

February 24th, 2017

COUNCIL UPDATE

COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR 2017

Statutory Holiday (or in lieu of Stat)
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

March 2017							April 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
AKBLG 2017 ROSSLAND													

NELSON HYDRO



HOW WILL THE NELSON HYDRO RATE INCREASE AFFECT ME?

Nelson Hydro has a general rate increase of 4.28% commencing on April 1st which results to an effective rate increase of approximately 2.96% for the calendar year.

So, if the average residential customer uses 1000 kW in a month, their electricity costs have changed from \$109.85 to \$114.54 (about \$4.69 for the month).

Why did my hydro bill go up from the same time last year?

One of the main reasons is that it was significantly colder for many days.

December, 2015

Average temperature was below zero - 13 days

December, 2016

Average temperature was below zero - 26 days

In December, 2016 Nelson Hydro customers used 11% more electricity than in December, 2015.

HOW DO NELSON HYDRO RATES COMPARE WITH OTHER HYDRO PROVIDERS?

CITY	1000kWh
Ottawa, ON	\$165.37
Halifax, NS	\$158.83
Saskatoon, SK	\$146.49
Regina, SK	\$146.45
Moncton, NB	\$124.98
St. John's NL	\$119.64
Saint John, NB	\$111.71
Calgary, AB	\$111.70
Nelson, BC	\$109.85
Vancouver, BC	\$107.03
Edmonton, AB	\$105.08
Winnipeg, MB	\$84.29
Montreal, QC	\$72.26

* Prices included tax

* As at May, 2016. Data Source Manitoba and Nelson Hydro

GARBAGE/RECYCLING

The City of Nelson will continue to move forward with the Phased-In Collection process to ensure residents are educated on the existing and new waste collection regulations. Next week, between February 27th – March 3rd, the City will be issuing Warning Stickers (shown here) on bags that do not meet the regulations, with the opportunity for residents to make corrective measures. Residents who find their garbage has been tagged are able to make the corrective changes (within 24hrs) and then phone the City at (250) 352-8102 to have their garbage/recycling picked up.

No Bins or Containers put out on collection day.
(Only bags are permitted.)

Clearly display entire tag on bag.



STATUTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:

OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14th AND IN LIEU OF EASTER SUNDAY, OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 17th.

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).

NELSON TRANSIT SERVICE

Transit service is not available April 14th and April 17th.
For transit information visit www.bctransit.com or call 1-855-993-3100.

OPERATIONS

SNOW REMOVAL

The following regulations should be adhered to in order for the snow removal equipment to operate at maximum capacity:

1. All vehicles should have snow cleared off on a regular basis.
2. All vehicles must be moved at least once every 72 hours. (As per City Bylaw.)
3. There is no parking on Baker St. from 2:00am – 7:00am from Sunday to Wednesdays (Signs are posted).
4. There is no parking on the central downtown business area side streets from 2:00am – 7:00am from Thursday to Saturday. (Signs are posted)
5. Do not park on streets where orange pylons have been placed as this indicates that snow clearing will be taking place.
6. In all other residential areas, where it is practical and does not cause your vehicle to be parked illegally, we ask everyone to park on the even numbered side of the street on even numbered days of the month and to park on the odd numbered side of the street on odd numbered days.

Our Public Works crews are working over-time to ensure there is 24 hour snow removal and plowing taking place in the City. For more information on the City's Winter Snow and Ice Management, including a list of snow clearing and sanding priorities, please visit: <http://bit.ly/NelsonSnowRemoval>.

CITY BULLETIN BOARD

NELSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Your Library, your community, your world.



Kids connect: Storytimes for babies, toddlers, families and even Sensory Storytimes, inclusive of kids on the autism spectrum.

Teens connect: TeenScene Thursdays with creative writing, fibre craft & more, plus Tuesday & Friday after school Study Hall.

Community connections: On Saturday, March 18 visit our Human Library, where the “books” you check out are real people who have stories to tell that will change your world view.

On the radio: Check this Out is a show about All Things Library every 4th Monday at 8:30am on Kootenay Co-op Radio, 93.5FM in Nelson.

Online: Open 24/7 at www.nelsonlibrary.ca

NELSON FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

Extension Cord use and abuse

Are you using extension cords safely? A perfectly good looking extension cord, especially if it is in a tidy coil, can easily overheat and start a fire. A cord that runs under a carpet or blankets is at an even higher risk to start a fire. Extension cords are not for use on a permanent basis. Instead, use a ULC certified power bar!

Approved power bars have breakers to protect you and your home. They are designed to be used on an ongoing basis. Extension cords are NOT constructed to meet the same standard as power bars. Check your home and make it safe!



NELSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fines for drivers passing school buses with flashing lights in British Columbia are more than doubling to \$368.

This follows a review of the penalties conducted in March 2016 that found the previous fine of \$167 was one of the lowest in Canada and not enough to deter drivers. This increase in fine amount is designed to discourage drivers from ignoring flashing school bus lights. Drivers will continue to receive three penalty points on top of the increased fine.

Friendly Reminder:

- When you see school bus stopped with its red light flashing, you must stop too. You stop whether the bus is oncoming or you are behind the bus.
- When you see a bus with flashing amber lights, slow down and prepare to stop. The bus is preparing to stop or may already be stopped.
- Stay stopped until the bus moves, or the driver signals that it's safe for you to proceed, by turning off the flashing lights. (Some buses also have a stop sign that swings out from the bus or a digital display).
- Be aware of signs, school buses, playgrounds and other things that indicate that children could be close by.

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