

NEWS January 30, 2015

COUNCIL UPDATES

STORES TO SHORES UPDATE SESSION A SUCCESS

Over 100 people turned up for Monday's Stores To Shores Downtown Revitalization Update Session, held at The Adventure Hotel.

The event provided local residents, home and business owners with details on revised plans for Phase One of the project, which is slated to begin this Spring. The revitalization is aimed at attracting new development and investment throughout the Heritage City's downtown core, and along its remarkable waterfront. The Stores to Shores' first phase will be the revitalization of one of the city's most historically important thoroughfares — Hall Street. Phase One will include IODE Park to Lake Street, with work slated to begin in Spring 2015 and estimated to end in Winter 2015.

Feedback from Monday's Info Session will be tabulated and presented to Nelson City Council in two weeks time. Need more info? Click on nelson.ca/storesstoshores.

GOT A PROJECT IN NEED OF FUNDING?

It's that time of year again — the 2015 Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Program has opened for applications. The program, administered by the Regional District of Central Kootenay, is designed to provide funding support for projects and activities that individual CBT communities deem important — those that are supported by the community that might otherwise not have been undertaken. Need more info? Visit www.rdkc.ca/EN/main/administration/grants/columbia-basin-trust-cip-aap.html

Thank you to all the volunteers who've offered their time over the upcoming year to serve on the City of Nelson's numerous commissions and committees. The boards for all of them have been named. Those include the Advisory Planning Commission, Cultural Development Committee, Nelson and District Youth Advisory Committee, Nelson Housing Committee and Nelson Public Library Board.



FINANCE UPDATE

PAYMENTS, MADE EASY — ON-LINE!

For folks who like to take care of business on-line...there's a helpful new City of Nelson payment service being offered this year, through the City's website, www.nelson.ca. You'll be able to pay a number of your City bills, starting with Business Licenses. You'll soon be able to take care of water/sewer bills and property taxes too. Water/sewer invoices will be coming out in the next few weeks and property taxes are sent in May. Keep an eye on your mailbox, as more info regarding on-line payments will be sent out in upcoming invoice mailings.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

GET TO KNOW YOUR SNOW, TRASH AND TRANSIT...

Snow Removal

After the last big snowfall, City Operations folks fielded a number of calls from residents wanting to know what the City's snow clearing protocol was. Here's how it works: The priority is to clear and sand emergency and bus routes, and the downtown area first. For those in residential areas, a friendly reminder that vehicles parked in residential zones must be parked on the odd-numbered side of the street on odd-numbered dates, and parked on the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered dates. High traffic sidewalks will be plowed by the City. It's up to all business owners and residents to remove snow and ice on their sidewalks. And please, when streets are narrowed by snow, don't park across from another vehicle. Thanks! Need more info on City's Snow Plowing Program? www.nelson.ca.

Here's a quick round of oft-asked questions regarding garbage pick-up.

When is my pick time? Anytime between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

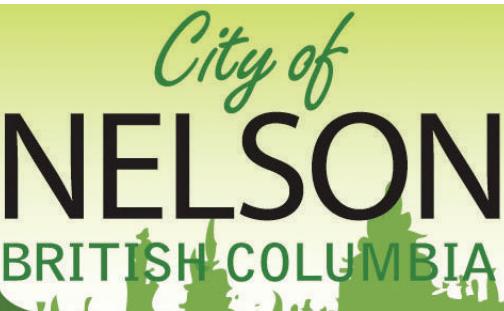
Where do I find a 2015 Collection Calendar? www.nelson.ca — click on the 'City Services' tab, then 'Operations', then 'Waste', then on the 'PDF' link.

What can be placed in a blue bag? We're part of the Multi-Material BC Program. Accepted items can be obtained from the City's website — www.nelson.ca — click on 'City Services' tab, then 'Operations', then 'Recycling' and scroll down the page to 'Link to what can be recycled in BC.'

Why wasn't my blue bag taken? Usually because materials not allowed were visible, such as: styrofoam, plastic shopping bags, glass or used paper towels.

Who operates the dump? The Transfer Station, located above Pacific Insight, is operated by the Regional District of Central Kootenay. Questions? Call **BC Recycling Hotline at 1-800-667-4321**.

Didjaknow? Nelson Transit is now on Twitter and can e-mail 'Rider Alerts' by allowing a) Twitter notifications from @NelsonTransit in your mobile device or, b) an e-mailed Rider Alert which can be set up by clicking on bctransit.com/west-kootenay/home..



CITY BULLETIN BOARD

LIBRARY

A Fun February at the Nelson Public Library

We have a beautiful new mural in the Children's Library! Thanks to the Friends of the Library and to artist Nichola Lytle.

Coming up:

- **For adults:** Secrets of Self-Publishing, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.
- **For teens:** (12 and up): Wild and Wacky Wednesday, Feb. 4, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- **For tweens:** (9-12): Celebrate Chinese New Year Thursday, Feb. 19 3:30 – 4:30
- **For kids:** Preschool and family story times! Call the library at 352-6333 or register at www.nelsonlibrary.ca
- **And for everybody!** Pink Words: Writers Against Bullying takes a stand Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Performance poetry and more.

And don't forget... You can enjoy our digital library 24/7...also, we'll be closed for BC Family Day, Monday, Feb. 9.



NELSON FIRE RESCUE

Where Are You?

Our thanks to those homeowners who have ensured the numbers on their houses are clear and easy to see at night. Easy-to-read numbers can make a big difference when you are experiencing a life-threatening medical emergency, a carbon monoxide leak, a smell of natural gas, a blaring smoke alarm, or otherwise require assistance or extrication. Nelson Fire Rescue will be trying to find you, and if you have ensured the sightlines from the street to your home's numbers are clear, you'll be helping those who are trying to help you!



NELSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Restoring The Spirit of '69

There's a great project underway thanks to the Nelson Police Department, the Nelson Police Foundation and the crew at LV Rogers High School. Constable Brian Weber had a vision to enlist the teachers and students of LVR for the complete restoration of a 1969 Plymouth Satellite — the exact make and model of police car used here in Nelson in '69. Constable Weber has purchased the car (which he found in Twisp, Washington, for a paltry \$350 — his own money). The empowerment of LV Rogers' youth and Constable Weber's encouragement to them to make this worthwhile project a reality is exactly what the Foundation, established in 2013, is all about. Thanks to the local businesses who are donating their time, materials and expertise: Kootenay Auto Glass, OK Tire, Taylor Wilton and Cottonwood Auto Repair.



NELSON AND DISTRICT YOUTH CENTRE

New lounge, new programs, and a clinic too!

Speaking of youth...There are some exciting changes and programming additions at the Nelson and District Youth Centre this month. We've added a quiet lounge upstairs for parents and older teens to enjoy a private and comfortable space. There's a computer with Internet, leather couches, tea station, and a small children's play area. On the programming front: Gap Theatre, Girls Hip Hop/Fitness Class, and our own private walk-in clinic have been added to our weekly schedule. You can find all the info on our hours and schedule at www.ndyc.ca or on our Facebook page NDYC Activities.



NELSON HYDRO NEWS

AN URGE TO AVOID THE SURGE: DOES YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS HAVE POWER SURGE PROTECTION?

While spring and summer months are more likely times of year for power surges on the electrical distribution system — due to storms and lightning — those surges can occur in wintertime too. Any time of year in fact.

Nelson Hydro wants to remind local residents that the utility doesn't guarantee entirely uninterrupted power supply, or protection from surges. Therefore, Nelson Hydro strongly suggests customers install and maintain their own surge and lightning protection equipment at their electrical service entrance and/or distribution system, to protect against these possibly adverse conditions.

If you're unsure if your home or business is adequately protected, or want to install service entrance protection, simply call an electrical contractor to inspect your power system, and make upgrades to your home or business as required. Thanks, from Nelson Hydro!



Statutory Holidays - Family Day, Monday, Feb. 9 Office Closures and After Hours Emergency Service

City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Public Library will all be closed for Family 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 Buses do not run on stat holidays. To you and your family — enjoy the day together!