



# **WELCOME TO THE 2024 U18 TIER 3 BC HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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**Nelson, BC**

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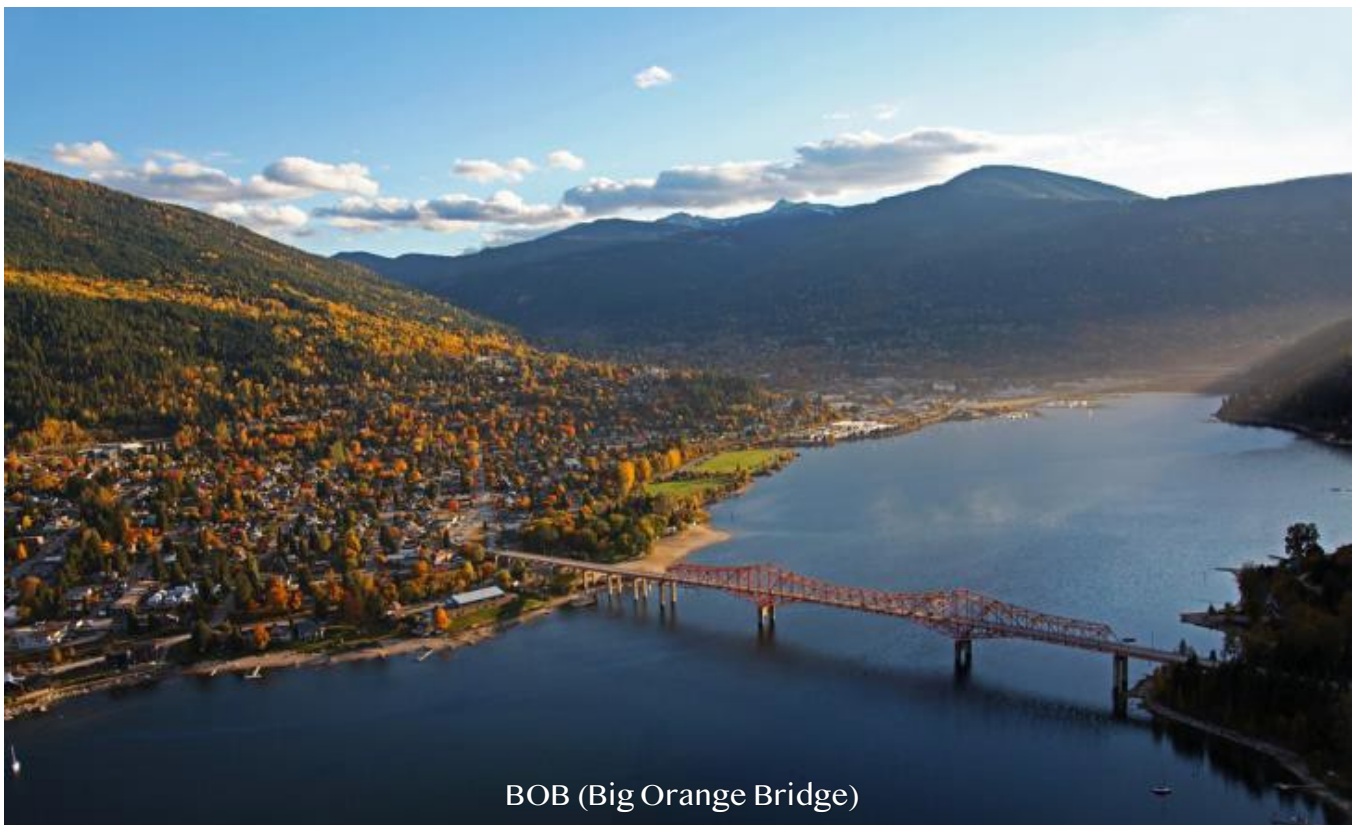
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## SECTION 1 - CONTACT INFORMATION:

Host Committee	Names	E-mail	Tel #
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BC Hockey Representative	June McKenzie		



BOB (Big Orange Bridge)

*On Nov. 7, 1957, this \$4,000,000 toll bridge was opened, spanning the West Arm of Kootenay Lake at Nelson. The bridge replaced a cable ferry which had moved cars, trucks and people across the lake for many years.*

## SECTION 2 - NELSON HISTORIES AND PROFILE:

### Culture & History

While parts of BC have history rooted in the Gold Rush, Nelson's history is silverier.

The story goes that in 1886 a prospector, frustrated by what had been an exhausting and fruitless expedition, petulantly kicked a rock, accidentally uncovering evidence of significant silver deposits. Thus, began the Silver King Mine, and a mining boom that kick started the development of Nelson.

### Early Settlement

By 1890, a town site was laid out and wood frame buildings began to replace the tents and shacks that had housed the first few hundred pioneers. When the city was incorporated in 1897, the population had grown to 3,000 and there were already some fine homes and public buildings.

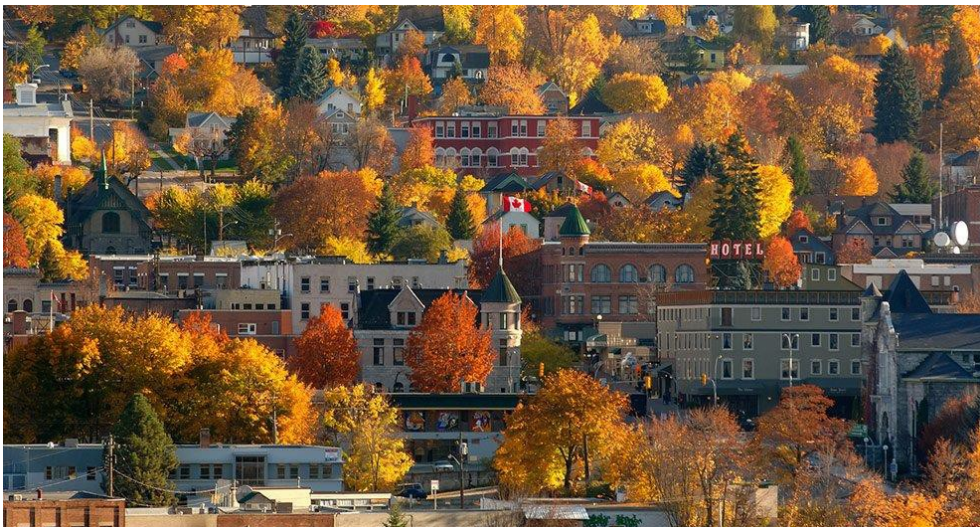
Two railroads had been built to support mining activity, and within a few years, Nelson developed its own hydro-electrical utility, a gasworks and a streetcar system. A growing fleet of sternwheelers connected Nelson with other small communities and mining camps around Kootenay Lake.

### Nelson Heritage Buildings

Devastating fires prompted Nelson's first city council to pass a bylaw requiring all buildings in the downtown core to be constructed of non-combustible materials. This led to the construction of the elegant brick and stone Victorian structures that form the centerpiece of Nelson's inventory of more than 350 heritage buildings.

In the aftermath of the short-lived mining boom, the forest industry became the largest employer and Nelson settled into its role as the commercial and government center of the region.

The establishment of Notre Dame College in 1950 heralded the beginning of a new focus on education. “Notre Dame College”, transitioned into the four-year degree granting Notre Dame University, Nelson BC (1963), while offering Canada’s first student-athlete scholarships to Canada’s Alpine Ski Team and Nelson WIHL Nelson Maple Leafs Hockey team. Today, Nelson is home to Selkirk College, the Kootenai Art Therapy Institute and the Kootenay School of the Arts.





## **Culture and People**

In a history that spans more than a century, Nelson has attracted miners and fortune seekers, railroad workers, orchardists, forestry workers, academics and artists. The 1960s and early '70s brought a very specific wave of migration to the Nelson area – "draft dodgers" from the United States seeking to avoid military service in Vietnam. While some returned with the offer of amnesty in 1977, many remained to make significant contributions to the cultural fabric of the area. The 1980s and 1990s saw a growing number of people moving to Nelson to escape big city life. Nelson is a rare blend of cultures and attitudes, and continues to be a magnet for visitors looking to enjoy that sense of community and the active lifestyle that comes with it.

Learn more about the architecture of Nelson's heritage buildings with self-guided tours of both the downtown core and the fine Victorian homes that can still be seen all over town. Brochures for both tours are available from the Nelson Visitor Centre, pop in at Touchstones Nelson Museum of Art and History to peruse its extensive archives, or simply admire the building, which was built in 1902 as a post office and customs house. This historic City of Nelson (population 11,143) still has a remarkable number of heritage buildings that are complemented by modern tenants like coffee shops and galleries. The city dates back to the 1880s but the area has a much richer history:

*"The history of man in this area dates back to when the great pyramids were being constructed in Egypt. The latest archeological carbon dating provides evidence that a race of men and women lived, hunted and fished along the shores of Kootenay Lake two thousand years before the time of the advanced cultures of the Aztecs and the Incas of Central and South America. These earliest inhabitants of the area were later to be called the Kootenay Indians, and their names were adopted to designate the land that they roamed. Kootenay is an Indian word meaning "water people". In the original spelling CoTinneh - "Co" means water and "Tinneh" means people." - Michael Jesson – Discover Nelson*

The main draw to Nelson was gold and silver. Thanks to railways nearby, the population grew and Nelson was incorporated in 1897. Forestry and mining were king, and along with the influx of residents, workers and visitors came the growth of the town. Several hotels were built along with a Hudson's Bay Company store, and a streetcar system. Steam wheelers paddled up and down Kootenay Lake, even famed architect Francis Rattenbury (who designed the BC Legislature, an icon in Victoria's Inner Harbour & won the contract for the building when he was 25 years old).

Settlers came from all over including Doukhobors from Russia and, later on, Vietnam War draft-dodgers from the US. You can find a full history of the area on the History of Nelson website, <http://www.historyofnelsonbc.ca>. Some credit the 1987 Steve Martin film "Roxanne" with the revitalization of Nelson's downtown core, which suffered after the closure of the Kootenay Forest Products sawmill in the 1980s. Parts of the movie "Snow Falling on Cedars" and "The Tall Man" (2012 film) were shot in Nelson. Along the main road, historical Baker Street, building owners began restoration projects and the heritage charm that caught Martin's attention. Since that time, the city transitioned away from resources and toward arts and tourism.

## Arena Heritage – Nelson’s Civic Centre



*Children playing with hoops outside the Civic Centre on October 18, 1958. The hula hoop contest was sponsored by the Civic Centre and the CKLN radio and attracted 400 children. The top four kids went on to perform at a senior hockey game, with six-year-old Jeanny Robinson taking the top spot. Combined with an evening skating session and a student dance, the number of visitors to the Civic Centre that Friday and Saturday was nearly 1,500. Photo: Nelson Museum, Archives and Gallery*

### **(Information from an article by Tressa Ford, Nelson Star)**

Nelson’s Civic Centre, a hub of social and cultural life, was built in 1936, in the middle of the depression and a one-of-a-kind facility in western Canada over eight decades ago, it’s become integral to many aspects of Nelson life.

Social importance for the local community of Nelson, it’s rink, gym, theatre and halls allowed for an unprecedented range of activities all under one roof. This still continues today as the Civic Centre is currently being home to the oldest still operating hockey rinks in BC.

Over the decades it’s been a sports hub for hockey, skating curling, badminton, indoor tennis and basketball, as well as fitness classes and square dancing. The Civic Recreation Grounds (now the NDCC parking lot) were used for baseball, softball, track and field, soccer and lacrosse. Skating was a popular date night activity for young Nelson couples and the high representation of youth in sports helped ease hand wringing over juvenile crime rates.

Large scaled sport events attracted visitors from across the Kootenays, North America and beyond, but the top-notch ice facilities made an event like the Nelson Midsummer Bonspiel (1945-2008) possible, bringing in thousands of curlers and spectators to Nelson. 1930s to the early 2000’s welcomed hundreds of national and international players with the Kootenay Open Badminton Tournaments. Many people camped in the Civic Recreation Grounds while these events were taking place over the first 70 years, until the new facility opened in 2005 (NDCC).

It wasn't just a facility for sports, the Civic Theatre opened in 1936 for both live performances and films. And even after it was leased to the Famous Players movie company (from 1938 to 1976) there were still six days set aside every month for community performances,

The Civic Centre has also been a significant source of local employment and volunteer work, it was built by unemployment relief to stimulate the local economy during the Depression. Beyond the full and part time staff required to run the building, youth "rink rats" kept themselves busy with various maintenance tasks in exchange for free time on the ice. During the Second World War from late 1943 – to 1944, the badminton hall operated as an assembly plant for Boeing aircraft parts. Boeing was required to have a workforce being 65% women due to the employment difficulties caused by the enlistment and draft.

"Your dividends from this enterprise will not be in money but in happiness" was said by Trail MLA Richard R. Burns at the opening of the Civic Theatre in 1963.

Unfortunately, today, due to structural concerns and rising revitalization costs, the future of the Civic Centre is unclear to Nelson, but it has certainly weathered its fair share of rough periods over the past eight decades and it's still remains standing and used.



*A packed crowd watches a game between the Nelson Maple Leafs and the Spokane Jets, circa 1970. One of the Nelson Leafs players in the centre is Leroy Mowery, a Nelson teacher and musician who passed away last October. Noted Spokane Jets player Tom Hodges is jersey number 5. Both teams were part of the Western International Hockey League, which at different points included Nelson, Trail, Spokane, Kimberley, Cranbrook, Rossland, Fernie, Portland, Calgary and Los Angeles. Photo: Nelson Museum, Archives and Gallery*

## SECTION 3 - NELSON ARENA INFORMATION:



Nelson & District Community Complex and Recreation Centre  
305 Hall Street, Nelson, BC V1L 5X4 (250) 354-4FUN (4386) [NelsonRec@rdck.bc.ca](mailto:NelsonRec@rdck.bc.ca)



The Nelson & District Community Complex (NDCC) is a multi-purpose facility centrally located within the City of Nelson. The NDCC offers a complete range of recreation opportunities and facilities including an NHL size Arena, Indoor Pools and waterslide, a fully equipped Fitness Centre and meeting rooms. Adjacent to this facility is another ice arena and meeting room. Throughout the City of Nelson and region are several Regional Parks and City Parks offering ball diamonds, soccer fields, playgrounds, and picnic areas.

In 2005 a new facility was constructed known as the Nelson & District Community Complex. We are proud to describe it as a state-of-the-art building in terms of players and fans. Our NHL ice size allows for fast high-paced hockey game. The arena is Home to Nelson Leafs Junior A (KIJHL), Nelson Minor Hockey, Figure Skating, Adult Recreation Hockey teams and a host of other recreational uses throughout the winter and summer.

The NDCC has five dressing rooms, in addition to the Nelson Leafs Dressing Room, a first-aid room and a physiotherapy room together with a modern full fitness facility and swimming pool/hot tub/sauna all under one roof



## Amenities:

- Ice Surface is NHL size (200' x 85')
- 5 dressing rooms are:
  - Main Area; 28.5' x 10.5'
  - WR Area; 9.5 x 10.5
  - Shower Area; 8.5' x 9.5
- First aid room is; 9.5' x 21' WR; 3' x 10.5'
- Officials room is; 12' x 12', WR; 12' x 5'
- Multi-purpose room is 22' x 38'



*Photo Credit Adrian Wagner Studio*

## SECTION 4 - TOURNAMENT INFORMATION / EVENTS DATES AND TIMES:

The 2024 U18 Tier 3 BC Hockey Championships will start the evening of Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 with the Banquet and the Provincial games will commence at the Nelson and District Community Complex Arena on March 17<sup>th</sup> and run to Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**BANQUET:** SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:00

The banquet for players, coaches, managers and officials will be held on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Once actual teams are confirmed, we will be contacting team managers directly to determine number of attendees. Team managers may also contact [provincials2024@nelsonmha.ca](mailto:provincials2024@nelsonmha.ca) with their team numbers or if you have any questions. Once we get closer to the date – location of the banquet

**COACHES MEETING:** SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 8pm

There will be a mandatory coaches and manager meeting on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, following the banquet. Meeting will begin at 8:00 pm (location will be given out closer to date).

**OPENING CEREMONIES:** SUNDAY, MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The on-ice opening ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Teams that play after the opening ceremonies will be required to be fully dressed and ready to play. Opening ceremonies are mandatory for all teams. Players and coaching staff are asked to arrive at the Nelson & District Community Complex (NDCC) Arena one (1) hour prior to opening ceremonies.

BC Hockey Championship apparel is available for pre-order. Once teams qualify for the Championships, order information will be provided to the teams. Teams will be able to pick up their orders upon arrival in Nelson. Order link : <https://2024-bc-hockey-championship-u18-tier-3.itemorder.com/>

Orders placed by March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 will be shipped directly to the event for distribution. Orders received after March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 will be shipped to your home address after the event.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Closing ceremonies will be held following the Championship game on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.. The fair play award will be awarded at this time. Closing ceremonies are not mandatory

**MANDATORY EQUIPMENT CHECKS**

- Prior to each team's first game and possibly during the week, an equipment check will be conducted by a Referee Committee Member, with a referee or the BC Hockey Representative.
- Particular attention will be paid to helmets, neck protection etc. Altered equipment will be removed from the game. Of significance are CSA certification and ear protection.
- Masks must be made for the particular helmet and fit properly. Throat protectors are to be BNQ certified. No torn pants will be permitted, if players have zippered pants they must be done up. NO large holes in palms of gloves, etc.



Lakeside Park Kootenay Lake (Nelson Waterfront)

## **SECTION 5 ACCOMMODATION IN NELSON:** *(check with hotel for availability)*

Let hotels know you are booking for Provincials host by Nelson Minor Hockey Association.

### **Adventure Hotel**

616 Vernon Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4G1 (250) 352-7211

### **Alpine Inn and Suites**

1120 Hall Mines Road, Nelson, BC V1L 1G6 (250) 352-5501 Owner:

### **Best Western Baker Street Inn**

153 Baker Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4H1 (800) 568-8520 / (250) 352-3525

### **Hume Hotel**

422 Vernon Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4E5 (877) 568-0888 / (250) 352-5331

### **North Shore Inn**

687 Highway 3A, Nelson, BC V1L 5P4 (250) 352-6606

### **Prestige Inn Nelson**

1301 Front Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4C5 (250) 352-3595

### **Prestige Lakeside Resort**

701 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, BC V1L 6G3 (250) 352-7222

### **Savoy Hotel**

198 Baker Street, Nelson, BC v1L 4H2 (250) 777-1781

## **SECTION 6 - LOCAL DINING:**

### **Restaurants:**

- Amanda's Restaurant @ 515 Kootenay Street (250) 352-1633
- Broken Hill @ 479 Baker Street (778) 463-2244
- Busaba Thai Cafe @ A 524 Victoria Street (250) 352-2185
- Cantina Del Centro @ 565 Baker Street (250) 352-3737
- El Taco @ 306 Victoria Street (250) 352-2060
- Finley's Bar & Grill @ 705 Vernon Street (250) 352-5121
- Full Circle Cafe @ 402 Baker Street (250) 354-4458
- Hume Hotel 422 Vernon Street (250) 352-5331
- Jacksons Hole & Grill @ 524 Vernon Street (250) 354-1919
- KC Restaurant @ 546 Baker Street (250) 352-5115
- Kurama Sushi @ 491 Baker Street (250) 352-5353
- Leo's Pizza and Greek Taverna @ 712 Nelson Ave. (250) 352-3232
- Louie's Steakhouse & Lounge @ 616 Vernon Street (250) 352-5570
- Main Street Diner @ 616 Baker Street (250) 354-4848
- Marzano @ 153 Baker Street (250) 352-9205
- Outer Clove Cafe @ 536 Stanley Street (250) 354-1667
- Pitchfork @ 518 Hall Street in Herridge Lane (250) 352-2744
- Red Light Ramen @ 308 Herridge Lane (250) 352-0966
- Rel-ish Bistro @ 301 Baker Street (250) 352-5232
- Sage Tapas and Wine Bar @ 705 Vernon Street (250) 352-5140
- Sprout Plant Based Eatery @ 569 Ward Street (778) 463-3336
- The Vienna @ 411 Kootenay Street (250) 354-4646
- Yellow Deli 202 @ Vernon Street (250) 352-0325
- Yum Son 522 @ 522 Victoria Street (778) 463-2234

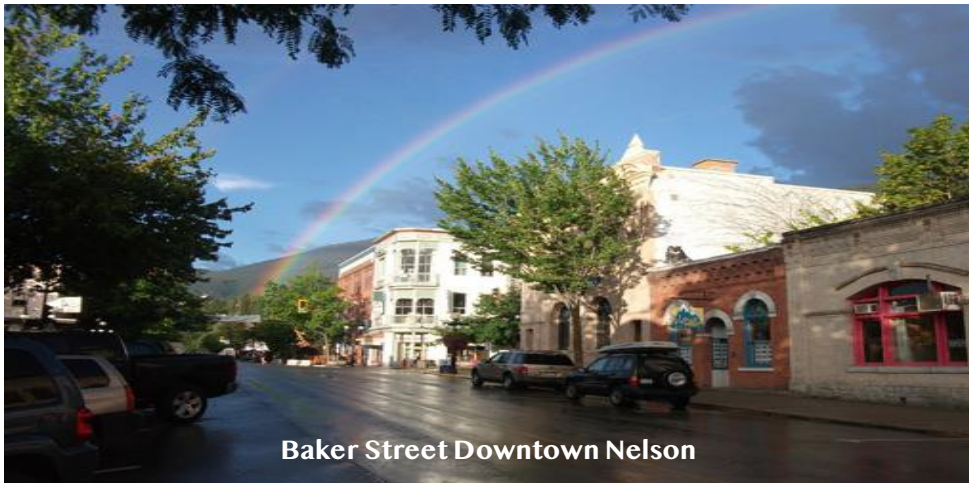
### **Quick Meals:**

- A&W Restaurant @ 512 Railway (250) 352-7424 and also @ Chakko Mika Mall
- Canadian 2-for-1 Pizza @ 636 Front Street (250) 354-1999
- Desi Donair @ 318 Anderson Street (778) 463-1306
- Domino's Pizza @ 1110 Lakeside Dr. (778) 462-3300 (Chakko Mika Mall)
- Edo Japan @ Chakko Mika Mall
- Panago Pizza @ 216 Anderson Street (250) 310-0001
- Subway @ 327 Baker Street (250) 352-7165
- Thor's Pizzeria @ 303 Victoria Street (250) 352-1212
- Wait's News @ 2323 Nelson Ave (250) 352-2555



**Coffee & Tea Shops:**

- Dominion Cafe @ 334 Baker Street
- Ellison's Market @ 523 Front Street
- Empire Coffee 616 Vernon Street
- Full Circle Café @ 402 Baker Street
- Java Gardens @ Chakko Mikka Mall
- John Ward Coffee @ 503 Baker Street
- Kootenay Bakery Cafe @ 377 Baker Street
- No6 Coffee Co 511 Front Street
- Oso Negro @ 8 512 Latimer Street
- ReFuel –Concession Stand @ NDCC Arena
- Sidewinder Coffee Co Inc. @ 696 Baker Street
- Starbucks @ Safeway Grocery Store
- Uphill Market @ 1224 Stanley St
- The Vienna Café @ 411 Kootenay St



**Baker Street Downtown Nelson**

**Convenience Stores:**

- Seven Eleven @ 123 Anderson Street
- Wings Grocery @ 371 Baker Street
- Save-On Foods @ 1200 Lakeside Drive (250) 352-7617
- Safeway @ 211 Anderson Street (250) 352-9710
- Nature's Health Products @ 461 Josephine Street (250) 352-7557

### **Grocery Stores:**

- Great Canadian Wholesale Club @ 402 Lakeside Drive (250) 354-2930
- Ellison's Market @ 523 Front Street (250) 352-3181
- Kootenay Co-op Grocery Store @ 777 Baker Street (250) 354-4077
- Save-On Foods @ 1200 Lakeside Drive (250) 352-7617
- Safeway @ 211 Anderson Street (250) 352-9710
- Nature's Health Products @ 461 Josephine Street (250) 352-7557

## **SECTION 7 - OTHER SERVICES:**

### **Drug Stores / Pharmacies:**

- Nelson Remedy's RX @ 737 Baker Street (250) 352-0022
- Nelson Clinic Pharmacy @ 405 Hendryx Street (250) 352-3121
- Pharmasave @ 685 Baker Street (250) 352-2316
- Safeway Pharmacy @ 211 Anderson Street (250) 352-7765
- Shoppers Drug Mart @ Chakko Mikka Mall (250) 352-7268
- Wal-mart Pharmacy @ Chakko Mikka Mall

### **Gas Stations:**

- Co-op @ 702 Nelson Ave
- Shell @ 301 Nelson Ave
- PetroCan @ 123 Anderson St
- Nelson Husky @ 702 Nelson Ave
- Wholesale Gas Bar @ 402 Lakeside Drive



## SECTION 8 - LOCAL EMERGENCY & OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

### **Nelson City Police**

606 Stanley Street Nelson,  
BC V1L 1N4 (250) 354-3919

### **RCMP**

1010 Second St, Nelson, BC V1L 6B6  
(250) 352-2156

### **Kootenay Lake Hospital**

3 View Street, Nelson, BC  
(250) 352-3111

### **Kootenay Lake Medical Clinic (in Chakko Mikka Mall)**

1140 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, BC V1L 5Z3  
(250) 352-4666

### **Medical Centre and Walk in Clinic**

#108-402 Baker Street Nelson V1L 4H8  
(250) 352-9144

### **Nelson Medical Associate Clinic**

806 Vernon Street, Nelson V1L 4G5  
(250) 352-6611





## SECTION 9 - AREA ATTRACTIONS:

In the winter, skiing and snowboarding are Nelson's primary outdoor activities. Thirty minutes south of town is the Whitewater Ski Resort, which provides access, (via one triple chairlift, two double chairlifts and a handle tow), to 396 vertical meters of beginner to advanced terrain.

Map of Nelson: <http://www.nelson.ca/assets/Residents/Maps/DiscoverNelson.pdf>

A self-guided walking tour around the city of Nelson and explore the local architecture

### **Nelson Municipal Library**

602 Stanley Street (250) 352-6333

*Website:* [nelson.bclibrary.ca](http://nelson.bclibrary.ca)

### **Touchstones Nelson Museum**

502 Vernon Street (250) 352-9813

### **Nelson Civic Theatre**

719 Vernon Street, Suite 103 (250) 352-5833

### **Whitewater Ski Resort**

Main Office (250) 345-4944





**Ainsworth Hot Springs**

Highway 31 (Northeast towards Kaslo)  
(250) 229-4212

**Nelson Visitor Centre**

91 Baker Street (250) 352-3433

**Walking trails**

Along the lakefront originating from Prestige Lakeside Resort and through Lakeside Park, there are numerous trails throughout Nelson (call our Visitors Centre for more info).

**Nelson Transit System**

Website: [www.bctransit.com/regions/nel/](http://www.bctransit.com/regions/nel/)

The Nelson Transit System currently operates four routes in Nelson. Complete info available on the web page.

**SECTION 10 - SPORTS STORES AND SKATE SHARPENING:**

- Mallards Source for Sports 532 Baker 250-352-3200. Skate sharpening
- Gerick Cycle and Ski 702 Baker 250-354-4622. Skate sharpening
- Rivers Oceans and Mountains shop 405 Hall Street (located in Kootenay Co-op Grocery Store) 250-354-2056
- Snowpack Outdoor Experience Ltd 333 Baker 250-352-6411
- Valhalla Pure Outfitters 626 Baker 250-354-1006
- Boomtown Emporium 510 Hall 250-505-5055

\*Teams wishing to showcase their community are welcome to bring things (like baskets of different products or swag like items) and we will include them in our raffle helping to showcase your part of our beautiful province or territory. Include a brief description of your products and we will make sure to have to all attending.\*