

City of Nelson News

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The City of Nelson is currently in the process of finalizing the review of the **Sign Bylaw** and the **Sidewalk Café Bylaw**. These bylaws will be introduced to Council at the March 4th regular meeting.

SIGN BYLAW

The principal purpose of this bylaw is to regulate all types of signage on private property and within the street right-of-way of the municipality by providing unified and consistent regulations for their design, construction and installation. This proposed bylaw would replace the existing Sign Bylaw No. 2027, 1983. As part of the review process, the Downtown Urban Design Strategy was considered to assist in updating the design guidelines for signage. Also, the bylaw has been crafted with many illustrations to help make it more user-friendly for businesses looking to install signage as well as for staff. More information on the proposed Sign Bylaw can be found at www.nelson.ca/signbylaw.



SIDEWALK CAFÉ BYLAW

The principal purpose of this bylaw is to regulate sidewalk cafes in the municipality by providing a unified and consistent guideline for their construction and operation. It will replace the current policy governing the sidewalk cafes. More information on the proposed Sidewalk Café Bylaw at www.nelson.ca/sidewalkcafe.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

NELSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

March is Distracted Driving/Occupant Restraint Month for BC Police

March is 'Distracted Driving/Occupant Restraint Awareness Month' and police across the Province will be conducting intensified distracted driving enforcement in the Nelson area. Fatal and serious injury motor vehicle collisions due to distracted driving are completely preventable and Traffic Services is reminding drivers to keep your eyes on the road and your hands upon the wheel.



Police across the Province are stepping up distracted driving enforcement. The fines for distracted driving (using electronic device = 4 points or driving without due care = 6 points) start at \$368 and 4 penalty points for a minimum of \$543 for the first offence, and the costs go up even more with each subsequent offence. In addition, your insurance costs may be affected.

While there are fewer fatalities due to not wearing seatbelts, it does still occur. Police recommend that you always buckle up even if you are going short distances – seatbelts and airbags work together to protect you and the occupants of your car. The fine for not wearing a seatbelt is \$167.

TRAVELLER TIPS FOR STAYING FIRE-SAFE IN HOTELS AND RESORTS

Is your family heading on vacation this spring? Nelson Fire & Rescue Service would like to help you stay Fire-Safe while you are away. Different countries and regions have different fire safety standards and enforcement – so doing a couple of very easy and basic things you can help to ensure your family's safety

1. If possible stay in a hotel or condo that has a fire sprinkler system.
2. Regardless where you stay, take a moment to find the fire exit once you have located your hotel room and perform a dry run. Make sure everyone staying with you does this.
3. Take action when you hear an alarm. Don't assume it's a false alarm.
4. No matter where you go for your holiday, you should think about bringing your own battery operated smoke alarm. They are cheap and are life savers!
5. Also bring along a small flashlight in case you have to evacuate in the dark.

STATUTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Offices are closed on Friday, April 19th for Good Friday and Monday, April 22nd, 2019 for Easter Monday.

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 on Friday, April 19th and Monday, April 22nd, 2019. For transit information visit www.bctransit.com or call 1-855-993-3100.

OPERATIONS

CONSTRUCTION ZONE SAFETY

Warmer weather is just around the corner.

City crews will be maintaining, replacing and renewing our critical infrastructure.

Here are a few road safety tips to keep our workers and the public safe:

Slow down!

- Obey all posted signage and worker instructions.
- Work sites have many hazards.
- Watch for trucks and earth movers in work sites.
- Slow down and stay alert.



Eliminate Distractions

- While driving at any time, and especially in a construction zone, you need to have all of your attention focused on driving safely.
- Do not talk on your cellphone, or engage in any distracted driving behavior.



Don't Tailgate

- Traffic may be moving slowly - keep a safe following distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead.
- A longer distance will allow you to come to a sudden stop safely, if necessary.



Thank you in advance for working with us to keep our workers and the traveling public safe.

NELSON HYDRO

NOTICE TO PUBLIC: CLOSURE OF BOAT LAUNCHES AND BEACHES AT THE ORANGE BRIDGE



The boat launches and surrounding areas on both sides of the lake at the orange bridge will be closed for a month this spring. Nelson Hydro is installing new high voltage power line marine cables that cross the lake at the orange bridge. Detailed maps of the affected area can be found under City News at www.nelson.ca.

The project will commence on March 12th with an expected completion date of mid-April.

Why is this important to you, our customer?

This new cable:

- has increased power carrying capacity;
- will improve North Shore reliability and City power supply redundancy; and,
- has been sized large enough to manage load, not just now, but 25 years from now.

How will the boat launches and beaches be affected?

- Construction fencing will close off both of the areas by the boat launches.
- Boats that are anchored in front of the boat launches or stored on the beaches will have to be relocated.
- There will be expansive digging at both sites.
- When material is being barged across the lake, boaters must stay clear.

For more information, contact Nelson Hydro Administration at (250) 352-8240 or nelsonhydro@nelson.ca.

NELSON & DISTRICT YOUTH CENTRE

Registration is still available for our **Spring Break Camps**. This year is sure to be amazing as we have a cake and pizza making day, tattoo day, animal kingdom day and much more! You can book one day, or up to ten. Totally up to you! We hope these flexible options assist you and your family as you plan your spring break adventures!

For more information on all our programming, visit: www.nelson.ca/youth.



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