

Chamber gears up for Canada Day Celebration

The Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce will host Canada Day celebrations at Rotary Lakeside Park July 1st. The Chamber of Commerce has hosted this annual community celebration for many years, and it is with great pride that we honor Canada. Canada Day is a major Chamber of Commerce event each year, and a tremendous family oriented celebration of our greater community, with thousands of people attending from all over the region.



One of the highlights each year is the serving of our Canada Day birthday cake, followed with live music and all kinds of fun-filled activities for kids of all ages. Dozens of community groups will be involved throughout the day concluding with a tremendous fireworks display, at dusk .

It's a great family fun day, that the Chamber is pleased to organize. We would love to have you join us. Thanks to our key sponsors, the City of Nelson, Electoral Areas E, F and H , Heritage Canada , and dozens of local community minded businesses.

If you would like to participate as a sponsor please drop us a note at tom@discovernelson.com . We will be pleased to acknowledge your support in pre and post event advertising and in future Chamber correspondence. Watch for further details on the full day of entertainment we are planning for our annual community and regional celebration in Nelson's Rotary Lakeside Park.



The entertainment seems to be in order for this year, but we can still take a few more booths. If you would like to be a part of Canada day , please contact the Chamber office at 352 3433.

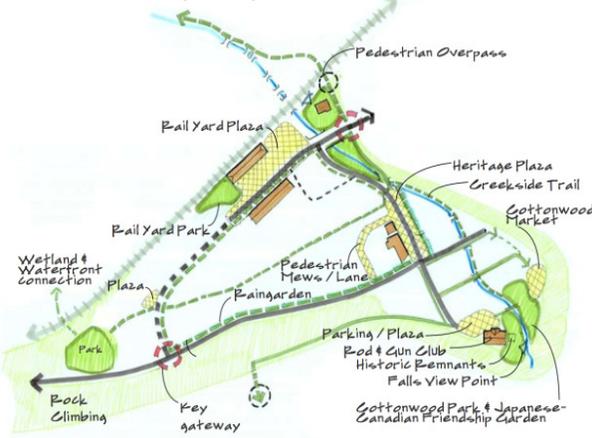
We hope you are able to join us in Rotary Lakeside Park for the annual Canada day festivities. Let's hope the weather cooperates and we can have a fantastic family day in one of the best locations in all of Canada to celebrate Canada's Birthday.

Railtown Draft Plan information update Monday June 13th

The Consultants completing the *Railtown Sustainable Neighborhood Action Plan* will be rolling out an information session on Monday evening June 13th in the Chamber Board room. The draft plan is the follow up to the design charette, open house, and online comments compiled over the past several months.

The evening session will get underway at 6:30 with an informal opportunity to review the design panels that will be set up in the Chamber Board room.

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The formal presentation of the Railtown Plan will be presented beginning at 7pm.

Following the review there will also be

- a market analysis and implementation strategy,
- Identifying priority projects
- Next steps review
- Question and answer discussion

BC Chamber adopts 49 advocacy policies at recent AGM

Business leaders from across B.C. have passed 49 policies ranging from *Changing BC's taxation model to implementing taxation on short-term rental stays*, such as those through Air BnB and other short term rentals. This unique grassroots policy-building forum brings together approximately 200 Chamber delegates from across B.C. to vote on new business/economic policies. Policies that are adopted become part of the BC Chamber's advocacy agenda.

- *Changing B.C.'s Sales Tax Model – Moving Beyond the PST* The Chamber feels that by creating a made in BC Value Added Tax we will be able to customize the tax to fit our needs, providing tax exemptions to restaurant meals or green initiatives as we see necessary. Right now, our tax system penalizes our businesses for investing in the new technologies and equipment that position us to compete globally – and that's concerning for our whole economy.

Other policies adopted include;

- *Small Business Benefits from Simplifying the MSP Tax System*
- *The Need for a Renewed Softwood Lumber Agreement*
- *Supporting B.C.'s Land-Based Wineries, Cideries and Distilleries*
- *Addressing the Housing Crunch Through Increasing Supply*
- *Affordable Rental Housing and a Fluid Labour Market*
- *Addressing Barriers to Succession Planning for Small and Medium Enterprises*

Nelson Downtown Local Market Opens June 15th

The West Kootenay EcoSociety will open the Downtown Nelson Local Market on Wednesday June 15 in the 400 block of Baker St. for its seventh year in a row. The market will run each Wednesday from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm through to September 28, offering an amazing mix of local produce, plants, prepared foods, body care, and hand-made arts and crafts. Customers can rest assured that they are supporting the local economy due to the fact that 80% of each vendor's wares must be grown or made locally to be sold at this market.



Customers will really appreciate the quality and diversity of the offerings at the market, especially in combination with Baker Street's amazing retail selection."

The EcoSociety also runs the Saturday Cottonwood Community Market at Cottonwood Falls Park which runs until October 29, and Market-Fest, the monthly Friday night street festivals that take place this year on June 24, July 22 and August 26.

Mountain Waters Spa Open house June 15th

Mountain Waters Spa is showing their thanks for your business next week as they host their annual Summer Open House.

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