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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 centrepiece 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 centre of the region.

The establishment of Notre Dame College in 1950 heralded the beginning of a new focus on education. Today, Nelson is home to Selkirk College, the Academy of Classical Oriental Sciences, 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](#). Or pop in at [Touchstones Nelson Museum of Art & 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 9,752) 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 "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, what is now the Vancouver Art Gallery, the Empress in Victoria and more) designed buildings in Nelson.



Photo Credit Adrian Wagner Studio

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](#).

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. Along the main road, Baker Street, building owners began restoration projects and the heritage charm caught Martin's attention. Since that time, the city transitioned away from resources and toward arts and tourism.

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



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 a meeting room. 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 Minor Hockey, Figure skating, speed 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'

SECTION 4 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION / EVENTS DATES AND TIMES:

The 2017 Bantam Tier 3 BC Hockey Championships will commence on Saturday, March 18, 2018 at the Nelson and District Community Complex Arena and run to Thursday March 22, 2018.

BANQUET: SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018 6:00-7:30

The banquet for players, coaches, managers and officials will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018, 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 Dara Davidson ddavidson@saputo.com with your numbers or if you have any questions.

COACHES MEETING: SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

There will be a mandatory coaches and manager meeting on Saturday March 17, 2018, following the banquet. Meeting will begin at 8:00 pm.

OPENING CEREMONIES: SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

The on-ice opening ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, March 18, 2018. 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 Arena 1 hour prior to opening ceremonies.

BC Hockey Championship apparel will be made available for pre-order. Once teams qualify for the Championships, further details and order information will be provided. Teams will be able to pick up their orders upon arrival in Nelson.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Closing ceremonies will be held following the Championship game. The fair play award will be awarded at this time. Closing ceremonies are not mandatory.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT CHECKS

The supervising referee lead will do an equipment check before the start of each team's first game and randomly anytime afterwards. Players with illegal/worn equipment will not be able to participate using illegal equipment. Bring extra helmet screws, gloves and tape. Ensure your team's Safety Person does an equipment check with your team before coming to the Championships to avoid any disappointment. Most frequent illegal equipment findings are: gloves with palm holes, poor helmet fit and J hooks, helmets not CSA certified, helmets missing ear pieces/protection, missing stick plugs, altered neck guards, BNQ certification not clearly visible on neck guards. Goalie helmets must have chin cups and side straps.

SECTION 5 ACCOMMODATION IN NELSON: *(check with hotel for availability)* Let hotels know you are booking for their hockey rate for Nelson Minor Hockey Association.

Hume Hotel (17 Rooms)

422 Vernon Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4E5 (877) 568-0888 / (250) 352-5331
\$159.99 per room, based on 4 people including full breakfast daily

Best Western Baker Street Inn (35 Rooms)

153 Baker Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4H1 (800) 568-8520 / (250) 352-3525
\$139.99 per room, based on 4 people including continental breakfast. Rooms are equipped with microwave and mini fridge.

Alpine Inn and Suites (18 Rooms)

1120 Hall Mines Road, Nelson, BC V1L 1G6 (250) 352-5501 Owner:
30 units available - 5 queens, 2 singles, 4 rooms have 2 queen beds,
Rooms starting at \$99, kitchenettes and small suites are available. Majority of rooms have kitchenettes.

Prestige Lakeside Resort

701 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, BC V1L 6G3 (250) 352-7222
\$129.95 is the hockey rate, pool, spa, on-site restaurant, short walk to lovely Lakeside Park.
Breakfast buffet is an option for additional cost of \$12.95-\$15.00 per person. (Arrange in advance)

Adventure Hotel – 10% discount for hockey rate. Call hotel for room details.

616 Vernon Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4G1 (888) 722-2258 / (250) 352-7211
Deluxe \$159.00, Economy \$139.00, \$95.00 Budget based on double occupancy. Extra person fee \$15.00 per person, per night. Common kitchen is available for guest use.

Prestige Inn (17 Rooms)

1301 Front Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4C5 (250) 352-3595 Wendy Lebleu is the Manager
Hockey rate Standard 2 Queen \$109.95 (based on double occupancy \$10.00 extra per person) Rooms are equipped with mini fridge. Microwaves available on request.

Villa Motel

655 Highway 3A, Nelson, BC V1L 6M6 (250) 352-5515

Standard Room (SR) w/ One Queen \$89.00, Two XL Doubles \$105.00, 6 kitchenette units available \$115.00

North Shore Inn

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

Room rates – 2 Queen Beds for 2 people \$84.00 + tax, each additional person is \$7.00 + tax. 1 Queen bed \$79.00 for 2 people. All rooms equipped with mini fridge and microwave



'Ymir Peak' Whitewater Ski Resort

SECTION 6 LOCAL DINING:

Restaurants:

- All Seasons Cafe @ 620 Herridge Lane (250) 352-0101
- Amanda's Restaurant @ 655 Highway 3A (250) 352-1633
- Baba's Indian Cuisine @ 445 Baker Street (250) 352-0077
- Baker Street Grill (Best Western Hotel) @ 153 Baker Street (250) 352-3525
- Busaba Thai Cafe @ A 524 Victoria Street (250) 352-2185
- Cantina Del Centro @ 561 Baker Street (250) 352-3737
- El Taco @ 306 Victoria Street (250) 352-2060
- Farm Fresh Café @ 198 Baker Street (778) 463-0927
- Finley's Irish 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
- Itza Ristorante & Pizzeria @ 413 Hall Street (250) 352-3573
- Jacksons Hole & Grill @ 524 Vernon Street (250) 354-1919
- Jagganatha Express @ 660 Baker Street (250) 354-1084
- Junipers Bistro @ Prestige Lakeside Resort (250) 352-7215
- KC Restaurant @ 546 Baker Street (250) 352-5115
- King's Family Restaurant @ 652 Baker Street (250) 352-2912
- Kurama Sushi @ 491 Baker Street (250) 352-5353
- La Bomba Dell'Amore @ 515a Kootenay Street (250) 352-2332
- 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
- Mana'Eesh Deli @ 449 Baker Street (250) 354-4465
- New China Restaurant @ 702 Vernon Street (250) 352-9688

- Outer Clove Cafe @ 536 Stanley Street (250) 354-1667
- Pitchfork @ 518 Hall Street in Herridge Lane (250)352-2744
- Re Light Ramen @ 308 Herridge Lane (250) 352-0966
- Relish Bistro @ 301 Baker Street (250) 352-5232
- Sage Tapas and Wine Bar @ 705 Vernon Street (250) 352-5140
- The Dock Fish'n Chips @ 569 Ward Street (250) 352-3474
- The Falls Music Lounge @ 198 Baker Street (778) 463-0700
- The Vienna @ 411 Kootenay Street (250) 354-4646
- West Coast Grill @ Prestige Lakeside Inn (778) 463-2236
- Yellow Deli 202 @ Vernon Street (250) 352-0325
- Yum Son 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
- Edo Japan @ Chakko Mika Mall
- KFC @ Chakko Mikka 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 @ 499 Baker Street

Coffee & Tea Shops

- A.M. Radio Café 711 Radio Ave.
- Blue Line Cafe (located at the NDCC, our main hockey rink)
- Dominion Cafe @ 334 Baker Street
- Ellison's Market @ 523 Front Street
- Empire Coffee 616 Vernon Street
- Grounded Coffee House @ 616 Vernon Street
- Java Gardens @ Chakko Mikka Mall
- John Ward Coffee @ 501 Baker Street
- Junipers Bistro @ the Prestige Lakeside Resort
- Kootenay Bakery Cafe @ 377 Baker Street
- No6 Coffee Co 511 Front Street
- Old World Bakery 323 Nelson Ave.
- Oso Negro @ 8 512 Latimer Street
- Railtown Coffeehouse 91 Baker Street (250) 551-8965
- Sidewinder Coffee Co Inc. @ 696 Baker Street
- Starbird Bakehouse Cupcakes @ Crepes 464 Baker Street
- Starbucks @ Safeway Grocery Store

Convenience Stores:

- Burrell Grocery @ 1224 Stanley Street
- Seven Eleven @ 123 Anderson Street
- Wings Grocery @ 371 Baker Street

Grocery Stores:

- Great Canadian Wholesale Club @ 402 Lakeside Drive (250) 352-2930
- 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
- Wings Grocery @ 371 Baker Street (250) 352-3848

SECTION 7 OTHER SERVICES:

Drug Stores / Pharmacies:

- Nelson Remedy's RX @ 737 Baker Street (250) 352-0022
- People's 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
- Safeway @ 211 Anderson Street (250) 352-7765
- Peoples Pharmacy 405 Hendryx (250) 352-3121
- Remedy's RX @ 737 Baker Street (250) 352-6928

Gas Stations:

- 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)



Baker Street Downtown Nelson

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 metres of beginner to advanced terrain. The resort also provides access to hundreds of kilometres of off-piste skiing and back country touring. The Nelson area is home to over 20 cat-skiing, heli-skiing and ski-touring operators, and hundreds of kilometres of cross-country trails are available for the Nordic skier. ¹In 2012 Nelson and Rossland, a small city south-west of Nelson, were jointly voted best ski locales in North America by readers of California based Powder Magazine.

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

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) 354-4944

Ainsworth Hot Springs

Highway 31 (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.)



Lakeside Park Kootenay Lake (Nelson Waterfront)

Nelson Transit System

Website: 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 639 Baker 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