

NEWS

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COUNCIL UPDATES

More improvements to Railtown in 2012

At this week's Committee of the Whole meeting Council was updated on the strategy to develop the public areas between the Baker Street Bridge, the CP Rail Station and Cottonwood Park. This area, dubbed the Railtown District in Nelson's Sustainable Waterfront and Downtown Master Plan, plays a key role in tying together the downtown and waterfront. Architect Thomas Loh and Cultural Development Officer Joy Barrett are working closely with City departments to develop a plan for pathways, sightlines, signage, artefacts and other linkages that will encourage pedestrians to explore the area. A new guard rail for the bridge has been commissioned from a local artist Brent Bukowski and the City is on the search for railway and other industrial artefacts that might be turned into benches and other structures.

"I'm really excited about this project," said Mayor John Dooley at the meeting. "The relocation of the transfer station will enhance this even more. I'm looking forward to working with the many stakeholders involved to see this vision come to life. There are many residents who feel an attachment to that part of town – it's an important connection to Nelson's culture and heritage." The City has received a grant under Columbia Basin Trust Environmental Initiatives Program to complete some of the work this year, including native plantings, installing a permeable pathway and signage. Selkirk College students will help with this phase, by doing some of the planting as part of their course work. The strategy for the development of public spaces along Cottonwood Creek will be implemented over several years, as grant funds and budgets allow. The Nelson District Rod & Gun Club Conservation Society and BC Hydro will also be involved in supporting the work planned for 2012.



Last fall, City crews prepared the site adjacent to Cottonwood Creek for a permeable paver pathway, which will be installed in 2012. The pathway provides a pedestrian link between Baker Street and Railway Street

Going green



Pictured is Fred Schneider, Nelson Hydro Meter Customer Serviceman receiving the keys for a 2012 Ford Escape Hybrid vehicle from Rodi DeVuono, Garage and Transit Superintendent. Fred Schneider recently received recognition for his 30 years of service with Nelson Hydro. The Hybrid vehicle will help reduce emissions from the City's fleet, as part of the Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan.

Columbia Basin Trust - Community Initiatives Funding

Council plays an active role in the approval process for applications made to the Columbia Basin Trust for Community Initiatives Funding. The Regional District of Central Kootenay is currently accepting applications for 2012 funding. The deadline to submit project proposal applications is March 5, 2012 at 4:30 pm. For more information, contact Judy Madelung at the RDCK, (250) 352-9300, or email: jmadelung@rdck.bc.ca. Application forms can be downloaded from the RDCK website at <http://www.rdck.bc.ca/corporate/grants/cbt.html>.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Street snow plowing

From November 1st to April 30th each year, vehicles must be parked on the odd-numbered side of the street on odd-numbered dates; and be parked on the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered dates, within residential zones, to allow the City's snow clearing operations to plow close to the curbs and maintain maximum street width.

We're trying to keep it down!

We've recently purchased new, quieter, back up alarms for some of our equipment. We've also reviewed our plowing methods, in order to reduce the amount of backing up required when clearing snow, particularly in the downtown core.

City sidewalk snow removal

The City's sidewalk snow plowing program states that designated, high traffic sidewalks will be plowed of snow by the Operations Department. Of the streets in the program, only one side the sidewalk will be cleared of snow. A sidewalk snow plow map is available on the City of Nelson's web page.

Every business owner or resident shall remove accumulation of snow or ice upon sidewalks not later than 11:00 am, daily (except Sundays for businesses).

Closure of Lakeside Park Boat Launch

The City of Nelson wishes to advise residents that the boat launch at Lakeside Park will be temporarily closed for dock replacement until further notice. The City apologizes for any inconvenience this project may cause.

CITY BULLETIN BOARD

2012 Council commission and committee appointments

Nelson City Council annually appoints members of Council and of the public to positions on committees, commissions and boards. Appointments for 2012 have now been made and Council and staff thank all residents who volunteer in this capacity. Your dedication and hard work are very much appreciated.

Secondary suite workshop

Do you have questions about building a secondary suite in your home? Give us your feedback on the obstacles and barriers you face. Join the Development Services & Sustainability staff for an informative workshop on secondary suites on **Wednesday February 22 from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm** at City Hall, Council Chambers (2nd Floor 310 Ward Street). We'll answer your where, how, and why questions!

The workshop is free, but seating is limited, we ask that you please register in advance at development@nelson.ca or (250) 352-8260.

Family Literacy Day Celebration!

Celebrate Family Literacy Day with the Nelson Leafs! Join us on **Saturday, January 28** from **1:00 - 2:30 pm**, on the lower level for stories, games, hockey trivia, prizes and more. Please register by calling (250) 352-6333.

Wednesdays are for teens!

Wild & Wacky Wednesdays for teens are still wacky and wild. Drop in Wednesday, February 1st from 3:00 to 5:00 pm to find out for yourself, or call Joanne at (250) 505-5683 for more info.

Vehicle for sale?

The Nelson Police Department would like to remind residents that the BC Motor Vehicle Act prohibits parking a vehicle on a highway for the purpose of displaying it for sale. We've received an increased number of complaints about vehicles "For Sale" parked for extended periods of time. Vehicles found in violation of the Act will be towed at the owner's expense.

Burn awareness week

Have you checked out www.burnfund.org yet? If you do, you'll learn February 5 to 11, 2012 is Burn Awareness Week. You'll also discover that BC students are invited to enter the annual Burn Awareness Week Poster Contest. Every entrant wins a participation prize and fifty students can win money for their elementary school or BC Ministry of Education sanctioned distance education facility. There are seven regional prizes to be awarded, including a \$1,000 grand prize and six \$500 regional prizes. Visit the site to learn more about this effort to reduce burn injuries in BC.

Youth Employment Resource Centre

Due to our current employment contract ending and a new employment contract starting, the Nelson and District Youth Centre's Youth Employment Resource has temporarily closed its doors and will re-open on April 1, 2012. This closure does not affect NDYC's evening youth programs. For more information please call (250) 352-5656, email ndycco@netidea.com or check out our schedule on the City of Nelson website.

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