

NEWS August 30, 2014

COUNCIL UPDATES

HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER? THE CITY'S WAS POSITIVELY PRODUCTIVE!

Hello everyone, and welcome to your almost-September City of Nelson newsletter. It's been a remarkable few months for City of Nelson crews and staff. An incredible amount has been accomplished, with many jobs slated for completion before autumn.

Here's a look at it all:

Water Main Replacements: 900 & 1000 blocks of Gore Street, 900 block of Hoover Street, 500, 600 & 1000 blocks of Latimer Street, 1000 & 1100 blocks of Cedar Street, 1000 block of Park Street and Morgan Street from Douglas to 200 block of Morgan.

Sewer: The inspection chamber at 1110 Hall Mines Road, video inspection at various locations throughout town plus sewer re-lining on Baker Street.

Sidewalks: 1000 block of Cedar Street, 600 block of Latimer Street, Wasson & Jeffs and the 700 block of 7th Street.

Paving Projects: 500 & 600 blocks of Latimer Street, 900 & 1000 blocks of Gore Street to the Mountain Station parking lot, Jeffs Avenue from Wasson to West Gore, Douglas Road at Morgan Street, 200 block of Morgan Street, 1400 block of Cedar, 1400 block of Park and the 900 block of Innes.

There've been all sorts of other accomplishments too... There've been repairs at the **Pressure Reducing Valves Station** at Stanley and Stibbs Street... a **Wooden Laneway Bridge Replacement Project** on the 800 block of Vernon near the Nelson Youth Soccer centre... **Biogas Boilers and Ventilation Upgrades at the Sewage Treatment Plant.** (The biogas boilers allow the City to capture methane from the treatment process and utilize the methane in place of propane — an enviro-friendly way to go.)

THE CEDAR STREET SOLUTION

There are some welcome changes coming to the City's infamous five-way intersection at Cedar and Vernon Street. In advance of Phase I of the Stores To Shores Downtown Revitalization project, the City will be implementing the following changes to downtown traffic flow:

- Cedar will become one-way uphill from Edgewood to Vernon. (Edgewood is the one-block street that runs east off Cedar, across from the Scout Hall.)
- High Street will become one-way, heading out of town (but only one-way as far as Park Street). This will ensure cars don't enter the five-way intersection from High Street.
- There'll be a turn-lane added to the Front/Cedar intersection so westbound Front Street traffic can easily turn left up onto Cedar. (The goal is to turn Cedar into a more viable way for traffic to get up into the downtown.)
- Cedar Street will become a 'gateway' to downtown — by reversing the current one-way on the easternmost end of Baker and the top block of Cedar.
- As a result of the changes, traffic will be able to turn off Front Street onto Cedar and drive up Cedar — without worrying about oncoming traffic at the narrow stretch just below Vernon. Traffic flow will be one-way heading uphill there, then continue across Vernon, around the curve onto Baker and smoothly into the downtown core.

A note: Before any downtown traffic flow changes, including the Cedar and Front crossing, City crews will first replace signage and paint directional indicators at intersections.

A NEW PLANNER FOR THE FALL

There's a new face at City Hall, and a familiar one that will soon be bidding so-long to the Heritage City. Development and Engineering Services Director Allen Fillion has accepted a position with the District of West Kelowna. Allen's been with the City since March, 2006. Good luck Allen and thanks for all the hard work! In the interim, The City has hired planner Michael Maturo to help us through the transition period. Most recently, Mike has been working as a consultant in the Rossland area.

NELSON HYDRO NEWS

BE ADVISED: NELSON HYDRO IS INSPECTING SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND METERS

Nelson Hydro is currently performing an audit inspection of all its customer service connections. During this inspection, your meter base and service connections will be looked at for signs of damage, vegetation and obstructions. Infrared will be used to check for service connection hotspots, indicating electrical issues. Any issues Nelson Hydro finds will be forwarded to the customer through a mailed letter explaining the actions the customer must take. Nelson Hydro encourages customers to inspect their meters yearly to determine if there are any issues and report them. Nelson Hydro is working together with its customers to maintain safe, reliable electrical service now and into the future!



City of NELSON BRITISH COLUMBIA

CITY BULLETIN BOARD

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & SUSTAINABILITY

Coming up at your Library... book launches and a virtual campout!

Tuesday, August 26, 7 p.m.: Book launch! Jennifer Craig, author of *Yes Sister, No Sister* launches her first published novel, *Mary Lou's Brew*.

Monday, September 8, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: End of Summer Family Campout at the Library: bring blankets and flashlights and settle down for a virtual campout in the woods!

Thursday, September 11, 7 p.m.: Book launch! Aurelien Dupuis launches his novel *Armand et Ginette*. An author reading in French and English, presented in partnership with AFKO.

Tuesday, September 16, noon: first in a series of talks on common childhood ailments by Dr. Remi Champagne (in the Storytime room). First talk: ear infections.

There's always something going on at the Nelson Public Library! More info? www.nelsonlibrary.ca

NELSON FIRE AND RESCUE

Free fire insurance! Sound good? Just snap a photo!

If you send us a photo of you making FireSmart improvements, such as removing troublesome conifers or relocating your wood pile, or post a photo of your family testing your smoke alarm, we'll enter you in our draw. Search "FireSmart House Calls" at nelson.ca for details. Easily done and it could save you money and peace of mind. Besides, when did you last test that smoke alarm? Nelson Fire Rescue Services recommends testing every month. Change the battery once or twice a year.



NELSON CITY POLICE

Back to school = same road rules, strike or no strike

Tuesday, September 2nd marks the beginning of the school year. The Nelson Police Department is reminding motorists that school zones will be in effect. The speed limit for all school zones and playground zones in the City is **30 km h**. Please be aware that children will be out.

Parents, we are also reminding you to talk to your children about being safe while on the way to school. Those who ride their bikes should be reminded to wear a bike helmet and to obey traffic rules. The Nelson Police Department will be monitoring cyclists and helmets usage over the next few weeks.

Thank you and have a safe school year!

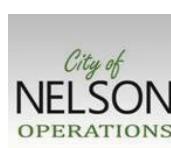


OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

PLEASE CONSERVE NELSON'S WATER –

EVEN IN AUTUMN

- ✓ The City of Nelson thanks all those "Water Smart" residents for continuing to conserve water through September, and into the fall, and reminds people to:
- ✓ Water every other day only. Premises with "even" numbered addresses can water on even-numbered days (ie: 2nd, 4th, 6th). Premises with odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered days (ie: 1st, 3rd, 5th).
- ✓ Water in mornings, before 10 a.m., or evenings, after 6 p.m.
- ✓ Premises with underground sprinklers should set the timer to give the lawn **one hour's water each week**.
- ✓ Ensure water does not over-spray onto sidewalks, driveways or roads.



Elevated Alley Replacement Project: alley on the north side of the 800 block of Vernon Street
The elevated alley on the north side of the 800 block of Vernon Street will be replaced, with completion slated for the end of September.

Water line replacements

Did you know? By the end of the year, City crews will have replaced 2,000 metres of water line. A big thanks to residents for their patience, and for observing construction site safety signs.

Statutory Holidays - Labour Day, Monday, September 1

Office Closures & After Hours Emergency Service

City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Public Library will all be closed for Labour Day. 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 Monday, September 1.