



*City of*  
**NELSON**

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS RELAUNCH STRATEGY

COVID-19

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## A Message from Mayor John Dooley



### **Municipal Operations Relaunch Strategy Timelines: June – September 2020**

I couldn't be more proud that throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic the City of Nelson and its residents have pulled together to support one another. Together we have respected and followed the direction of the Provincial Health Officer to create a healthier City for our residents and our visitors, which we want to start welcoming back.

The calmness we demonstrate together with our kindness is what sets us apart from everyone else. I am always proud of this city and what we can achieve when we pull together.

It is thanks to this coordinated effort of our health care professionals, emergency response, business owners, City employees and residents that we have managed to avoid more widespread and serious repercussions despite the contagiousness of this virus. Your diligence and efforts have resulted in the good position we are in today. Let's continue to support one another, maintain good hygiene and work towards a positive re-opening over the days and months to come.

The Municipal relaunch timelines listed below are based on the Provincial Guidelines and are subject to change depending on what is best for the City of Nelson and its residents.

**Each Municipality is tasked with following the Provincial Guidelines, to make decisions that are best for their community and most importantly to not rush, but do this in the safest way for our residents. Our focus remains on doing what is best for you, your families and your loved ones.**

Over the past three months, since the Pandemic was declared, all decisions made have been in the best interest of the community as we worked and continue to work together to prevent the spread. While it appears that things have stabilized, the pandemic is not over yet. We continue to follow the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer, WorkSafeBC and the BC Centre for Disease Control as we slowly and carefully re-open municipal services and amenities.

Each step of our relaunch strategy is focused on ensuring your safety and minimizing the risk of exposure. BC's [Restart](#) plan has identified a 4-step phased in approach to getting back to full operations. Since mid-May the Provincial Health Officer has indicated we are now at Phase 2 which for our municipal operations includes:

- Office-based worksites
- Recreation/sports
- Parks, beaches and outdoor spaces

As of June 1, 2020, we moved into Phase 3 with enhanced protocols, which include:

- Parks including overnight camping

WorkSafeBC is working with industry associations to ensure the direction and guidance they provide to their members meets the requirements set out by the Provincial Health Officer. They are providing employers and workers educational materials, consultation and workplace inspection to help them restart safely. Organization sectors cannot move forward until they have developed enhanced protocols aligned with the Public Health and WorksafeBC Guidelines.

## RELAUNCH TIMELINE

### June 1, 2020

- City Hall – Customer Service 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Nelson City Campground
- Tennis & Pickle Ball Courts at Lakeside Park
- Outdoor Skate Park – Rosemont
- Bike Park – Rosemont
- All parks and sports field for casual use – occasional use by individuals or small groups from within social bubble and/or household
- Lakeside Park Beach
- Lakeside Park Boat Launch
- Dog Walk
- Waterfront Gazebo & City Wharf (by Prestige)

**Public Washrooms:** Lakeside Concession  
Tyler Lake (Soccer fields)  
Lions Park  
Portland Loo (Baker & Hall Street)  
Cotton Wood Falls (Wednesday & Saturday Markets only)

### June 15, 2020

- Lakeside Park Playground
- Lions Park Playground
- Basketball – Lakeside & Lions Park
- Outdoor Exercise Equipment at Lakeside Park

**June 22, 2020**

- City Hall – Development Services (Tentative due to engineering controls)
- City Hall - Administration (Tentative due to engineering controls)
- Nelson Fire & Rescue Customer Service (Tentative due to engineering controls)

**July 6, 2020**

- Nelson Hydro & Operations Customer Service (Tentative due to engineering controls)
- Nelson Police Department Customer Service (Tentative)
- Nelson Public Library (Tentative)

**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Public Washrooms:** Davies Street Park  
Nelson Memorial Park (Cemetery)  
Gyro Park  
Lakeside Bathhouse  
Rosemont Park  
City Hall

**Amenities:** Playgrounds (unless listed above)  
Rotary Barbecue Shelter  
Spray Park – Lions Park  
Gyro Park Pool (Closed for 2020 season)  
Sports Fields for booking and organized use (casual use permitted)  
Nelson & District Youth Centre

The City of Nelson has developed a [Safety Plan](#) which must be adhered to when using all municipally operated spaces within the City of Nelson.

**Playgrounds:** As restrictions ease and our playgrounds start to reopen, it is imperative that parents and guardians make sure their children are using playgrounds safely. Everyone must remain diligent about hand sanitization when playing on these high-touch surfaces and keep an appropriate social distance of at least 2 meters.

**Major Capital Projects:** The City continues to proceed with our major capital and other priority projects. City Operations and Parks staff are outside working to maintain our facilities, roads and green spaces. The work of the City is to provide essential services to the taxpayer and this work continues to happen.

As an essential service, staff continued to work through Phase 1 of the Pandemic ensuring the essential services were provided. The City has developed safety procedures and is in the process

of installing engineering controls, such as tempered glass barriers, hand sanitizing stations and social distancing decals, to ensure the safety of staff and the public.

We must continue to work together over the coming months. Please follow proper hand washing protocols, maintain a safe physical distance, keep gatherings small and within the guidelines and above all, be kind – you don't know what others may be going through!

Thank you from the City of Nelson.