



City of Nelson News

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

PAVING, CONCRETE WORK & WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is re-paving the entire portion of Highway 3A through Nelson this year. Our Public Works Department is taking advantage of this opportunity to accomplish a number of infrastructure improvements prior to the paving.

The next several months will be a busy time along the highway as we complete water system upgrades and infrastructure improvements in the following locations:

- Behnsen Street near Hume Elementary (already completed)
- Anderson Street from Nelson Avenue to Front Street
- Front Street (by Cedar Street)
- Kootenay Street (by Vernon Street)

There are also approximately 30 segments along the corridor being scheduled for sidewalk panels, concrete repairs and associated storm drainage works.

ANDERSON STREET INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES



CONSTRUCTION ZONE SAFETY

Construction zones will be delineated at various locations along Highway 3A through town and traffic control set-ups will be a common sight over the next several months. Please follow the signage and direction of the flaggers.

SPRINGTIME IS HERE AND SO ARE THE POTHOLES

Repairing potholes is an affordable way to maintain our roads. Potholes can form on older road surfaces due to seasonal changes in temperature including freezing and thawing.

Our crews routinely monitor road conditions and identify areas that need repairs. Road users and business owners can help by reporting potholes when you see them.


See a pothole? Give us a call at 250-352-8238 so it can be repaired and help keep our roads safe.



STREET SWEEPING

Our crews have been busy sweeping their way through town and hope to be completed in the next few weeks. Thank you to residents for raking the winter sand off of the boulevards in front of your homes and onto the road where the sweeper can sweep it up. Cleaning the boulevards makes a big difference in making our neighbourhoods and City look beautiful. Keeping our streets, sidewalks, and green spaces safe and clean for everyone to enjoy is a City priority.





The City of Nelson continues to provide valuable and essential services to residents and businesses of Nelson during this time.

Together, we are making a difference.

www.nelson.ca/covid19

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). Public Works: 250-352-8238

RECYCLING

The City of Nelson's recycling will be collected in blue bins (not blue bags) starting this summer. All other aspects of the recycling program will remain the same.

More information will be in your mail box this week.

Why are we moving from blue bags to blue bins?

- Across the province, Recycle BC is no longer accepting recycling in blue bags.
- The City of Nelson is working with Recycle BC and the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) to make the transition to blue bins.

Who does what?

- City of Nelson – collects residential recycling on behalf of Recycle BC.
- RDCK – operates the recycling transfer stations on behalf of Recycle BC.
- Recycle BC – overarching body responsible for the beneficial use of residential packaging and paper product recycling in the province.

When will the blue bins be delivered?

- Residents receiving collection from the City will be delivered a lidded 121-litre blue recycling container during the month of June 2020 to be used for recyclables.

When will blue bins be required?

- For the collection week starting on Monday, June 29, 2020, place your loose recyclable materials in the blue bin as blue bags will no longer be accepted. Do NOT line the bin with a bag.

Why now?

- Recycle BC will no longer accept recycling in single use blue bags as of this summer.



Here's what you need to know:

How much will the container hold?

- The 121-litre container will hold the contents of two to four average blue bags, depending on how well recycling in the blue bin is packed.
- Flattening containers, milk jugs and cardboard will save space.
- Larger pieces of corrugated cardboard boxes should be flattened, cut down to a reasonable size (approximately 2' x 3'), bundled and set beside the blue bin.

What can go in the blue bin?

- What you can recycle has not changed. Materials that can go in the blue bin are the same as what can be placed in the blue bag.
- Further information about the bin and recycling collection will be inside the bin when it is delivered to you.
- More information will be available on the City's website at nelson.ca/waste.

Collection Schedule

- The Waste & Recycling Collection Schedule that was provided to each residence earlier this year has NOT changed. Visit nelson.ca/waste to view the collection schedule.
- Garbage and recycling is collected at the same time.

For questions on recycling contact:

- The BC Recycling Hotline at 1-800-667-4321
- The City's Green Ambassador at (250) 352-8102 or gambassador@nelson.ca

Thank you for doing your part in keeping recyclables out of the landfill.