



City of Nelson

# News

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## COUNCIL UPDATE

2019

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Stat Holiday

All meetings start at 7:00pm.

Regular Meeting

Committee of the Whole

#### FEBRUARY

27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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#### MARCH

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## IMPORTANT

### NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please be advised that the Regular Council meeting scheduled for March 11th, 2019, has been changed to Monday March 4th, 2019.

## NELSON & DISTRICT YOUTH CENTRE

Registration is now open for **Spring Break Camps**. This year is sure to be amazing as we have a cake and pizza making day, tattoo day, animal kingdom day and much more!

Join the Youth Centre every Wednesday night for **Eazy-Eats!** Come learn some valuable cooking skills, meet new people and have fun!

For more information on all our programs, visit: [www.nelson.ca/youth](http://www.nelson.ca/youth).

The Nelson Youth Action Network (NYAN) is heading into its third year of providing youth-driven programming for 12 to 18 year olds in Nelson and area. Some of the on-going programs that you can get involved with are, **Under the Umbrella**, a group for LGBTQ2+ youth, the **Youth Arts Action Committee's Mural Project**, improv and theatre, sports, meet-ups as well as much more! For details about upcoming events and programs, go to @nelsonyouth on Facebook or Instagram. All these programs would not be possible without the support of our amazing collaborators and community, so thank you!



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### SIGN BYLAW

The City of Nelson is in the process of reviewing its aging Sign Bylaw, which dates back to 1983. A 'Sign Bylaw' sets the rules for signage on private property within our municipality. The goal of the new Bylaw will be to strike a balance between community aesthetic and effective communication of information and offerings for businesses. [More information on the proposed new Sign Bylaw can be found at \[www.nelson.ca/signblaw\]\(http://www.nelson.ca/signblaw\)](#)

### DOWNTOWN PARKING STRATEGY - HAVE YOUR SAY!

The downtown parking area includes metered parking as well as the 2-hour and residential parking in Lower Uphill. To kick off our planning process, we'd like to ask you what ideas and solutions you have for downtown, commuter, and residential permit street parking.

Visit [www.nelson.ca/parking](http://www.nelson.ca/parking) and complete the feedback form by February 18th.

### LANEWAY HOUSING HOW-TO-GUIDE

Want to know more about Laneway Housing in Nelson? The City has a 20-page "How-To" guide on laneway houses available for review or to download at your convenience.

Get your copy today at [www.nelson.ca/lwh](http://www.nelson.ca/lwh).

### STATUTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Offices are closed on Monday, February 18, 2019 for BC Family 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, February 18, 2019. For transit information visit [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com) or call 1-855-993-3100.

## OPERATIONS

### HOW YOU CAN SURVIVE WINTER IN NELSON?



1. Install the required winter tires on your vehicle.
2. Purchase good winter boots for yourself and your family members.
3. Invest in a good shovel to plow your walkways and sidewalk. Cleared sidewalks make it safer for pedestrians to get where they are going.
4. Our goal is to keep the City safe for all travelling public. Our priorities for staff and equipment during the winter are:
  1. Clear and sand emergency routes
  2. Clear and sand bus routes
  3. Clear and sand all streets that are considered major hills and are not already cleared
  4. Clear and sand cross streets and any other streets that are not already cleared (39 km)
  5. Clear and sand designated sidewalk routes (21 km), stairs (1200 stairs), sand intersection crosswalks (32), bus stops (4) and handicapped parking stalls (15) in the downtown area
  6. Clear residential bus stops (62) and fire hydrants (355)
  7. Clear intersections back for improved sight visibility
  8. Clear alley entrances in the downtown core, followed by residential areas
  9. Clear and sand dead-end streets (84)
  10. Clear residential lanes and alleys

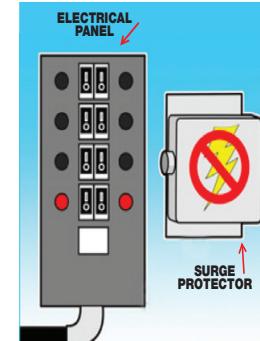
Want more information on the City's Winter Snow & Ice Management Program? Please visit [www.nelson.ca/winter](http://www.nelson.ca/winter).

## NELSON HYDRO

### NELSON HYDRO CUSTOMER ADVISORY: SURGE & LIGHTNING PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

At any time of year, it is possible to receive lightning and power surges on the electrical distribution system. The utility does not guarantee uninterrupted power supply, or protection from surges. Therefore, Nelson Hydro suggests that customers consider installing and maintaining their own surge and lightning protection equipment at their electrical service entrance and/or distribution system to protect against these possibly adverse conditions. It could prevent potential damage to electronics, heat pumps and appliances. Don't let this happen to you. It can happen ... so be prepared.

If you are unsure if your home or business is adequately protected or want to install service entrance protection, you should call an electrical contractor to inspect your power system and upgrade as required. Thank you, from Nelson Hydro!



## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### NELSON FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES

Nelson Fire & Rescue Services and Emergency Management recommend that everyone create a "Grab-and-Go Bag". Create one for yourself and your family (including your pets) in the unlikely event you're asked to evacuate your home. Creating one doesn't take long. Here's a basic list of items to include:

- Food (ready to eat) and water
- Flashlight and batteries
- AM/FM radio
- Medications
- Seasonal clothing
- Blanket
- Cell phone charger
- Pen and notepad
- Personal toiletries
- Small First-Aid kit
- Extra pair of glasses or contacts
- Cash in small bills
- Local map with your family meeting place identified
- Whistle
- Leash and food for pets



Remember to add your personal items, such as prescription medications, an extra pair of eyeglasses and copies of important documents like passports, birth certificates, insurance papers, etc. It is important to have all your documents together and safe guarded in different ways:

1) copies kept in an easily accessed location (with your "Grab and Go Bag"), 2) store copies/photos of documents on your phone or USB stick and 3) keep copies in another location (with family or friends who live elsewhere). Although having to evacuate is unlikely, being prepared if the time comes will allow you to react calmly knowing you have some important essentials. Visit [www.nelson.ca/ep](http://www.nelson.ca/ep) for more information.

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