

# City of Nelson News

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020



## Development Services

### LANEWAY HOUSE DESIGN COMPETITION WRAPPED UP!

Building plans for the three winning designs are available for \$1,000 (plus GST). To download the full guide of plans and options, as well as to view a sample of all designs submitted to the competition, visit [www.nelson.ca/designcompetition](http://www.nelson.ca/designcompetition).

#### KOOTENAY THREE-STEP

by Tony Osborn Architecture + Design Inc.  
(Vancouver, BC)



#### NELSON PEAKS

by Tyler Reynolds & Adrienne Gerrits, Intern Architects (NSAA)  
(Halifax, NS)



#### THE PICA

by Carmen DiPasquale of SNT Engineering & Rod Taylor of Rod Taylor Design  
(Nelson, BC)



### FAIRVIEW TO DOWNTOWN: PRIMARY BIKE ROUTE PROJECT

The City of Nelson has received funding from the provincial government to complete phase 1 of the primary bike route. The bike route has been identified as a priority in the City's Active Transportation Plan. For additional information including the detailed plans, please visit: [nelson.ca/active-transportation](http://nelson.ca/active-transportation)

#### PROJECT MAP



### STATUTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Offices are closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 for Remembrance Day.

### 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 Wednesday, November 11, 2020 for Remembrance Day. For transit information visit [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com) or call 1-855-993-3100.

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR NELSON?

NELSON'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IS ALMOST COMPLETE - BUT WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU FIRST!

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT CLIMATE PLAN AND HOW WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER TO RESPOND TO NELSON'S MOST PRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES.

TO TAKE OUR SURVEY, VISIT: [NELSON.CA/CLIMATEACTION](http://NELSON.CA/CLIMATEACTION)

This opportunity is open to residents, businesses, institutions & non-profit organizations between Oct 29 - Nov 5, 2020.

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### UPDATE ON BUILDING STEP CODE IN NELSON

Step Code is a building code process by which the energy efficiency of new buildings is designed and evaluated by qualified experts. By reducing energy use in buildings, we lower the demand on existing infrastructure and more importantly lessen the impacts on our environment. Additionally, the cost to heat and operate homes and buildings is reduced and the comfort is increased for owners and occupants.

Following a presentation to Nelson Council by staff on September 8, 2020, Council agreed to consider increasing Energy Step Code for housing and to introduce Step Code for larger complex buildings. This will increase the minimum requirement on housing to Step level 3 and require a minimum of Step 2 for larger buildings. At this time the proposed adoption date for these changes is January 1st 2021.

In addition to recommending changes to Step Code minimums, staff also committed to review how carbon is accounted for when manufacturing materials for new homes and what carbon is produced during the construction of new buildings. This is referred to as embodied carbon and is an important consideration when we look at the overall effect of buildings on the environment and climate change - in addition to energy efficiency. There will be more discussion on this, in the soon to be released City of Nelson Climate Change Action Plan.

For more detailed information on Step Code and new builds you can either contact the Senior Building Official, Sam Ellison, or follow this link to the Province of BC Step code information web site. [www.energystepcode.ca](http://www.energystepcode.ca)



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