

Strategic Plan Update

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Healthy Built and Natural Environment



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Implementation of NelsonNext

- Expanding the Regional Energy Efficiency Program
 - Finalizing grant and loan programs
- Embodied Carbon work
- City Facilities – Civic Centre Project
- Fleet decarbonization
 - Plan developed and presented – budget decisions necessary
 - Senior Energy specialist position extended by securing grant
- Organics diversion
 - Extend pilot 2025
 - Decision on pre-treatment vs curbside 2025
- Low carbon transportation
 - E-bike program
 - Transit Exchange
 - Reducing barriers to cycling in Nelson
 - Extension of the multi-use pathway (Lakeside Dr)

Healthy Built and Natural Environment

Enhance Natural Environment

- Urban Forestry scoping report completed and presented
 - Increase in park space through Trevor Street land swap
 - Continue to work with WildSafeBC and others on reducing wildlife conflict, installed additional bear proof bins – expansion in 2025 budget considerations
- Kootenay Conservation Program membership – in 2025 budget considerations

Parks

- Completed the Bocce courts at Lakeside
- Completed the Basketball court at Lakeside

Community is Diverse and Connected



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Diverse and Inclusive Housing Options

- Completed zoning changes to conform with Bill 44 – Small Scale Multi-unit Housing
- Completed Housing Needs Assessment
- Implemented priority recommendations in M'akola non-market housing strategy
 - Support non-profit housing providers
 - Identify surplus city lands
- Supported Housing applications
 - 3 projects – 150+ units
- Applied under Housing Accelerator program
 - Policy changes
 - Infrastructure and housing grants program

Healthy, Connected Neighbourhoods

- OCP is in draft and ready to be presented to Council and the community
- Transit Exchange design finalized, tendered and construction to begin in spring 2025
- Successfully took on the operations of Kootenay Lake West Transit
- Active participant in Selkirk College Bridging Rural Homelessness – phase 2 participation and funding requested
- Support Social Sector
 - Temporary low barrier housing NSI
 - Two Permanent supportive housing projects supported 70+ units
 - Supported grant application – Emergency Treatment Fund

Economy is Thriving



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Economy is Thriving and Inclusive

Enhance Gathering Places

- Utility work in downtown – preparing for Baker Street refresh
- Hall Street Pier Project completed
- Waterfront pathway phase 1 completed, landscaping to be completed this spring
- Street safety and vibrancy
 - Policies and bylaws updated – Bylaw officers actively managing
 - Community Safety Officer
 - Community meetings held, actively working with non-profits
 - Focusing on housing

Expansion of Key Community Facilities

- Program expansion at Youth Centre
- Active participants in the Nelson Recreation Campus Needs Assessment
 - Assessing the structural upgrades required in the Rec Campus
 - Civic roof repair
 - Working with NCTS on their project
- Working with other recreation providers
 - Climbing Gym proposal
 - Nelson Youth Soccer Association

Support Existing Businesses

- Greater Nelson Economic Development
- Chamber of Commerce

City Services and Infrastructure are Future Ready



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City Services and Infrastructure Future Ready

Facilities and Equipment

- Nelson Hydro Assets Management Plan
 - GIS implementation
- Facilities Asset Management Framework
 - Consider GIS and other management software – budget 2025
- Complete Civic Centre Building roof repair
- Identify location for new Firehall
- Improvements at PW complex and City Hall
- Fleet decarbonization strategy

Infrastructure

- Roads (19 blocks) and sidewalks (1 block)
- Cottonwood Park enhancements
 - New parking area and sidewalks
 - New bridge
- Hall Street Pier
- Lakeside Drive walking and cycling infrastructure
- Replaced Tramway tracks

Information Technology

- Implement NG911
- Records management
- IT Security

City Services and Infrastructure Future Ready

City Utilities

- Completed phase 1 of Liquid Waste Management Plan
- Completed wildfire mitigation projects in watersheds
- Draft of stormwater and utilities plan for Raitown
- Mountain Station Reservoir project scheduled for 2025
- Mill Street Substation completed
- Expression of Interest submitted for Advanced Metering

Resilience to Natural Hazards

- Continued implementation of the City's Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP)
- Continued Implementation and development of the City Emergency Management Program
- Plans have been developed for extreme weather events
 - Grant secured to assess facilities
 - Agreements reached with providers
- Continue to leverage grants to support adaptation and resilience

City Governance



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City Governance

Future Ready Policies

- Bylaws:
 - Nelson Hydro Service bylaw adopted and approved by BCUC
 - Development Services
 - Records management
- General Cost of Capital decision received which provides similar returns as other small electric utilities
- Unsuccessful in the Water Rights Agreement dispute with BC Hydro
- Bylaws and policies adopted re further implementation of parking strategy
 - Daily parking at parkade
 - Mobile parking
- Policy work completed on reserves and budget 2025 identifies additional funding of reserves

Citizen and Neighbourhood Engagement

- Accessibility Committee formed and is active
- OCP review; RDCK recreation review; Liquid Waste Management Plan

Staff Development

- Active staff committee implementing recommendations under Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act
- Leadership training delivered
- Policies adopted to create a more flexible workplace
- Employee Manual developed
- New Health and Safety plan developed
- Bully and harassment training delivered
- AI is being piloted

Thank you!