

News June 22, 2012

City of
NELSON
BRITISH COLUMBIA

COUNCIL UPDATES



Council is pleased to be part of a consortium of local governments in the West Kootenay that is taking a regional approach to delivering public transit. A regional committee was established to bring integration to nine separate operating systems. The committee will develop a single schedule system and regional fare structure and help unite service between Nelson, Fruitvale, Rossland, Trail, Castlegar, Kaslo, Nakusp and the Slocan Valley.

A first draft of a revised Official Community Plan has been completed and is now available for review and comment. The primary purpose for the update is to incorporate into the plan the substantial number of planning initiatives the City has completed over the last three years. These initiatives include the Path to 2040 Sustainability Strategy, the Sustainable Waterfront and Downtown Master Plan, the Corporate GHG Reduction Plan, the Low Carbon Path to 2040: Community Energy and Emissions Action Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, the Affordable Housing Strategy and the Heritage Register Update.

The City launched its home energy and business retrofit program on April 23, 2012. The Eco-Save program has surpassed the century mark with over 100 residents registering for the program to have a home energy assessment.

CORPORATE SERVICES – FINANCE

Permissive property tax exemption application

The City of Nelson is currently accepting applications for Permissive Property Tax Exemptions for the period January 2013 to December 2015 inclusive. Applications must be received by the Administration Department, 2nd floor City Hall, 310 Ward Street, Nelson, BC V1L 5S4 no later than 4:30 pm on July 3, 2012. For full details on property tax exemptions, visit the City's website at: <http://www.nelson.ca>

2011 Annual municipal report

The 2011 Annual Municipal Report will be presented to Council at a Special Council meeting on Monday, June 25th, 2012 following the Committee of the Whole meeting which starts at 7:00 pm at City Hall. The report is available on the City's website at: www.nelson.ca or can be viewed at City Hall.

NELSON HYDRO NEWS

Nelson hydro power plant – generator # 2 update

Nelson Hydro's generator #2 (G2) is 102 years old, and is used for standby purposes only. That means it is operated when regular use generators are shut down, or when surplus water is available at Upper Bonnington Falls. Generator #2 has not been available for service since fall of 2010, due to mechanical failure. Since then, we have completed a thorough analysis of the electrical and mechanical condition of this unit, and have undertaken repairs and upgrades to bring the unit to a reliable condition. All work was finished mid-May and has been fully operational since then. After spill water is finished this year, expected mid-July, G2 will return to standby operation status. This unit should last another 50 years.

Nelson hydro power plant – generator # 4 update

Nelson Hydro's generator #4 is 63 years old, and is utilized for full time generating service. The original windings were expected to last until about 2013, when we planned a re-wind and unit upgrade project. The windings actually failed in July 2011, and the project schedule was moved ahead for immediate restoration. A contractor was hired and rewind work began November 2011. All work is now completed and G4 has been operating successfully since May 13th. The new windings are higher efficiency and produce more power using same amount of water. Total project cost was approximately \$1,300,000.



OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Public works projects update

Paving / Resurfacing – The paving program will continue until late fall.
Baker Street – immediately west of the four-way intersection – completed
Robson Street – 800/900 blocks - completed
Stanley Street – 1900 block - completed
Observatory Street – 300 block
Ninth Street – 900 block
Blewett Road – lane portions near Nelson Hydro's generation facility

Line Marking

Line marking of roads and curbs will commence in late June, weather dependent.

Water Utility Upgrades

1000 block of Davies Street - water main renewal
900 block of Ninth Street - installation of a new 12" water main and a pressure reducing station
Kary Crescent – replace 2" galvanized iron water line
Observatory Street – replace 1940's 6" cast iron.

Sewer Utility Upgrades

Sanitary sewers have been renewed on the 500 block of Hendryx Street.
Ongoing renovation to improve effluent quality, reduce inflow and infiltration at the Sewage Treatment Plant

Storm Sewer Upgrades

Storm sewer projects are aimed at reducing inflow to the sanitary system by directing storm water into the newly installed storm system.



CITY BULLETIN BOARD

Does your smoke alarm work?

Nelson Fire Rescue will be calling homes in Nelson to help you check your smoke alarms and answer questions. To encourage your participation, we are holding a contest with prizes from RHC, BCAA, Poulin, and KAS Insurance agencies, as well as Nelson Fire Rescue itself. If you want a chance to win fire insurance for a year, have a working smoke alarm in your home when we call. If you can't wait, call us at your convenience at (250) 352-3103. Don't miss out on your chance to win, test your alarm today.

July 1st fireworks

While private fireworks are illegal in town, come join us at Lakeside Park for the big show, starting at dusk.

The library is a cool place to be for all ages this summer

The Summer Reading club is for kids 12 and under, with activities, and special events with the theme: Strange...But True? Join us Monday, July 16th at 3:30 pm for Norden the Magician!

Sizzling Summer Wednesdays for teens are coming, with wild & wacky workshops and what-have-you every other Wednesday. Contact Joanne at (250) 505-5683 for details.

Hitting the road? The beach? The garden? Download audio books onto your MP3 player or e-books onto your Kobo e-reader. All you need is a library card! Things don't get much more portable than that. Go to www.nelsonlibrary.ca and click on e-library to find out how.

Canada Day special transit service

There will be special free transit service on July 1st to take people to and from the festivities at Lakeside Park. This is limited service so please check the city's website for the schedule.

City Hall, Nelson Hydro, the Operations Department and the Nelson Public Library will be closed on Monday, July 2nd for Canada Day.

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).

For more details, see the City of Nelson website at www.nelson.ca

Bicycle safety tips

Bicycle injuries can happen anytime, anywhere to anyone. To view a list of bicycle safety tips compiled by the Nelson Police Department for both drivers and riders, visit www.nelson.ca.

Back in August!

There will be no City of Nelson News in July. We'll be back in this space again on August 24, 2012.



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