

COUNCIL UPDATE

CITY BULLETIN BOARD

COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR 2016

	December 2016							January 2017						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Statutory Holiday														
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														
2016 Budget meetings														

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

At the August 8, 2016 meeting of Council, staff presented the results of the policy research and public feedback regarding **Short-Term Rentals (STR)** that was undertaken this past summer. These results included an overview of the 200+ hours of policy research, numerous conversations with other communities, 350 survey responses, dozens of emails and phone inquiries, a stakeholder meeting and a public Town Hall.

First readings of the bylaws to regulate STRs were presented to Council on November 21st. A Public Hearing will be held on December 5th with the intention of adopting the related bylaws immediately following the Public Hearing. If adopted, STR operators will be able to apply for a business licence after December 15th, 2016 to become legal.

The **Railtown Sustainable Neighborhood Plan** was presented to Council at the October 17th, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting. The Plan will go to a regular meeting of Council on December 5th, 2016 for approval.

Staff are eagerly awaiting the completion of the draft **Downtown Urban Design Strategy**, which we expect to receive from the consulting team by the end of November. The draft strategy will be available online in January 2017 and an Open House will be scheduled for early February.

OPERATIONS

STREET SNOW PLOWING

First priority for snow plowing is to clear and sand emergency routes, major access routes and streets in the downtown area.

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.

SNOW WINDROWS ON DRIVEWAYS

Plowing of snow will result in a windrow of snow across private driveways and business accesses. The City of Nelson regrets this; however, we simply do not have the resources to clear these windrows from individual driveways.

TRAILERS PARKED ON CITY STREETS

Trailers parked on the streets not attached to vehicles will be towed as per Bylaw No. 3156. "No person shall park any trailer unattached upon any highway unless in emergency situations or the trailer is attached to a vehicle by which it may be propelled or drawn."

CITY SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

Designated, high traffic sidewalks will be cleared of snow by the Operations Department. Please note that only one side of the sidewalk will be cleared of snow in this program. Every business owner or resident shall remove accumulation of snow or ice upon sidewalks **not later than 11:00am** daily (except Sundays for businesses).

WOULD YOU LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON THE CITY'S SNOW PLOWING PROGRAM?

www.nelson.ca ... click on City Services ... click on Operations ... and then click on Winter Snow and Ice Management.

NELSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Nelson Library seeks public input on Strategic Plan

Thanks to a tremendous response to the Nelson Public Library's recent survey, a draft of the Library's new 5-Year Strategic Plan is now ready for public input. Nearly 900 people answered the survey, including a special survey for teens. The Library Board hopes to see strong community engagement in reviewing the draft as an important step to mapping the Library's future. The draft is available for public comment until December 6th and can be viewed online at nelsonlibrary.ca, or a print version can be picked up at the Library.

The Library is warm, cozy, and full of wonderful things to read and do. Come see us or check out our 24/7 offerings at www.nelsonlibrary.ca



NELSON FIRE RESCUE

Candle Safety During the Holiday Season

December is the peak season for house fires caused by the misuse of candles. Nelson Fire & Rescue encourages the use of flameless LED candles which have the look of a real candle, but present much less risk to your family and your home. If you choose to burn a traditional wax or soy based candle, please ensure you have a working smoke alarm and follow these safety tips:

- Blow out candles when you leave a room, or go to bed.
- Use sturdy, non-combustible candle holders (never made of wood).
- Place candle holders on a clean, uncluttered surface, a minimum of 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Don't burn the candle all the way down.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is in use in the home.

Have a Safe and festive holiday season!



NELSON HYDRO

WHAT DO YOU DO DURING A POWER OUTAGE?

Fallen trees, high winds, freezing rain, and even automobile accidents cause power outages that may last from several hours to a few days. Loss of power during winter months can result in cold, damp homes. Homeowners can protect their homes against frost damage by installing a standby heating system that permits continued occupancy throughout a winter storm emergency. The consequences of power loss can be minimized by taking the following necessary precautions:

- Determine whether the power outage is affecting only your home or whether it includes your neighbours. If your neighbour still has power, check your circuit breaker panel or fuse box.
- If your circuit breaker panel or fuse box has not tripped off, call the Nelson Hydro Outage Phone Line at 1-877-324-9376 to report the outage.
- If you see a downed power line, please call Nelson Hydro immediately with the exact location of the downed line. Keep back a minimum of 10 metres from the wires or anything in contact with the wires, and warn others of the danger. **Always assume that the lines are energized.**



COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROJECT



The Nelson Community Solar Garden project lead, Carmen Proctor, invited project investors to attend a sneak preview of the newly constructed solar array in early November. The mood was bright and investors were pleased as they saw their solar panels for the first time. Although the system is not connected to the grid as of yet, all of the solar panels are installed. Connection will likely take place in the spring, unless we see some milder weather in the forecast.

There are still two panels remaining to purchase. For more information you can contact Carmen at cproctor@nelson.ca or 250.509.2021 or www.nelson.ca/solar.

STATUTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:
IN LIEU OF CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY - OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH
IN LIEU OF NEW YEAR'S DAY, OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND

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 Monday, December 26th. Regular transit service for all other days. For transit information visit www.bctransit.com or call 1-855-993-3100.

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