



# City of Nelson News

April 29, 2016

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Then Now and  
Tomorrow

Celebrating our Past.  
Building our Future.

## COUNCIL UPDATE

### CBT/CIP GRANTS

During April 2016 Council participated in the annual Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Program grant cycle. Thanks to all community groups who came out to present to Council on April 11th. Council has provided the RDCK Board with a list of projects recommended for support ahead of the RDCK Board meeting to be held on May 18, 2016. For further information, please contact Judy Madelung at the RDCK offices directly at (250) 352-8170.

### COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR

Statutory Holiday
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
2016 Budget meetings

May 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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June 2016						
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## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**Have you ever wondered 'why' you need a building permit?** The Department of Development Services would like to share with you why Council has a Building Permit process in place.

- The Building Code, Zoning bylaw and Building Bylaw are designed to help ensure that properties are safe for occupants and the community as a whole. This means structural integrity, safety from environmental and fire hazards, and air quality.
- A Building Permit allows for an independent review by a third party for the homeowner to help ensure that work is being done correctly. Infractions can be dangerous to live with, costly to fix, and result in legal ramifications or charges on your title.
- Insurance companies are interested because they know that a well-built house means less claims, and they may not cover claims that arise as a result of either faulty or illegal construction.
- Energy consumption affects us all, and the Building Code sets minimum standards that will reduce energy costs to a homeowner and to our environment.
- Thinking of selling? Future legal transactions of the property (e.g. mortgage renewal, selling, etc.) may be significantly impacted by 'illegal' construction work.

To find out if your project needs a permit contact Development Services at 250-352-8260 or [development@nelson.ca](mailto:development@nelson.ca). We are here to answer any questions you may have regarding building permits and other related issues.

## OPERATIONS

### WATER MAIN FLUSHING PROGRAM

Water mains are flushed annually in the spring to remove pipe sediment and for water quality. During flushing, water pressure may reduce and/or the water may be discoloured. This will be remedied by turning on a cold water tap and letting it run a few minutes until it clears.

### SPRING RUNOFF

With spring runoff underway, the City reminds residents to use common sense around rising creeks and drain courses. Please monitor children playing by fast-flowing waterways. Please report blockages due to branches and other debris to the Operations Department at (250)352-8238.

### LIONS PARK - SPRAY PARK

The Spray Park will be open seven (7) days a week starting on Saturday, May 21 until Wednesday, September 28, 2016 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

## NELSON HYDRO

### NELSON HYDRO CUSTOMER ADVISORY

#### Trees and Vegetation Around Power Lines

Nelson Hydro crews will be pruning tree branches that are too close to a utility line for the following reasons: public safety, reducing tree-related power outages and to meet industry standards that require a clearing of 5 meters from 60,000 volt lines, 3 meters from 25,000 volt lines and 1 meter from 750 volt (or less) lines and communication lines (telephone and cable). Where practical, residents will be notified when tree pruning is planned for a neighbourhood. For more information, call 250-352-8240.

### Statutory Holiday – Victoria Day – Monday, May 23, 2016

#### 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, May 23, 2016. 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 buses will not be running on Victoria Day, Monday, May 23, 2016

## CITY BULLETIN BOARD

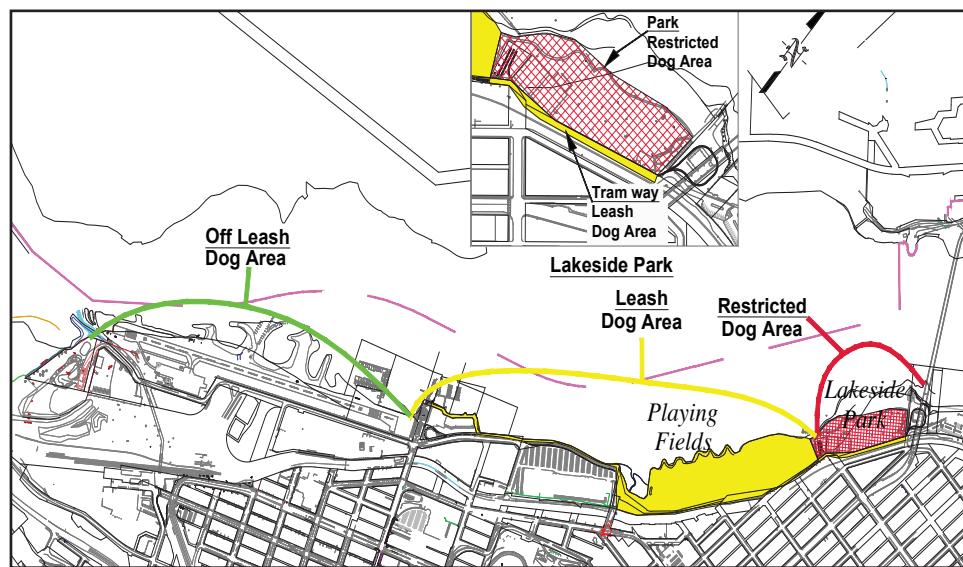
### NELSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Enjoying the great outdoors!



With the beautiful weather we have had recently and with summer fast approaching, the Nelson Police Department would like to remind all park users of the following rules so that our parks can be enjoyed by all.

- Consuming liquor, or possessing open containers of liquor is a \$230 fine under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*.
- Nelson's waterfront has three distinct zones for dogs - restricted, leashed and unleashed. Where applicable dogs must be leashed or owner can face a fine of \$150. (See map below)
- Failing to clean up after your dog is a \$100 fine.
- City parks cannot be used for camping. The City Campground will be opening on May 1st and staff would be happy to take your reservation at (250) 352-7618.



Thank you for considering these rules and we hope that you all get out and enjoy the many wonderful parks the City has to offer. If you have any questions about our City bylaws, please call (250) 352-8285.

### NELSON FIRE RESCUE

#### Disaster Day Coming to Nelson! May 7th, 2016.

Disaster will strike Nelson's Hall Street on May 7th when local agencies come together as part of National Emergency Preparedness Week (May 1st – 7th) to host a Disaster Day!



A number of organizations, including RDCK Emergency Services, Nelson Fire & Rescue, Nelson Hydro, Ministry of Transportation and many others will be on hand with live demos and informational handouts. There will be personnel on hand to answer your questions as well. Drop by for a visit; learn what your "grab and dash" survival kit should look like; see how large-scale emergencies could affect the city; learn how to put sprinklers on your house, and much more. The event will be taking place from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm on Hall Street between Baker and Vernon. There will be activities for the kids and free hot dogs!

### NELSON AND DISTRICT YOUTH CENTRE

#### A huge thank you to our amazing community!

Thanks to generous donations by residents in Nelson, the NDYC's Grub & Shrub Club will run for the month of May!



The NDYC After-School Snack, Cooking & Gardening program is a free, volunteer-run food program, operating Tuesday to Friday from 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm at the Nelson & District Youth Centre. We will be providing after-school nutritious snacks, and teaching youth how to grow and cook food, while eating together in a community setting. Each component of our food program works to address issues prevalent amongst youth in and around Nelson, such as hunger, poverty, malnutrition, and mental and physical health issues, while strengthening connection and community engagement and having fun and making friends in a supportive environment. The purpose of this program also includes enhancing our understanding of food security and sustainable food systems.

#### Other Upcoming Events:

##### Friday, May 6th

We are hosting a Youth Week event.

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Skateboard competition, dancing, food, door prizes. Open to ages 12+.

##### Saturday, May 7th

3.30 pm - 6:00 pm – Only \$5.00 (Ages 5-12)

Mother's Day art lessons with Aisha Mulhall.

Come make love bug ladybug picture holders for your amazing mothers!

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