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## Decision on 655 Highway 3A Rezoning Application

- Council deliberated on a rezoning request for the Villa Motel, which has proposed an "RV Campground" in addition to the motel use. The proposal analysis included concerns over the visual impact, functionality, and use of RVs as long-term housing. Council requested that the application be brought forward for consideration for the first and second readings of the proposed bylaw amendments.

## Addressing Housing through Bill 44

- The Province is requiring all municipalities with more than 5,000 residents to adopt prescribed residential densities by June 30th, 2024. Responding to Bill 44, the City proposes zoning and bylaw amendments to ensure compliance with the new "Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing" legislation. Under these proposed changes, in the R1 Low-Density Residential Zone, properties up to 280 square meters can build up to three residential units, while those larger than 280 square meters can construct up to four residential units. For further details on these proposed changes, please contact [development@nelson.ca](mailto:development@nelson.ca).

## Aligning with Provincial Short-Term Rental Regulations

Bill 35, adopted by the Provincial legislature in October 2023, introduces new province-wide regulations for short-term rentals. A key component of these regulations is the new Provincial principal residence requirement coming into effect May 01, 2024. To align with the Provincial legislation, the City's Business License Bylaw will be amended to remove the Primary Residence exemption for 4-month licenses. The Zoning Bylaw will be amended to update the definition of tourist accommodation and allowing a property, originally built as a single dwelling unit (house) and later converted to a commercial use, to revert to a residential use.



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## Enhancing Emergency Preparedness through UBCM Grant

Nelson's Emergency Management team's grant application to the UBCM signifies a commitment to bolster the city's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). With a focus on upgrading equipment and training, this initiative promises to enhance the city's readiness and response capabilities in emergencies. The grant will enable significant advancements in emergency preparedness, ensuring that Nelson can effectively support both its residents and neighboring communities in times of crisis.



## Support for the Nelson Electric Tramway Society

Recognizing the tramway's significance to Nelson's heritage and tourism, Council approved a \$65,000 contribution for track upgrades. This funding amount was included in the draft financial plan presented to Council earlier this winter. However, as the project is set to begin shortly, Council is asked to approve this contribution now, prior to approving the full budget later this spring. This support follows a substantial provincial grant, ensuring the tramway's preservation and operational continuity as a beloved city landmark.

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