will go towards the Stores to Shores vision.

Look for **helpful directional signage** to Hall Street businesses — all of which are open, and Stores To Shores **information rack cards** at City Hall and businesses around downtown. More info? Visit us on Facebook/storestoshores, or click on nelson.ca/storestoshores.



THEY'RE ROLLING — (Clockwise from top) A bird's eye view of the future site for the Hall Street Plaza, below IODE Park. New directional signage to assist Hall Street businesses and shoppers. Crews remove old pavement from the 400 block of Hall. Mayor Deb Kozak, Maglio Installations owner Terry Maglio and Colin Innes, City of Nelson Director Public Works & Utilities.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Let's Be Crystal Clear: Water main flushing program

Water mains are flushed annually in the spring to remove pipe sediment and to improve water quality. During flushing, water pressure in your home or business may decrease temporarily and/or the water may be discoloured. This can be easily remedied by turning on a cold water tap and letting it run a few minutes until the water clears.

Water Conservation Tips:

Want to help save Nelson's water? Here are a few tips on watering your lawns and gardens:

- Residents at odd-numbered addresses – water on odd-numbered calendar days.
- Residents at even-numbered addresses – water on even-numbered calendar days.
- Watering and car washing should not be done in the middle of the day, when it's hot.

Want a few more ideas? A Water Smart Ambassador will be available this spring and summer to provide water conservation education, with public displays and garden water assessments.

Dogs in Lakeside Park

A reminder to our four legged friends (and their owners)...Bylaw 2333 Section 8.2 states that "No dog shall be permitted within Lakeside Park or on the waterfront playing fields adjacent to Lakeside Park." Thanks!

Alley Obstructions

Please ensure that your compost bins, garbage containers, retaining walls, and fences do not trespass on city-owned alleys. Also, vehicles, trailers and boats, parked in the alley make safe access quite difficult for city garbage trucks, hydro line trucks, fire trucks and ambulances.

And Now For The Fun Stuff!...

Lions Park Spray Park

The Spray Park will be open seven days a week starting on Saturday, May 16, until Wednesday, September 30 from 10 am to 7 pm.

Gyro Park Pool

Gyro Pool will be open daily from 1 pm to 6 pm, for most of July and August, starting on Thursday, July 2.

NELSON HYDRO NEWS

Safe Power To The People: Pruning tree and vegetation around power lines

Throughout the spring and summer, Nelson Hydro crews will be pruning tree branches that are too close to local utility lines...there are a number of critical reasons for the trimming: public safety, reducing tree-related power outages, meeting industry standards — those standards require a clearing of five meters from 60,000 volt lines, three meters from 25,000 volt lines and one meter from lines that are 750 volt or less, and communication lines too, which are for telephone and cable service. As practical, residents will be notified when tree pruning is planned for a neighbourhood. More info? 250-352-8240

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

It's Property Tax Time

Property tax time is almost here. Property tax notices will be mailed mid-May. To avoid any penalty, simply pay your property taxes and claim your Home Owner Grant before July 2. A friendly reminder... after July 2, a penalty will apply on outstanding current taxes, including the Home Owner Grant portion.

CITY BULLETIN BOARD

LIBRARY

Things are blooming at your Library!

Spring titles are coming in! Lots of new items for kids, teens, and adults. Naxos is our newest online offering, with streaming music to your computer or device: classical, jazz, folk, blues and more. Check out our online resources, where you can get the jump on your spring projects with our Home Improvements database. Our e-Library is open 24/7, with downloadable eBooks to read or listen to a few clicks away.

Special events and programs: Sunday, May 10: Spring Scribble Coffeehouse: youth writers share their work, 2 pm. Thursday, May 14: Family Travel! Expert tips with travel advisor Heather Hild, 6:30 pm. Thursday, May 21: our roving Library goes to Passmore Lodge, 3 – 7pm. More info? www.nelsonlibrary.ca

NELSON FIRE AND RESCUE

Spring n' Summer Fire Smart Q's and A's

- Where should I keep my woodpile? (Away from your house!)
- Are "evergreen" bushes/trees next to my walls really a hazard? (Depends on their height and your siding material.)
- Is it true that asphalt shingles are safer than metal or cedar? (Yes, but metal is pretty close.)
- Where should I store propane tanks? (Outside is best; in a garage is second best; never in a home.)
- Nelson Fire Rescue's annual FireSmart program has the answers to these questions.

If you missed us during our neighbourhood visits, search the city's website (nelson.ca) for "FireSmart", or contact the firehall. You'll find a checklist you can use yourself to determine how vulnerable your home may be. No matter where your house is, you'll gain a new understanding of how fire spreads and why simple actions you take now can drastically alter the outcome of a wildfire.

NELSON AND DISTRICT YOUTH CENTRE Skate. Rap. Dance.

Next Friday, May 15, The NDYC presents...SKATE.RAP.DANCE with Erica Dee Live and special guests. This will be an all ages evening filled with skateboarding, freestyle sessions, DJs and a live performances by DAZZA and the talented Erica Dee! This event is to help promote her upcoming summer hip hop camp that will be held here at NDYC in July. Its always a good time down here at the NDYC. Please check out weekly programming schedule that is filled with awesome nightly activities and games for you to win prizes and join in on the fun. Keep your eyes peeled at our website www.ndyc.ca or our facebook page "ndyc activities" for updates on these awesome opportunities to join the fun down here at the NDYC.

Office Closures & After Hours Emergency Service

City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Public Library will all be closed for Victoria Day, Monday, May 18.

For Operations emergency service, call 250-352-3103. Power outage? Electrical hazard? Damage to Nelson Hydro equipment?

Outage updates? Call 1-877-32HYDRO (1-877-324-9376). Nelson Transit busses do not run on Statutory Holidays.