

## COUNCIL UPDATES



CITY OF NELSON

### From the stores to the shores

The City is moving forward with well-received plans to upgrade a vital link between Nelson's downtown and its waterfront.

This month's public meeting regarding preliminary design work for the Hall Street Corridor was very well attended, with a number of residents and downtown business owners noting that they liked what they saw.

Nelson Mayor John Dooley says the Hall Street plan, which is being undertaken by Kelowna's MMM Group, is a major goal in the City's efforts to connect two of Nelson's most important parts of town — Baker Street and the lake front. "When we completed the Sustainable Downtown Waterfront Master Plan (SWDMP), one of the main focuses that emerged was to link our two largest draws — the downtown and waterfront," says Dooley. "We see the Hall Street overhaul as a catalyst to redevelopment in the central waterfront — to introduce the waterfront to our visitors and add considerable new vitality to the downtown."

Want to learn more about the plan? You can, be visiting the project's Facebook page or the City of Nelson's website. Go to either: [www.facebook.com/pages/Hall-Street-Corridor-Preliminary-Design](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hall-Street-Corridor-Preliminary-Design), or visit [www.nelson.ca](http://www.nelson.ca), and enter "Hall Street" into the search bar at the top right of the page. This will take you to a number of documents that provide complete info on the plan.

Next steps? The City will accept additional input from the public on the Hall Street design proposals for another week or two, and refine of the design, if necessary. The City will also meet with Ministry of Transportation officials and an independent traffic engineer, who'll provide feedback on the intersections of Hall/Lakeside, Hall/Vernon, Cedar/Front and Cedar/Vernon. MMM will then complete a preliminary costing outline and a proposed phasing plan.

## NELSON HYDRO NEWS

### Stay safe around power poles and power lines

• Nelson and area residents and business owners are being reminded that placing your own private property — posters, planters, lights, etc — on power poles is prohibited. According to WorkSafeBC, any obstruction on or near power poles is not allowed, for the sake of Nelson Hydro's workers and their safety. Be advised that Nelson Hydro will discard any object placed on utility poles.

• Are the trees in your yard growing close to nearby power lines? This can create safety hazards and cause interruption of electrical service to your home, and your neighbours. Nelson Hydro spends thousands of dollars annually on vegetation management. Power lines that are broken or knocked down by trees or branches can be live — and live wires are very, very dangerous. They can be fatal in fact.

• Remember! Never approach downed power lines or attempt to remove trees touching a power line. Stay at least 10 metres away. Call Nelson Hydro and electrical workers will respond quickly.

• If homeowners wish to prune or remove trees interfering with their service wires, Nelson Hydro can remove the lines and re-install after the work is finished. Nelson Hydro is responsible for all high voltage lines and will clear vegetation around them. A warning — this work can only be done by electrical workers or arborists and should not be attempted by others. More info can be obtained by calling Nelson Hydro at (250) 352-8240 or by accessing the City of Nelson website at [www.nelson.ca](http://www.nelson.ca).



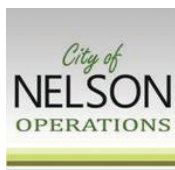
## OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Brand new transit schedule starts Tuesday!

Nelson Transit is pleased and excited to unveil the new and improved West Kootenay Transit System on Tuesday, July 2. To celebrate this event, all transit on July 2nd will be free of charge. Nelson Transit is encouraging passengers to familiarize themselves with the new schedules and routes by visiting the BC Transit website at <http://www.bctransit.com/regions/wkt/>. It should be noted that Nelson Transit now operates in the "Kootenay Zone". A reminder though — Nelson Transit busses will not be running on Monday, July 1 or Monday, August 5, on account of statutory holidays.

### Is your lane clear?

Here's an important heads up — The City of Nelson's Operations Department and Nelson Fire and Rescue will be conducting alley assessments this summer looking for composters, garbage containers, plants, trees, retaining walls and fences which encroach on city laneways, to ensure unobstructed access for fire trucks, ambulances, police vehicles and city garbage trucks. As per City of Nelson Traffic Bylaw No. 3156, Section 82, residents who have items encroaching on city property will be given a written notice which gives 14 days to remove the obstruction.



### Thanks for keeping City boulevards tidy

The City of Nelson thanks all residents for their assistance in keeping City boulevards and lanes maintained and tidy. Beautiful, green boulevards and lanes add a lot of charm and character to City neighbourhoods, as well as being a natural ground stabilizer.

## CITY BULLETIN BOARD

### LIBRARY

#### Summer is cool at the Library

Dust off your wings and strap on your jet-packs. This year's Summer Reading Club theme is Up, Up and Away! Registration has begun for activity programs for kids 3 to 11 years. Pick up a reading log and keep track of your great summer reads. There'll be prizes!

Special events include:

- July 3: Kickoff Super Hero Costume party, 12:30
- July 10 and 24: Darcee O'Hearn Legends of the Forest, 1pm
- July 16: Rock & Roll Kids Concert with Will Street, 2pm
- Sizzling Summer Wednesdays for Teens run through July (3:30 - 5pm):
- July 10: "Minute to Win it"
- July 17: Crafternoon!
- July 24: Button It! Make your own buttons July 31: Karaoke and talent show!

The Library is closed Monday, July 1 and Monday, August 5. Be cool. Love your Library. Go to [www.nelsonlibrary.ca](http://www.nelsonlibrary.ca) for full details or call 352-6333.



Will Street

### NELSON FIRE AND RESCUE

#### Canada Day at Lakeside Park!

Nelson Fire and Rescue will soon be lighting up the night sky with its annual fireworks display. Setting up the display involves cordoning off a large area of the Lakeside playing field, and requesting the public be well clear of any area where fireworks debris might fall. Nelson Fire & Rescue appreciates everyone's cooperation in staying behind the roped-off perimeter during set-up of the display and after the event.

Nelson City Police remind everyone that Canada Day festivities at Lakeside Rotary Park are for family enjoyment and there's no room for alcohol or drugs at this event. So, please leave your alcoholic beverages at home, and let's all have a great Canada Day.

The public is also reminded that "private" fireworks are illegal in the City of Nelson. They can cause injury — so play it safe. (Leave the big noise and light-show up to the Nelson Fire Department and focus on having fun this holiday weekend!)



### NELSON CITY POLICE

#### Unwanted weapons? Turn 'em in.

BC Gun Amnesty month is almost over, but it's not too late to turn unwanted firearms in. The amnesty runs until month's end. The aim of the amnesty, led by BC police departments, is to make homes and communities safer. During the 2006 Gun Amnesty, in excess of 3,200 guns were turned in to police including 505 handguns, and 725 other unwanted weapons. A total of 96,500 rounds of ammunition were also turned in.

The amnesty gives residents of BC a safe way to dispose of weapons and ammunition which they are not legally entitled to own, or which they no longer want.

If you have any unwanted weapons, firearms or ammunition that you may not be legally entitled to own, now is the perfect opportunity to help make both your home and community a little safer.

So call your local police, they'll be happy to collect them for you — but please do not drop off items at the police department. Call ahead to make arrangements with police officials.

### NELSON AND DISTRICT YOUTH CENTRE Skatepark construction underway

It's an exciting time for Nelson youth — especially skateboarders and other all-wheel recreationalists. Work is beginning on the so-called All Wheel Park, in Art Gibbon Memorial Park, in Rosemont. The City wants to remind residents in Rosemont, particularly the 500 and 600 block of West Beasley, that storm sewer construction may affect access to parking near the park. There'll also be a lot of earthwork and dump truck traffic. Work on the park will last for about three months, with an opening slated for late September/early October.



**Statutory Holidays: Monday, July 1st and Monday August 5th**

Office Closures & After Hours Emergency Service

City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Public Library will all be closed for Canada Day and BC Day. For Operations emergency service, please call 250-352-3103.

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To report a power outage, electrical hazard, damage to Nelson Hydro equipment or for outage updates, call 1-877-32HYDRO (1-877-324-9376).