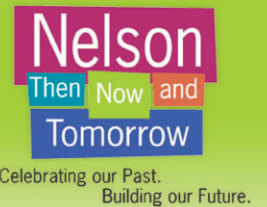


City of Nelson News

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COUNCIL UPDATES

RAIN, YES, BUT NOT NEAR ENOUGH

Level Four conservation starts next week

This month's City of Nelson back-to-school newsletter starts with an important lesson we'll all have to take to heart — water management.

We hope everyone had a terrific summer, even with the heat and dry weather that has put our city and many across BC in a challenging situation. Nelson's water supply is very low. Despite the welcomed rain, the precipitation isn't enough to solve the water issue.

"The rain has been very timely," says Mayor Deb Kozak, "but we're going to have to focus on conservation going into the fall, because autumn is when our supply is traditionally at its lowest. And it's lower than ever due to the drought this summer."

With that in mind, the City of Nelson is asking all its residents and business owners to move to Level Four conservation efforts right after the Labour Day Long weekend.

That means:

- Lawns and boulevards can't be watered
- No vehicle washing except at commercial car washes
- Buildings, driveways, sidewalks, exterior windows and parking lots can not be washed
- No pools or hot tubs filled
- Trees, shrubs, vegetables and flowers may be watered with a hand-held container, or hose with a shut-off nozzle, micro irrigation or drip line, daily, from 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

There are no indoor conservation restrictions in effect yet, but Mayor Kozak says residents should be prepared for those, if precipitation through autumn is below normal.

RAILTOWN

Right on track!

The City of Nelson has initiated the planning process for the development of the Railtown Sustainable Neighborhood Plan. The Request for Proposal has recently closed and a Consultant should be chosen by the end of the month. The Railtown Sustainable Neighborhood Plan will include a number of components including reviewing and confirming the vision for the area, bringing together existing land use and sustainability policy that exists in a number of the City's key planning documents, developing a sustainability implementation and monitoring strategy, and a careful review and update of the existing zoning regulations. The Railtown neighborhood will capitalize on Cottonwood Falls, the Cottonwood Market, and the history of the area including several heritage buildings, the potential for a unique mix of land uses including residential, retail, industrial, cultural, research and technology, and the potential for the implementation of numerous sustainability goals.



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Kids go back to school, but the Library is always here

We're here to study, learn, communicate, get together:

7 public computer stations and 2 quiet rooms...45,000 books, audiobooks, and DVDs...Friendly librarians too!

And online, 24/7: Bibliocommons: your library gateway!...Zinio puts hundreds of magazines at your fingertips...Databases let you learn languages, plan trips, repair your car and more.

Did you know? The Library has Kobo eReaders, Sony eReaders, Kobo tablets, and Nexus tablets available to borrow.

Storytimes begin again in September! Preschool storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds starts September 16; Family storytime for all ages starts September 19. To register visit nelsonlibrary.ca or call 352-6333.

NELSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kids are back to class — watch those roads!

Remember to watch out for children walking, cycling and any other mode of transportation they are using to get to school:

- Always cross street at corners where there are traffic signals and designated crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
- Always look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- Be aware of cars that are turning or backing up.
- Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Wear reflective materials if possible to make sure that you can be seen.

Motorists need to remember to STOP if a school patrol sign is extended... regardless of which side of the road it is on, SLOW DOWN around schools and be prepared to stop at all school crossing points. KEEP plenty of SPACE between you and cars in front. And please remember the speed limit in School Zones is 30 km/h but with the excitement of first days please keep speeds well under the 30 km/h speed limit. The Speed limit is 40 km/h in the City of Nelson unless otherwise posted.

NELSON FIRE AND RESCUE

The Fire Hall saves its water — do you?

Clean is a common word used to describe the trucks and floors at the Fire Hall. Some feel that keeping all our hardware clean is a needless drain on our water supply. NFRS is sensitive to those concerns and has severely restricted use of water since early June. In fact, NFRS curtails its use of water every year throughout the summer. We know the value of retaining essential water levels: One large structure fire can consume 500,000 litres of water or more. For that reason, we all need to help our water reserves stay in good shape.



NELSON HYDRO NEWS

Downed power lines + motor vehicle accidents

Recently there've been numerous motor vehicles hitting power poles, some resulting in downed power lines. Follow the recommendations here to stay safe around MVAs involving downed lines. Always assume that a downed power line is live and extremely dangerous. Lines remain deadly until Hydro linemen isolate and ground conductors.

If you're outside the vehicle:

Step 1 – Stay a minimum of 10 meters away...**Step 2** – Tell anyone in the vehicle to stay there unless other severe dangers exist (fire, etc.)...**Step 3** – Call 911 and ensure no bystanders move within 10 meters of the vehicle.

If you're inside the vehicle:

Step 1 – Drive out from under the power line and away from the source of electricity. Travel at least 10 metres before stopping...**Step 2** – If you cannot drive the vehicle, stay where you are until help arrives. Unless there's a serious secondary danger (ie: the vehicle is on fire), you're safer where you are...**Step 3** – If you must get out of the vehicle, don't touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time. Carefully follow the steps below to exit the vehicle and move to safe distance:

- With the door open, prepare to jump. Stand up, elbows tucked into your stomach and your hands held close to your chest.
- Jump out and away from the vehicle a short distance, taking care to land with your feet touching and on the ground..... don't stumble!
- Calmly shuffle away with one foot always touching the other. Both feet must always be touching the ground.
- Shuffle like this until you're at least 10 meters away from the vehicle.
- Call 911 - ensure that no bystanders move within 10 meters of the vehicle.



CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

GETTING TO THE ART OF THE MATTER

In 2013, the City of Nelson's Cultural Development Committee (CDC) undertook a project to create an inventory of the City's Public Art. This project is now complete, and documents the name, artist, location, year, medium, dimension, estimated value, artist notes, and maintenance requirements of each piece within the city's collection. The inventory encompasses everything from sculptures, murals and public art in infrastructure, to historical monuments and heritage markers – 38 pieces in all.

Funds for this work comes out of the City's Public Art Reserve Fund, established in 2013. In accordance with Council's Art in Public Places Policy, funds equivalent to three percent of the total building permit fees received in the previous year shall be credited to the fund, which is targeted to the provision and maintenance of public art.

For more info on the City's Public Art Inventory, Art in Public Place Policy and Public Art Reserve Fund policy, click on nelson.ca.

Statutory Holiday – Thanksgiving Day – Monday, October 12

Office Closures & After Hours Emergency Service

City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Public Library will all be closed for Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 12. 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 busses do not run on Statutory Holidays.