



City of Nelson News

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Celebrating our Past.
Building our Future.

COUNCIL UPDATES

CIVIC ARENA UPGRADES UNDERWAY, SAVE OUR WATER, STORES TO SHORES WRAPPING UP, RAILTOWN FULL STEAM AHEAD, WANT FASTER INTERNET?

CIVIC ARENA

After 80 years of sports and culture glory, the Civic Arena is undergoing a significant upgrade.

Opened in 1935, the beloved building will be closed until Tuesday, Oct. 13 for maintenance work including repainting, closures of some areas and the addition of parking space to the arena's west end.

"The Civic hasn't had a lot of investment in it over the last while," says Mayor Deb Kozak, "and like all the beautiful heritage buildings and homes around town, the arena comes with a few old-age issues."

Mayor Kozak says the arena will be safer, cleaner and even a little cosier when the work is finished.



CITY OF NELSON

WATER RESTRICTIONS

The City of Nelson has implemented Level Four water restrictions for outside water use and ask every resident and business to reduce indoor use too. The City is aiming to reduce water use by 20 percent right away, and for the foreseeable future. We're entirely reliant on precipitation to maintain our water supply and it's always lowest in the fall and winter.

Level Four Restrictions – outside:

No watering of lawns and boulevards...No vehicle washing except at commercial car washes...No washing of buildings, driveways, exterior windows or parking lots...No filling of pools, garden ponds or hot tubs...Trees, shrubs, vegetables and flowers may be watered with a hand-held container or a hose with a shut-off nozzle, micro-irrigation or drip line, daily, from 4 am to 10 am and from 7 pm to 10 pm.

Here are a few ways to reduce your inside water use:

Install a toilet tank bag in toilets...Use a low flow shower head...Take shorter showers (5 minutes or less)...Turn off the water while soaping hands, brushing teeth, scrubbing dishes...Washing machines should always be run with a full load.

The City has hired an autumn-season **Water Smart Ambassador** who'll be available to answer questions about Level Four restrictions, water conservation efforts, and to assess home or business water use. You can reach Avery Deboer-Smith at watersmart@nelson.ca.

STORES TO SHORES

After five months of work, the Stores To Shores project is drawing to completion. Keep an eye on the Stores to Shores Facebook page for final details on the remaining upgrades left to complete.

RAILTOWN

The City of Nelson is pleased to announce that Modus Planning, Design and Engagement Inc. has been selected to complete the Railtown Sustainable Neighborhood Plan. Based in Vancouver, Modus has a strong team including sustainable community development, community planning, urban design and architectural illustration, and market analysis expertise. Modus has already started work on the Railtown Plan, and will be visiting Nelson shortly to gain a better understanding of the area. The Railtown Sustainable Neighborhood Plan will be completed by September 2016.

CITY'S HIGH SPEED FIBRE IS HERE

Join the growing number of businesses that are signing up to connect to the Internet, or Inter-connect their office locations, with Nelson's high-speed Fibre Network. Please visit www.nelson.ca and look for 'City Services.Fibre Optic' for an overview of the broadband project, sponsored by the Nelson and Area Economic Development Partnership. Nelson's Fibre network website is www.nelsonbroadband.com. This site provides information on benefits, FAQs and details on How to Apply. Don't forget to read the bylaw, as it sets out the terms of use for the network.

FINANCE - UPDATE

NEW FACE IN FINANCE

The City of Nelson has a new Deputy CFO. Chris Jury is originally from Vancouver, but lived in Japan for ten years, then moved to Nelson with his wife, daughter and son in 2007. Chris worked as an accountant in public practice here in town before joining the City in July.

City of Nelson
Deputy CFO Chris Jury

Statutory Holiday – Thanksgiving Day – Monday, October 12

Office Closures & After Hours Emergency Service

City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Public Library will all be closed for Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 12. 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

Nelson Transit busses do not run on Statutory Holidays.

CITY BULLETIN BOARD

LIBRARY

October is Library month

The Library celebrates with events, a book sale, chocolate—and a party!

Events: Tom Wayman launches his new book of short stories *The Shadows We Mistake For Love* on Thursday, October 22 at 7pm.

Book Sale: It's the Friends of the Library hotly-anticipated Annual Book Sale! Friday, October 23 5 – 8pm and Saturday, October 24 10am – 2pm at the Old Church Hall, Victoria and Kootenay Streets.

Chocolate: Our Nelson's Chocofellar 1920s-themed chocolate bars celebrate the Library's 95th birthday with The Great Barsby, The Sun Also Raisins, A Bar of One's Own, and Lady Chatterly's Lover-of-Chocolate.

Party! We're 95! Join us for a bash and cookbook launch on Tuesday, October 27 at 7pm.



NELSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cyber Bullies: How to stop them

- Walk away or leave the online conversation
- Keep track of the bullying (write it down and/or save a screen shot of the on-line message).
- Tell a trusted adult. If you do not trust anyone or need to speak with someone urgently, contact the confidential and toll-free Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868.
- Report bullying to school administrators.
- Report criminal offences, such as threats, assaults and sexual exploitation to the local police.
- Report unwanted text messages to your telephone service provider.
- Report online bullying to the social media site and block the person responsible.



NELSON FIRE AND RESCUE

October 4-10 is Fire Prevention Week

Do all the alarms in your home actually work? Test them. Need help? Call us. We assist with installs, give advice, do FireSmart property evaluations, and answer all the questions we can, all for free. 250-352-3103 Want free Panago pizza? Know a youngster who might want to be chief for a day? Have fire safety questions? Go to nelson.ca and search for our Fire Prevention Week page.



We need more firefighters! If you want to join the ranks of our auxiliary members, nelson.ca has the information. Search for "recruitment".

NELSON HYDRO NEWS

HOW TO REDUCE YOUR HYDRO BILL: WINTERIZE YOUR HOME AND REGISTER FOR AN ENERGY ASSESSMENT!



Want to reduce your heating bill and save energy? Here's how: Unplug non-essential electronics...Caulk and weather strip around doors and windows...Install storm or thermal windows...Install electrical outlet insulators...Clean furnace filters regularly...Check the age and seals of your appliances...Set the hot water tank to 60OC...Wash clothes in cold water...Install CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light) or LED light bulbs...Turn off your lights when not in use...Use timers and motion sensors for outdoor lighting...Lower the thermostat at night and in spare rooms

Register with the **EcoSave Energy Retrofits Program** to find out how energy efficient your home is and what upgrades will save you money. You can access rebates and on-bill financing; to learn more, contact Carmen Proctor at 250-509-2021, cproctor@nelson.ca, or visit www.nelson.ca/ecosave.

OPERATIONS NEWS

BOULEVARD LEAF PICK UP

It's fall for sure...Please rake boulevard tree leaves off the boulevard onto the road beside the curb. Rake them loosely, don't place in piles or bags or covering a catch basin. When raked and ready for pick up, call 250-352-8238.

