

March 23, 2018

COUNCIL UPDATE (Put in top left corner of newsletter)

Council calendar for September & October Meetings etc. COW stands for Committee of the Whole, which should be spelled out. CAN WE HIGHLIGHT OCTOBER 20th in a bright colour as it is the Election Day.

2018 LOCAL ELECTION (Needs its own box – please use City crest with this one.)

LOCAL ELECTION - OCTOBER 20, 2018

2018 municipal election nomination packages are available.

The Nomination period for the local election is from September 4th until September 14th. This means that nomination packages can be picked up by anyone considering running in the 2018 Municipal Election from now until September 14th.

How to become a candidate:

You must complete and successfully submit nomination forms during the nomination period in September.

Completed packages can be submitted to the Chief Elections Officer or Deputy Chief Elections Officer between Tuesday September 4th, 2018 and Friday September 14th, 2018 at 4:00 pm at City Hall – 2nd Floor Administration Office.

For information contact:

Sarah Winton, Chief Elections Officer
250.352.8120 or swinton@nelson.ca

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Laneway Houses

New regulations were adopted this month that make building a laneway house feasible in more cases, including allowing for two-storey laneway houses and garage conversions. Design guidelines also now apply to laneway houses taller than the previous regulations allowed, in order to ensure quality, sustainable design that minimizes neighbour impact. Find out more at www.nelson.ca/lwh.



NELSON & DISTRICT YOUTH CENTRE

NDYC: Summer is coming to an end, it has been an exciting summer with our Day Camps lots of new friends and memories made! This fall we have many new exciting programs running and bringing back some old ones; we will be hosting the first ever babysitter course in the fall to view the schedule and events please go to nelson.ca/youth or follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Please stop by the Youth Centre to catch a glimpse of our fabulous new mural designed and painted by the talented Coleman Webb and local youth, stop by and check it out!

NYEC: the Nelson Youth Employment Centre has been busy this summer connecting with employers and assisting youth in our area. We will be hosting a Foodsafe course in the fall, did you know you can get FREE short term training certificates through the NYEC. If you are 16-22 looking for employment stop in to our office upstairs of the Youth Centre at 608 Lake Street to see one of our Employment Counsellors and potentially land that perfect job!

OPERATIONS

WATER RESTRICTIONS (Needs its own box under Operations) USE 20% conservation logo. Will send.

The City is has moved to Level 3 - Mandatory Water Conservation Measures.

There is little rain in the forecast and flows in our source water creeks are rapidly declining. This means that outdoor watering with irrigation or sprinkler systems is strictly prohibited. If you have a system on a timer or schedule, please ensure you shut your system down. Watering is only permitted with a hand held container, micro/drip irrigation or hose with a shut-off nozzle during the hours of 4:00am-9:00am and 7:00pm-10:00pm daily, any day of the week.

Washing vehicles, sidewalks, the exterior of buildings, filling pools or fountains or watering of new sod is strictly prohibited.

For a full explanation of the regulations, please visit www.nelson.ca/water. For tips on outdoor and indoor water conservation you can navigate here

If you have questions please contact Public Works at (250) 352-8238 or publicworks@nelson.ca.

Water System Upgrades

Nelson water utility crews completed a multi-month project replacing five blocks of 1920's era water main on Third Street in the community of Fairview. Residents can expect to see crews working on the 500 and 400 blks of Gore Street through the fall to replace 1930's era water distribution main and upgrades to improve water pressure for residents.

NELSON HYDRO (Can you make this look like a letter? Kind of look interesting)

Re: Nelson Hydro Customer Service Meter Inspection

To: All Nelson Hydro Customers

This spring, Nelson Hydro began an inspection of all customer metered services within our service territory. The purpose of this inspection is to review the condition of existing electrical services and to advise the home owners of any need to improve their service for safety or reliability reasons. You may notice Hydro staff visiting your property and taking photos of the overhead service conductor, the service on your building and the meter itself.

Some examples of concerns that may be identified:

- Brushing of service conductors required
 - Customers are responsible for clearing the foliage around their service conductors and meter.
 - Completing this work will reduce the risk of outages and damage to your service from trees and branches.
- Bent, loose or detached service mast
 - As required by Technical Safety BC any bend or deflection (defect) in the service mast will require inspection by a qualified contractor and may require replacement of the service mast.
- Inaccessible meters

- Private residential meters must be located on the outside of the building; if your meter is located indoors or is inaccessible, it will be required to be relocated.

A follow up letter may be sent advising property owners of the specific concerns. If brushing is required, instructions will be provided for having your line de-energized so the work can be done safely.

If a service appears to pose an immediate safety concern, Nelson Hydro may perform an emergency repair that is coordinated with the customer. If there is an electrical concern past the meter base, Technical Safety BC may be informed and the service may be disconnected until it has been made safe and a permit from a qualified electrical contractor confirms the service is ready to be reconnected.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nelson Hydro Administration at 250-352-8240 or email nelsonhydro@nelson.ca.

NELSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE SAFE, BE SEEN!

Tuesday, Sept. 4th marks the beginning of the school year. The Nelson Police Department is reminding motorists that school zones will be in effect. The speed limit for all school zones and playground zones in the City of Nelson is 30 km/hr. Slowing down allows drivers time to react to surprises! The start of the school year is an exciting time for children, so road safety may not be top of mind for them. Parents are reminded to talk to your children about being safe while on the way to school:

Look left-right-left and shoulder check before crossing. Make eye contact with drivers and keep looking for approaching vehicles while crossing.

Listen. Remove your headphones so you can hear approaching traffic that may be hard to see.

Be seen. Wear reflective materials or bright clothes and use lights after dark. Walk on the inside edge of the sidewalk away from the road. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing oncoming traffic, so you can see approaching vehicles.

Wear a helmet when riding bikes, scooters or skateboards.

Never jaywalk!

The Nelson Police Department will also be looking for distracted drivers. If you are e-mailing, texting or handling a cell phone, the fine is \$543.00 (\$368 fine plus 4 demerit points of \$175).

Thank you and have a safe school year!

BOTTOM BANNER

STATUTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:

Offices are closed on Monday, September 3, 2018 for Labour 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 Monday, September 3rd, 2018

For transit information visit www.bctransit.com or call 1-855-993-3100.

Katelyn – please use the Facebook ad as well to the right.