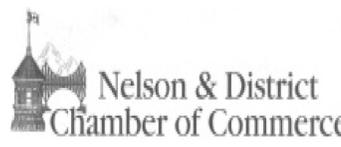


## Chamber hosts another successful Canada Day Celebration





Canada Canada





The Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone involved in making Canada Day 2015, a true community and regional celebration. The Chamber of Commerce takes on the organizational role of this free family fun day in Rotary Lakeside Park. Special thanks this year to the City of Nelson Public Works, Parks and Nelson Hydro staff for working diligently to get Lakeside Park ready for the annual festivities. We are able to pull off a successful event thanks to the contributions by the following business, which we encourage you to support and thank, as well all the performers and community groups.

**Thanks to the thousands of folks who showed up making for a great atmosphere in one of the best venues in Canada.**

- Heritage Harmony Barbershop Choir
- Brenda McJones Highland Dancers
- Mountain Station
- White Lightning Blues Band
- Sunshine Drive
- AFKO Choir
- John Kaplan Strolling Magic Shows
- Playmor Junction
- Charlie Jacobsen Band
- Samba Band
- Nelson Community Band
- Everyman
- Kootenay Kiltie Pipe Band
- Big Mama Blue

**Special thanks to The City of Nelson, The Nelson Professional Fire Fighters Association, Heritage Canada, Celebrate Canada, RDCK Areas E, F, H, City of Nelson Parks staff, Nelson and District Community Complex, The Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce, and many community-minded businesses and organizations.**

<p><b>Community Display Booths and Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• 103.5 Juice FM</li> <li>• BMO Bank of Montreal</li> <li>• Bubbles the Clown</li> <li>• Bethel Christian Centre</li> <li>• Duke of Edinburgh's Award</li> <li>• EZ Rock</li> <li>• H.O.P.E. Church</li> <li>• Joshua's Giant Bubbles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kootenay Co-Op Radio</li> <li>• Kootenay Kids Society</li> <li>• Kootenay Lake Sailing Association</li> <li>• Kootenay Catamaran Camp</li> <li>• Kootenay Quilters Guild</li> <li>• Kootenay Spirit Festival</li> <li>• Nelson Public Library/Friends of the Library</li> <li>• Nelson Friends of the Family</li> <li>• Nelson Electric Tramway Society <i>Free Street Car for Canada Day courtesy of the</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Nelson and District Credit Union</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nelson Minor Hockey Association</li> <li>• Nelson Pilot's Association</li> <li>• Nelson and District Recreation Complex (RDCK)</li> <li>• Our Daily Bread</li> <li>• Save On Foods</li> <li>• Selkirk College</li> <li>• SEEDS Senior Economic Environmental Development Society</li> <li>• Sparkling Life Family Chiropractic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Saviour's Pro Cathedral</li> <li>• Touchstones Nelson Museum of Art and History</li> <li>• Visions Alive Puppets</li> <li>• West Kootenay Early Childhood Educators</li> <li>• West Kootenay Community Teeth Clinic Society</li> <li>• West Kootenay Grassroots Community Network</li> </ul>
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Special thanks also to all of our sponsors and community minded businesses that supported the event

- City of Nelson
- Celebrate Canada
- Regional District of Central Kootenay: Ramona Faust, Area E; Tom Newell Area F; Walter Popoff Area H
- Hairy Productions
- Nelson Star
- Nelson Daily
- 103.5 Juice FM
- EZ Rock
- Nelson Professional Firefighters
- Save On Foods
- Adventure Hotel
- Berg Lehmann
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- Nelson Toyota
- Nelson Chrysler
- Nelson and District Credit Union
- Nelson Home Hardware Building Centre
- Nelson Ready Mix
- Pacific Insight
- Remax/RHC Realty
- RHC Insurance
- Selkirk Paving Limited
- Save On Foods

**And anyone else we may have missed**

## **Nelson plays host to BC Soccer Girl's Provincial B Cup**

The community will be abuzz with parents, coaches and youth soccer players as the four day Provincial B Cup gets underway today at the Lakeside Fields in Nelson.

The four-day BC Soccer Tournament, hosted by Nelson Youth Soccer, features age categories U13, U14 and U15.

The tournament begins today through Sunday with 24 teams competing in a full slate of games.



This is the third time in Nelson Youth Soccer history the association has hosted the Provincial B Cup. The inaugural event happened in the early 2000's with the last time being in 2009.

Tournament coordinator Kim Palfenier has been a part of all three tournaments, says it's great that the Youth Soccer Association and the community can come together to host an event of this magnitude.

Hotel, Motel and B&B' rooms are at a premium, with nearly all rooms within the City of Nelson already booked by the tournament attendees.

Restaurants, and downtown shops can expect plenty of activity while the tournament is on.

The Opening Ceremonies go Thursday afternoon, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Rotary Park.

All action takes place at the Lakeside Soccer Fields.

The finals are slated for Sunday.

## **Stores to Shores project not without it's challenges, but it is business as usual**

With the first major step taken in Hall Street Corridor project, Mayor Deb Kozak says she's very pleased with the progress being made on the Stores To Shores Downtown Revitalization effort.

On Monday July 6th, the 300 block of Hall was closed from Vernon to the north side of Lake Street, so that crews can replace the underground infrastructure down the hill, and lower the entire Vernon/Hall intersection by a meter, making site lines far better for drivers and pedestrians. That means access to the Nelson and District Community Complex will be reduced to the rear entrance — off Cedar, via Front. Additional parking will also be available in the gravel lot at the corner of Front and Hall. The Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce, Visitor Information Centre and Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism will remain open and can be accessed off the bottom portion of Hall Street. Lake Street will remain open but is only accessible off Ward and Front streets .

The project has not been without a few challenges for businesses that are located in the heart of the construction project. The good news for businesses near Hall and Baker and Vernon, is that work in that area is nearing completion. That being said, it hasn't been easy for customers to access businesses, but we anticipate the benefits will be reaped later this summer and in the future as the work concludes.

Businesses like Finley's and Sage Tapas, Itza's Restarante , DeVitos, Sidewinders, Boomtown Sports, The Adventure Hotel, New China Restaurant and Gericks have all been open during construction, and like so many Nelson businesses, they are certainly worth the little extra effort it takes to get there, but we can't wait until project is complete and we are back to "business" as usual.

## Kokanee Mountain Zipline opens to the public Monday July 13th

It has been a long process, but approvals are in place to move forward with the opening of the Kokanee Mountain Zipline next week. Partner Jay Manton tells the Chamber that the final approvals were received this week by the BC Safety Authority and they are open for business beginning Monday. A total of 9 guides and some administrative staff has been hired and trained for the Zipline.



The first commercial zipline in the West Kootenay will begin construction Friday as Kokanee Mountain Zipline breaks ground near Kokanee Creek Provincial Park, 20 kilometres north of Nelson.

Kokanee Mountain plan to offer fully guided tours starting July 13th through a series of six zip lines with a mixture of short hikes in between.

The longest zipline is an adrenaline rush 609 metres (2300 feet)

A parking area 2.2 kilometres up the forest service road will serve as a place for safety orientation before the 1.5 kilometer shuttle up the road to the first of six ziplines. Each group will have a guide in the lead braking and tying-in guests. A second guide will bring up the tail of the group.

Jay Manton described the first two ziplines as a good way for people to get comfortable with the feeling and the heights.

After that, the ziplines get more adventurous varying from 200 to 300 feet in the air and above the trees, while crossing Kokanee Creek and its canyons with a view up and down the valley to Kootenay Lake. Some of the zip lines have short hikes between them, the longest being a half kilometre.



For more details on the Kokanee Mountain Zipline, or to book your space, go to [www.zipkokanee.com](http://www.zipkokanee.com)

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