

NEWS October 3, 2014

COUNCIL UPDATES

STORES TO SHORES TAKES FIRST STEP, TREE PRUNING BACK ON TRACK

Hello everyone, and happy Autumn!

With colder weather approaching, the City is busy on a number of exciting projects that will wrap up before winter. In anticipation of next spring's **Cedar and Hall Street re-alignments**, part of the **Stores to Shores Downtown Revitalization**, crews will be preparing the intersection of Cedar and Front Street for new traffic flow. Next year, Cedar Street will be resigned along with a number of changes slated for the current five-way intersection on Vernon Street — all of which will improve traffic flow and improve pedestrian safety. With these improvements Cedar Street will serve as a new gateway to the downtown core.

The **first phase of the Hall Street project** — slated for the 500 block (Baker to Herridge Lane) — has been delayed and the project expanded to add the 400 block (Baker to Vernon Street) and 300 block (Vernon to Lake Street). Currently under design, the expanded project is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2015. Originally slated to begin in early September, the first phase of the Stores to Shores project has been postponed due to a tight construction schedule, which would have put the project over budget.

Hundreds of City of Nelson trees are facing brighter futures now that City Council has discussed public concerns regarding tree pruning along Nelson Hydro's power lines. After receiving inquiries regarding pruning operations late this summer, Mayor John Dooley and Council requested a review of the program as well as input from City of Nelson staff and the Certified Utility Arborist hired to do the work. Public Works and Utilities Director Colin Innes says future pruning work will be done with a more holistic approach in mind, an approach made possible by the fact the City is in a unique position of owning the utility as well as being a steward of over 30,000 trees on its property and parkland.

ELECTION 2014: RUN FOR COUNCIL, MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

Here's an important reminder to all City of Nelson voters regarding upcoming Local Government Elections. The **Nomination Period** started Tuesday, Sept. 30. It closes Friday, Oct. 10 at 4 p.m.

Advance Voting: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5 and Wednesday, Nov. 12, on the 2nd floor of City Hall (310 Ward).

General Voting Day: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 811 Stanley Street (Central School).

AND ONE MORE THING

Who Do Sister's Love? Each other!

Along with The City of Nelson and the Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce, Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism (NKL) has a great contest on the go. NKL is inviting you to design our sister-city logo with Sandpoint, Idaho. Enter a logo in the "I Love My Sister-City" competition and win accommodation in either Nelson or Sandpoint and day ski-passes from either Whitewater Ski Resort or Schweitzer Mountain Resort. www.facebook.com/NelsonKootenayLake. Sandpoint Oktoberfest runs Saturday, Oct. 11 and also includes an International Chef Competition. Nelson's All Season's chef Amanda Skidmore will be representing the city. Why not make the quick trip to Sandpoint and cheer Amanda on? Click on www.visitsandpoint.com/entertainment-events.

NELSON HYDRO NEWS

WINTERIZE AND SAVE YOUR MONEY, WITH ECOSAVE... AND GO GET GREEN...

Want to reduce your hydro bill? Winterize your home to reduce power consumption. Here's how:

- Turn off or unplug non-essential electronics
- Caulk and weather strip around doors, windows and attic hatches
- Install storm or thermal windows, or install a window kit
- Install electrical outlet insulators
- Clean furnace filters regularly
- Check the age and seals of your appliances
- Set the hot water tank to 60°C
- Wash clothes in cold water
- Install CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light) or LED light bulbs
- Turn off your lights when not in use
- Use timers and motion sensors for outdoor lighting
- Lower the thermostat at night and in spare rooms

The results are in for the **EcoSave Energy Retrofits Program**, Two Year Pilot Phase. Participants who completed retrofits saved 35 percent in energy, equating to \$72,896 in savings. The program offers energy assessments, low interest financing, and assists with rebate programs. Register to find out how energy efficient your home is and what upgrades will save you money. Contact Carmen Proctor at 250-509-2021, cproctor@nelson.ca, or visit www.nelson.ca/ecosave

And don't forget...**The Nelson Green Home and Energy Show**, at the Prestige Lakeside Resort, is on October 15th starting at 6:30 pm.



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LIBRARY

Library History Launch Oct 2, **Eyes of the Forest** film and photo show Oct. 7, CBC host and author **Grant Lawrence** with jazz vocalist **Jill Barber** Oct 21, and much more... There are still spaces in our all-ages **Family Storytime** on Saturday mornings. Call 250-352-6333... Baffled by **Windows 8?** Free workshop Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 3-5 p.m. Call the library to register... Your (very gently) used books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks are needed for the annual **Friends of the Library Book Sale**, Oct. 24 and 25. Please call the library for criteria and drop-off at 250-352-6333... **Follow us on Facebook or go to www.nelsonlibrary.ca.**



NELSON FIRE AND RESCUE

Come on by: Fire Hall Open House!

Come visit us Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Fire Hall for fun, prizes, and loads of fire safety tips. Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5-11, during which Nelsonites are urged to test their smoke alarms and to make a pledge to continue doing so every month. Does your alarm need replacing? Does your alarm act up at times? Do you need help with installing a new alarm? Do you want assistance developing your family's "fire escape plan"? So many questions — and we have so many answers! Drop by Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 919 Ward St. We'll help you out and you might even win fire insurance for a year!



NELSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Walk this way. And drive this way too.

With daylight waning and roads soon to be slippery, here are some safe walking tips...

- Always use a designated crosswalk.
- Always make eye contact with drivers when crossing the street. Never assume that a driver has seen you.
- Remove your earbuds/headphones and never talk, text or use electronic devices in an intersection.
- Wear reflective materials at night to increase your visibility. This is especially important in wet weather and dark conditions when drivers may not be able to see you.

...and some safe driving tips too.

- Always be on the lookout for pedestrians — especially in dark, wet weather when visibility is limited, at intersections and near transit stops where pedestrians will be coming and going and may not use crosswalks
- When turning at an intersection, scan the crosswalk to make sure there are no pedestrians.
- If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding for a pedestrian, so be prepared to stop.



FINANCE - UPDATE

THANKS NEIGHBOUR! CITY ASSISTS THREE VILLAGES

In an effort to help neighbouring municipalities tackle increasing public sector accounting requirements, the City of Nelson has struck an innovative deal with three Central Kootenay Regional District villages. Following a needs assessment conducted by the Columbia Basin Trust, the Villages of Salmo, Slocan and Silverton have entered into individual agreements with The City. Each of those agreements will see City of Nelson staff provide monthly and annual accounting services and budgetary planning assistance to the villages — efforts that will be of considerable benefit to the three of them, and The City as well. City staff will ensure the villages' accounts are reconciled monthly, create year-end financial statements and audit file, as well as assist with the preparation of annual budgets and Five Year Financial Plans, all at a very affordable rate.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT - UPDATE

Boulevard tree and leaf pick up

With fall in full swing, here's a friendly reminder to please rake tree leaves off your boulevard onto the road beside the curb. Rake them loosely too — there's no need to place them in piles or bags, and please don't cover catch basins. Simply call 250-352-8238 for pick-up.

Sidewalk clearance: Overgrown trees, bushes and hedges

While you're out taking care of your leaves...remember that private hedges, shrubs and tree branches growing over public sidewalks narrows the area folks have to walk on. Property owners are asked to prune any sidewalk overgrowth.

Clear the lane: City and Nelson Fire and Rescue checking for obstructions

Both the City's Operations Department and Nelson Fire and Rescue will be conducting alley assessments looking for any encroachments on city alleys. That includes composters, garbage containers, overgrown plants, retaining walls, fences, utility trailers, camping trailers and boat trailers — all to ensure unobstructed access for fire trucks, ambulances, police vehicles and city garbage trucks. As per Traffic Bylaw No. 3156, residents whose belongings are partially blocking alleyways will be given a written notice which gives 14 days to remove the obstruction.

Statutory Holidays - Thanksgiving, Monday, October 13, 2014 Office Closures & After Hours Emergency Service

City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Public Library will all be closed for Thanksgiving. 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 Nelson Transit buses will not be running on Monday, October 13.