



# HOW TO GET AROUND NELSON!

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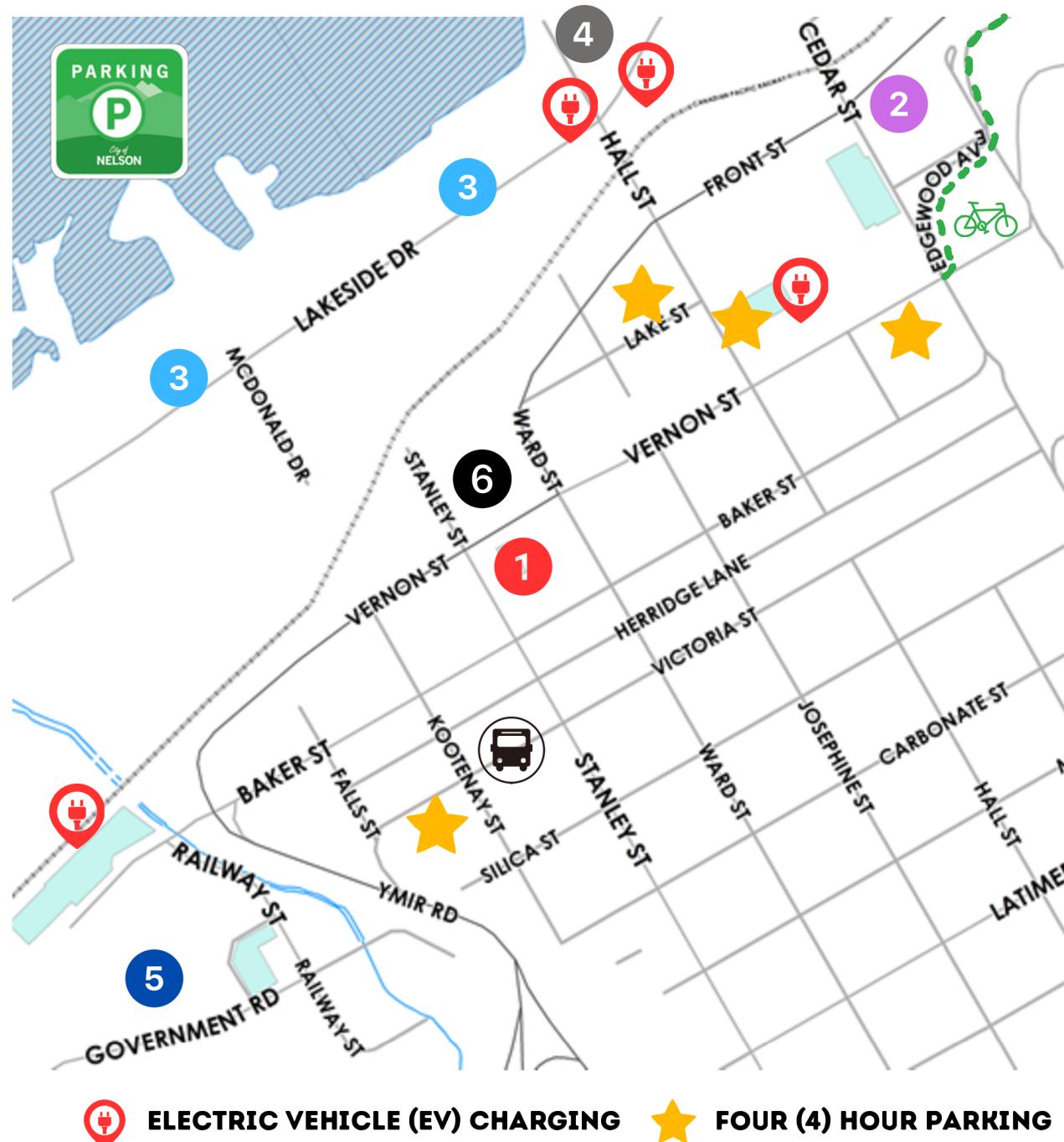


## WHERE TO PARK ALL-DAY

- 1 **City Parkade** (\$8 per day)
- 2 **Lower Cedar Street** \$5 per day coin meters. Permits for this area can be purchased at City Hall (310 Ward Street) for one day use or in bulk.
- 3 **Lakeside Drive** (No fee)
- 4 **Hall St. Pier Parking Lot** (\$2/hr or \$5 per day)
- 5 **Government Road Parking Lot** (No fee)
- 6 **After-Hours Parking**: Directly behind City Hall there is a small parking lot off Stanley Street. There are 26 spaces (including the spaces limited to 15 minutes during business hours) available evenings after 5:00 pm and on Saturdays and Sundays from April 1st to October 31st. Outside of these hours and months, vehicles may be towed. (No fee)

Transit Exchange

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## SUPPORT YOUR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES!

### Why Parking Smart Matters

Our community benefits when we think about where we park. Let's save the best spots for our customers and those popping downtown for quick errands. Every prime spot occupied all-day in the downtown area means we miss out on welcoming at least 5 more visitors.

### Where to Park

- **Main Streets:** You'll find 2-hour meters here. You can park and pay for up to 2 hours.
- **Baker Street:** This street mostly has 1-hour meters, so it's great for quick stops.
- **Other Options:** If you need more or less time, look for 15mins, 4-hour, and 8-hour meters.
- **Parking Rates:** Parking costs \$2.00 per hour. Rates apply Monday through Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **Good news—parking is free outside these hours!**

### Important Rules to Know

- **No Overstaying:** Even if you keep adding money to the meter, you can't stay longer than the maximum time allowed. Overstaying will result in a fine.
- **Residential Areas:** Some streets uphill from downtown have a 2-hour parking limit.

### Special Parking Spots

- **Motorcycles and Scooters:** There are free parking spots just for you! Make sure you're inside the painted lines and leave space for others.
- **Accessible Parking:** If you have an accessible parking permit, you can use designated spots near intersections for up to two hours.

## WHERE DOES YOUR \$2 METER FEE GO?

Did you know that only 6% of Nelson's parking spots are paid? 100% of the money collected from these spots goes towards keeping our roads, bike lanes, and sidewalks in working condition. Without these funds, the City would have had to raise the property taxes by roughly 15% to cover these costs. Interestingly, about 40% of the cars parked downtown are not Nelson residents.

We share this information because it's important that everyone in Nelson understands where their money goes and how it benefits our community. We're all about making Nelson a better place to live, drive, walk, and cycle. So next time you're heading downtown, consider trying another mode of transportation!

## BIKING & TRANSIT

Google Maps can show you how to get around by bus or by bike. Plus, all city buses have bike racks at the front, so you can easily take your bike along for the ride.

If you're cycling, there's a secure area to park your bike in the Nelson City Parkade. For more details, visit [nelson.ca/parking](#).

Travelling from Rosemont to downtown? It's a quick 7-minute bus ride. Or, if you're catching the #10 bus from 2nd and Gordon, you'll be downtown in just 13 minutes.

You can also mix and match your transportation methods. You could drive part of the way, then walk or bike the rest, or combine a bus ride with biking. It's all about finding what works best for you!

**Third Street Bike Route:** Enhance your commute using the dedicated Third Street Bike Route, designed for safety with a 30km/hr speed limit, clear signage, protective bump-outs, and brightly painted lanes.

## ENJOY A WALK!

Walking is a great way to enjoy our beautiful city, stay healthy, and do your part for the environment. Plus, it's a perfect opportunity to skip the traffic and parking hassles.

- Hall St. Pier to Baker St. (5min)
- Rosemont to Baker St. (15min)
- Latimer St. to Baker St. (9min)
- Mall to Baker St. (10min)
- Cedar St. to Hall St. (4min)
- Cottonwood to Baker St. (10min)

## LOADING ZONES

By ensuring these zones are used properly, we support efficient deliveries and services to keep our shared spaces organized and accessible for everyone.

**Loading Zones:** Max. 3mins for unloading passengers and 10mins for deliveries.

**Commercial Loading Zones:** A commercial vehicle decal is required for loading or unloading up to 10mins.

**Back Lanes:** Loading or unloading of goods is permitted for up to 15mins.

## DIGITAL SOLUTIONS!



The City provides drivers with a convenient and flexible way to pay for parking directly from their mobile devices using PayByPhone. Each parking meter will display a unique code that residents can input to pay for their parking. It is important for residents to ensure they are using the correct meter number and license plate to avoid being issued a ticket.

Residents are encouraged to download the PayByPhone app directly from the Apple App Store or Google Play to ensure they are downloading a legitimate version.

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