

# Streetcar 400

Streetcar 400 was ordered from the Preston Car and Coach Co. of Ontario in 1921. Components were shipped by Brill in Philadelphia and were assembled by BC Electric Railway in Vancouver. Known as a "Birney Car", it was double-ended, single wheel set, single person operation.

After operating in Victoria from 1922 to 1946, it served as a bunkhouse for the Mayo Lumber Co. Car 400 was cosmetically restored in 1972 for display at the Provincial Transportation Museum in Cloverdale.

The Society leased the car in 1990 and Nelson became its permanent home with the closure of the museum in 1992. Over 2 decades, the Society restored the car to an operating condition with mechanical and electrical components secured from as far away as Portugal and Belgium. The Birney Car made its first revenue service in 2011.

Due to its long wheel base, Car 400 cannot operate through the sharp curvature of our loops. However, being double-ended, 400 has potential for charters/special events.



## Schedule

Daily operation mid May to mid October  
**Hours:** 11 am - 4:30 pm (30 min. round trip)  
Lv. Prestige every 30 min. 11:10 to 4:10  
Lv. Lakeside every 30 min. 11:30 to 4:30

## Fares

	All Day	Season
Adult (13+)	\$3	\$25
Senior (55+) & 6 - 12	\$2	\$15
Family (max. 2 adults)	\$8	\$50
Pre-booked groups = call for rate		

## Charters

Conventions, tour groups, weddings, parties etc. may book exclusive use of a streetcar (usually outside our regular operating hours) at a rate of \$150 per hour for a maximum of 60 passengers (44 seats on streetcar). Cars 23 and 400 are available any day, weather permitting. Please book charters at least a week in advance.

## Museum and Giftshop Hours

Sat./Sun. noon - 3 pm mid May to mid Oct. except  
Daily noon - 3 pm July and August.  
No admission charge.

## Visit Our Car barn & Shops

Open every Tuesday and Thursday 9 - noon.

## Nelson Electric Tramway Society

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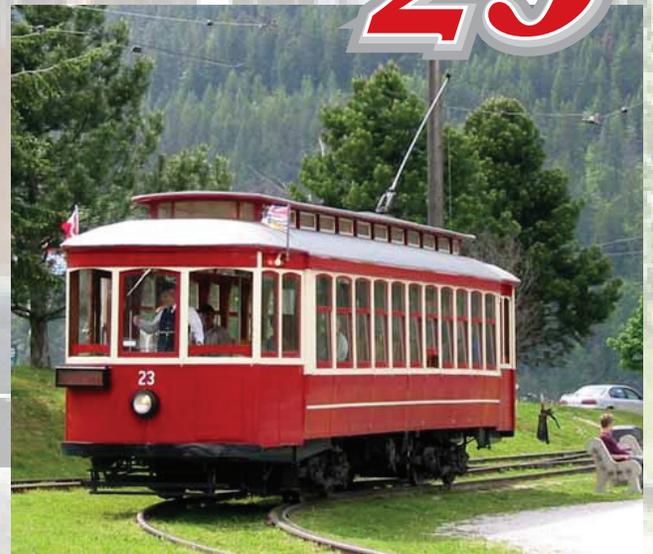


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# Take a ride back in time on...



# Streetcar 23



## Route Map



## Streetcar 23

Streetcar 23 was built in 1906 by the Stephenson Car Company of New Jersey as number 3334 for the Forest City Railway Company. Nicknamed the '3 Cent Line', its one street operation was absorbed by the Cleveland Railway Company in 1908. At this time, the car was converted to single end operation and renumbered to 934.

The City of Nelson purchased the classy red car in 1924 as number 3. Cars 1 & 2 were repainted to match the new arrival and a loop was built at Lakeside Park. The fleet was renumbered 21, 22, 23 in 1933 to make the system look larger. But Nelson still had the smallest fleet in the British Empire!

Car 23 remained in service until 1949 when the streetcar system was replaced by buses. Car 23 served as a skating rink shelter, dog kennel and craft shop until a group of enthusiasts along with the Chamber of Commerce and Selkirk College were able to obtain grants to restore the car. Selkirk students rebuilt the body from 1982 to 1988.

## Nelson Electric Tramway Society

The Society's name is taken from its original moniker, "The Nelson Electric Tramway Company Limited", owned by a group of British investors.

The Society was formed in 1988 with the vision to have Streetcar 23 "back on track". A 2 kilometre route was constructed from the City Wharf area to Lakeside Park while the car barn was being built. At the same time, work was being done on acquiring and installing all mechanical and electrical components required to transform the car body into an operating unit.

Formal opening of the line occurred on July 1, 1992 with streetcar 23 making its first revenue run in 43 years!

The Society is run entirely by volunteers without any corporate sponsors or sustaining grants and is dependent on revenue received from fares, donations and sales.

## Join the Society!

The Society enjoys an excellent reputation for its friendliness and quality of operations. We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help us maintain these high standards. Areas of opportunity include Administration, Maintenance (electrical, mechanical, right of way), Museum, Operating Streetcar.

We have good mechanical, woodworking and electrical shops and offer a congenial work atmosphere.

Any commitment of your time would be appreciated – **the rewards are great!**

Membership is available for \$10 per year.



*Streetcar is Handicap Accessible at both Prestige Inn and Lakeside Park stops.*

