

News Sept 27, 2013

COUNCIL UPDATES



Celebrating our Past. Building our Future.

Big wheels, big deals and big celebrations

It's been over 10 years in the making...but Nelson's highly anticipated All Wheel Park is slated for completion in October. There'll be an opening day event and ribbon cutting on Saturday, Oct. 12, at noon, with local dignitaries and members of the Kootenay Lake Outdoor Skatepark Society and the Nelson Daybreak Rotary Club. Make sure to come on out with your skateboards and bikes to celebrate an incredible local effort that all of Nelson will be proud of.

Speaking of big wheels...make sure to hop aboard Nelson Transit's new Vicinity buses, which made their debut in town a few weeks ago. There'll be two of the buses in operation next month, replacing the outgoing Nova model. The Vicinity is ideal for Nelson Transit's riders, even more economical and more environmentally friendly than any buses the City's had to date.

Hop aboard!

City of Nelson staff, the mayor and council members had an up-close look at Nelson Transit's new Vicinity bus, last month. From top left, City manager Kevin Cormack, city councillors Donna MacDonald and Deb Kozak, mayor John Dooley, and City of Nelson Chief Financial Officer Colin McClure.



Almost ready to ride
Nelson's new All Wheel Skatepark is slated to open next month, at Art gibbon Park in Rosemont.

NELSON HYDRO NEWS

Out on a limb: Are your powerlines safe and sound?

Nelson Hydro crews are reminding locals to keep a diligent eye on trees that are growing too close to powerlines — they can create a severe public safety hazard and may also cause interruption to your Nelson Hydro service, or those elsewhere in your neighbourhood.

To reduce these dangerous occurrences, and to increase system reliability, Nelson Hydro spends thousands of dollars every year on vegetation management programs. Power lines that are broken or knocked down by trees can be live — and live wires can kill. Remember! — never approach downed power lines or attempt to remove trees touching a power line. Stay at least 10 meters away, and call Nelson Hydro immediately at 1-877-324-9376 and their qualified electrical workers will respond.

Another reminder as well... Nelson Hydro does not clear encroaching tree growth around customers' insulated low voltage service wires (those that supply service to customer buildings or poles), unless there's a serious electrical hazard. Nelson Hydro recommends that customers hire a qualified arborist to maintain at least one metre of clearance from service wires. If homeowners wish to prune or remove their own trees, Nelson Hydro may remove the electric service wires to allow the work to be done safely, and then re-install when the work is finished. (There's usually no charge for this service.)

Nelson Hydro does, however, clear vegetation growth around all high voltage power lines. This work must be done safely by qualified professional electrical workers or arborists certified to work in close proximity to high voltage power lines, and should not be attempted by others.

And what about your padmounts?

Electrical standards require that there be a minimum of three metres clearance on the front of the padmount transformer (the door side) and a one metre clearance on the other three sides at all times. Vegetation found to be encroaching on these clearances will be removed. More info or request for service wire removal? Call (250) 352-8240, and visit the City of Nelson website at www.nelson.ca and click on the Nelson Hydro logo.



Statutory Holiday – Monday, October 14th

Office Closures & After Hours Emergency Service

City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Public Library will all be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. For Operations emergency service, please call 250-352-3103.

City of NELSON BRITISH COLUMBIA

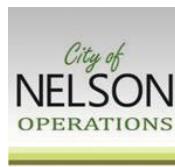
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Leaf it to us! Boulevard leaf pick up

Please rake the leaves from boulevard trees off the boulevard onto the road beside the curb. Rake the leaves loosely, do not place them in piles or in bags or covering a catch basin. Please call 250-352-8228 or 250-352-8238 and they will be scheduled for pick up.

City work sites: City crews would like to remind residents to please respect work sites and the road barriers that are put in place for public safety. City crews follow strict safety guidelines on the job, and ask the public for their cooperation by not entering work sites that have been barricaded.

Water line replacement - West and East Oak Streets: Water main replacement projects are underway on East Oak and West Oak Streets with completion by the beginning of November.



Water Conservation: Get thirsty for answers!

Did you know...residents in the West Kootenay's use more water per person than almost anywhere in the world? Why conserve water? Because the costs to collect, treat, distribute and dispose of domestic water are rising rapidly. The City of Nelson and the Columbia Basin Trust's Water Smart Initiative want to remind local folks that increased demand and competing uses are placing pressure on water resources. More info? Click on www.cbt.org/watersmart

CITY BULLETIN BOARD

Culture Days runs this weekend

The fourth annual Canadian Culture Days celebration runs this weekend, Sept. 27-29, featuring free, hands-on, interactive activities that invite the public to participate "behind-the-scenes," to discover the world of artists, creators, historians, architects, curators, designers and other creative people in their communities. Click on culturedays.ca/en for more info. There are a number of demonstrations and presentations planned at venues around Nelson including:

Ourglass, 568 Ward Street, Glassblower Daniel Farden, Friday & Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m...
Craft Connection, 378 Baker Street, potter Karel Peeters, Saturday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m...

Planning and Consideration for Outdoor Art, presented by the Nelson and District Arts Council, with Ron Robinson and Johanna Sandkuhl, Sunday 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., 511 Nelson Avenue... there'll also be events at Touchstones Nelson and Oxygen Arts Centre, 3-320 Vernon Street (alley entrance).

LIBRARY

To Google, Tweet and cloud surf...

Google is now a verb. Tweeting is no longer for the birds. Your favourite novel might live in a Cloud... what's a digitally-baffled person to do?

Come see us at the Nelson Public Library! Make an appointment with our Community Access Program (CAP) leader Amanda to learn basic computer, Internet search, Microsoft office, email, Facebook and more, now through March. Email

NPLCAP@gmail.com or call 250-352-6333. Funded by the Government of Canada.

For information on fall Storytimes for toddlers and preschoolers, great programs for adults, Wild and Wacky Wednesdays for teens, and crazy scary Hallowe'en fun programs for ghouls and others go to www.nelsonlibrary.ca.



NELSON FIRE AND RESCUE

Fire Prevention Week and dinner with the crew

Is your kitchen as fire safe as it should be? Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 6-12) this year encourages everyone to review their kitchen safety practices. Search for our Fire Prevention Week page at www.nelson.ca for details on how to win dinner with the chief and the firefighters or free home fire insurance. Just submit the form found on that page (or the one being handed out at most Nelson elementary schools) before Oct. 31. Double your chances by attaching a photo of your smoke alarm being tested! On that page, you'll also find out how you might win free pizza from Panago.



NELSON CITY POLICE

A new face behind the badge



There are some new faces in new places at the Nelson Police Department...

Reserve Constable Brent Tipple-Nelson Police Department has served over 28 years of volunteer policing — 25 years of it as an Auxiliary Constable with the RCMP and over three years now as a Reserve Constable with the Nelson Police Department. In July Mayor John Dooley presented Cst. Tipple with a Police Board Certificate of Appreciation for his ongoing and outstanding performance in his other volunteer position with Crime Stoppers of British Columbia. Cst. Tipple is very humble and feels that his way of serving the community is by supporting the men and women out there who are doing the real job. We are lucky to have him.

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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

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