

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the City of
Nelson Council Meeting

October 2019



Sports Ambassador

Council adopted a Sports Ambassador Policy and will appoint Nelson's first-ever Sports Ambassador at this year's annual reception in December. The policy was designed based on input from the Sports Ambassador Working Group that was created earlier this year. The Sports Ambassador designation will be awarded to an individual athlete, group or team who has/have achieved a high standard of excellence in their athletic pursuits, and who will represent Nelson's sports and recreational community.

The Sports Ambassador for the year 2020 will receive a \$1,000 honorarium. The call for applications and nominations ended on November 4, 2019. Council approved of a jury to review the applications and nominations and make a recommendation to Council on the selection of the Sports Ambassador. The jury includes representation from Council, as well as community organizations including Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism, Nelson Regional Sports Council, and Nelson Athletic Association.

3rd Quarter Financial Highlights

The following are a few of the highlights reported to Council from the 3rd Quarter Financial update. To access the full report, click [here](#).

It will come as no surprise to Nelson residents that there is a building boom in our community. One result of this boom is higher revenues in our other revenues which include: development and building permits and connection fees. In particular, the water and sewer connection fees are higher by \$530,000 compared to 2018. The Telus Fibre project was also another large new project that significantly increased other revenues as Telus paid the bulk of the costs to replace the poles. As of September 30th, the project was 60% complete, and the City received \$750,000 in funding.

In 2019, water operational expenses are higher compared to the prior year because the City inspected and cleaned the Mountain station reservoir. This work is only required every 3-5 years. A major contributor to the higher sewer utility operation costs is due to significant repairs and maintenance required on the methane boilers at sewage treatment plant. The City's pavement resurfacing program has been very successful this year with large sections of end of life road being replaced. The City has received a number of positive comments from residents.

All of the Cottonwood Falls Park stage components have been received with the exception of the steel structure. The plan is to construct the stage by the spring of 2020. The washroom at Cottonwood Falls Park was tendered this fall with construction taking place in spring of 2020.

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The City was unsuccessful in the grant application for the sewage treatment plant infrastructure upgrade. The next steps for the plant and sewer force main will be discussed in the utility budget meetings in November.

Council Extras.....



Councillors Rik Logtenberg and Jesse Woodward attended the E-Mobility Summit in Cranbrook in late October. The E-Mobility Summit is a meeting of transportation experts and regional stakeholders. The focus of the summit was to plan for the next generation of transportation modes in the Kootenays, from autonomous shuttles to electric bikes and cars, to drone delivery, and beyond.



Grade 4/5 students from Rosemont School visited Council Chambers in October. They came prepared with a number of great local government related questions for the Mayor. Are you a teacher and interested in bringing your class to meet the Mayor and tour Council Chambers?
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The Lions Club of Nelson has purchased a wheelchair accessible swing for the Nelson Lions Park. In the photo is Mayor John Dooley, Lions President Paul Bogaard, and Nelson Home Hardware Building Centre owner Randy Horswill. The Lions Club received assistance from Nelson Home Hardware with a \$4000 donation to offset some of the total budgeted cost of \$17,000. The City of Nelson installed the swing at Lions Park. This wheelchair swing is only one of a few in Canada, and the Lions Club is very proud to provide this experience to people with mobility challenges.

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