

COUNCIL UPDATES



CITY OF NELSON

Walking on the wired side

With the City of Nelson and Nelson Hydro moving forward on an upgrade of the downtown core's overhead hydro system comes more good news, particularly on the tech and economic development front...you can read more about the downtown conversion below...

But as part of the conversion, crews have also connected local government buildings and the downtown core with fibre-optic cable.

With plans to embark on a strategy to stimulate economic development for the entire community, the City of Nelson and its economic development arm — the Nelson and Area Economic Development Partnership (NAEDP) — have received a big boost from the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT), which is providing a \$50,000 grant to help complete the City's state-of-the-art Information Technology Infrastructure (ITI).

The ITI will attract new technology-based companies, identify economic models of ITI for both the public sector and large companies, and create another sustainable revenue model for the City of Nelson.

"We're very grateful for the SIDIT's support," says mayor John Dooley, "our broadband initiative is going to provide tremendous potential for new economic growth."

In other exciting news from City Hall...The Regional District of Central Kootenay is considering the City's proposal to move the RDCK to the current location for both the city and many local Provincial Government services. That's 310 Ward Street, also known as the White Building. The Regional District is considering renovations to its present location but will also consider, as an alternative, collocating with both the city and the province at 310 Ward. This would advance the greater vision for the White Building as a one-stop-shop venue for all local government-related services.

The RDCK's collocation would also create significant opportunities, through space-sharing and better utilized resources, to save considerable costs for both the city and the RDCK.

NELSON HYDRO NEWS

Better power, and better looking!

As part of its commitment to upgrade the city's electrical infrastructure, Nelson Hydro has made some great strides in its overhaul of aging downtown hydro lines.

Crews have completed over 40 percent of the project, having replaced three full blocks of overhead hydro distribution in Hume Lane, north of Baker Street, from Highway 3A/Vernon Street to Josephine Street.

Project Manager Terry Andreychuk says the co-operation of downtown business owners and tenants has been a tremendous help.

After all of Nelson Hydro's work is completed, by the end of this year, the last stage of the downtown conversion project will see Telus and Shaw move their overhead lines to the new poles, after which the remaining old hydro poles will be removed.

Benefits of the Downtown Voltage Conversion project:

- Improved reliability of downtown electrical service, with fewer outages
- Improved power quality, for future business sector expansion
- Fewer poles in the alleyways, making for easier vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow, parking and delivery
- Improved lighting and improved aesthetic, with less visual clutter



An electrifying improvement—"We're really pleased with how the latest stage of the Downtown Voltage Conversion project has progressed," says Nelson Hydro Operations Manager Mike Amos. "There's a lot more room for pedestrian and vehicle traffic, a lot less clutter along both sides of the lane, and overhead, and terrific lighting at night."

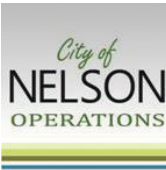
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Do you know your snow-how?

It's only a matter of time and temperatures. The city will soon be plowing streets and clearing sidewalks. Here's how you can help!

- **Street parking.** On odd-numbered days, park on the odd-numbered side of street and on even-numbered days, park on the even side. If you have off-street parking, please try to use it.
- **Parked cars** must be clear of snow for visibility to our plow operators. Vehicles are not to be parked on City streets for more than 72 consecutive hours.
- **Please do your best** not to shovel snow from a sidewalk or driveway back onto a plowed street.
- **Business owners, home owners and home occupants:** It's your responsibility to remove snow on the sidewalk or stairs adjacent to your properties — before 11 a.m., any day it snows.

And remember, due to recently revised transit routes, some of the streets that were plowed first in previous winters, won't be plowed first this winter. Check the city's website, at nelson.ca, under the 'Residents' menu, and click on 'Transit' for details on these new routes.



CITY BULLETIN BOARD

LIBRARY

When the cold winds doth blow...the library is warm and welcoming!

Our newest database: Career Cruising! Find out what you're meant to do in life, or jumpstart that career change. Find the paths to get to where you want to be. Complete Solution; Total Inspiration at your fingertips through www.nelsonlibrary.ca.

Our fall fundraiser continues: Love your library with chocolate, coffee and more while you read books by this fall's prize winners, or any of our thousands of print books, audio-books, and e-Books.

Stay tuned for seasonal fun for all ages in December!

NELSON FIRE AND RESCUE

Win! Win! Win!

The deadline to test your smoke alarm for an entry in our contest has been extended. Win free fire insurance! Regardless of your age, search for and download the "Nelson Junior Fire Inspector" form on our nelson.ca website. You can read the details there. The contest now closes Nov. 30.

If you don't have a smoke alarm to test, or are unable to test the one you have, give us a call at 250-352-3103 and we'll help you out. For free. Because that's what good neighbours do.

NELSON CITY POLICE

Moms, Dads and your kids

Every parent knows that being a Mom or Dad can be the most fulfilling, albeit toughest job, in life.

Here are some terrific tips on how to be the best parents you can be, courtesy Operation Lodestar, a program sponsored and researched by the BC Association of Chiefs of Police. (BTW, a lodestar is "one that serves as a guide or model.")

Set the Example: What you do matters.

- Children of parents who do not model positive or responsible behavior are more likely to engage in risk-taking behavior, such as gang involvement. Only 25% of students said they had parent(s) and other adults that modeled positive, responsible behavior.

Be Informed: Know where your children are and what they are doing.

- There is a strong relationship between low parental monitoring and violent delinquency. Only 38% of students said their parents monitored their whereabouts.

Support School: Place a high value on education.

- Children who don't like school, don't think grades

are important and don't want to go far in school are more likely to be involved in aggressive acts. Only 18% of students said their parent(s) were actively involved in helping them succeed in school.

Make the Rules: Set clear limits and expectations.

- Only 38% of students said they had clear family rules and consequences.

Get Involved: Look after your child's interests.

- Help children protect themselves. Talk to them about the dangers of gangs and drugs. Let them know they can talk to you. Only 29% of students said they communicate positively with their parent(s) and that they would be willing to seek their parent(s) advice or counsel.



NELSON AND DISTRICT YOUTH CENTRE

A cool December at NDYC!

Come on down and have a blast at the Monday night **Ladies Skate**, from 8 to 10 p.m. We have a **boys group** and a **girls group** running Wednesdays from 3:30 'til 5:30. Drop in for **Magic Games** on Friday nights in the lounge! Call us, any time, at 250-352-5656.



Need assistance? Here's who to call.

Office Closures & 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).