

# Kyiv Mayor Newsletter

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**CHANGE STARTS WITH KYIV**

**Kyiv's city council regained control of the heat network and prevented the shutdown of CHP plant #5**



Kyiv's city council has regained authority of its heat network. "Today is indeed a historic occasion as we reassert control of the combined heat and power system of the capital city which for 17 years has been managed by Kyivenergo, a privately owned company. Despite the challenges, criticism and efforts to undermine our commitment, we supported and implemented striving of our community to regain control of the city's heat network," announced Klitschko. "It took us 2 years and definitely plenty of effort. The municipal "Kyivteploenergo" is now responsible for managing and maintaining the 2 biggest CHPs - #5 and #6 as well as Energy waste incineration plant - the only operating waste incineration facility in Ukraine," remarked Klitschko.

According to the mayor, Kyiv community now controls over 100,000 facilities: CHPs #5 and #6, Energy waste incineration plant, almost 200 boiler-houses and heat supply stations, and the 2,600-kilometer



Klitschko emphasized that the process of taking back control of municipal assets from a privately owned company sets a precedent for the whole country. He also remarked that there is still work to be done for higher Kyiv heat system efficiency.

The main problem is reluctance of Naftogaz Ukrainy to conclude a contract with Kyivteploenergo for gas supply until the city takes over debt-ridden Kyivenergo. Naftogaz also rejects the city's offer to resume gas supplies while resolving disagreements over debts. Instead it is demanding the city pay over UAH 1,200 million in penalties and fees. "I can't just give out, for instance 10 kindergartens or 7 schools or 150 km of roads that can be built at this cost. Naftogaz is holding Kyivans hostage. And I feel that someone wants Klitschko to fail, the problem to persist. This is a fabricated problem, it resembles the one in Lviv where Mr. Sadoviy dealt with garbage removal mess. Pretty much the same story," told Klitschko. "Businesses, that agreed to collaborate, oddly withdrew their commitments to supply us gas 3 hours prior to returning Kyivenergo's assets to municipal ownership. Some weird things are happening. I don't complain and we will overcome all obstacles. But I think, there is a whiff of some politics about this situation," announced Klitschko.

He remarked also that the city prevented the shutdown of CHP plant #6 that could result in both hot water and electricity outage.

According to Klitschko, Kyiv is ready to resume negotiations with Naftogaz and defend its position in court. The city stands ready to implement the court's decision and at the same time calls upon Naftogaz to contract with Kyivteploenergo to supply gas.

"Due to unsigned contracts both CHP plant #5 and #6 risked shutting down. These plants supply heat and hot water to almost 70 percent of Kyiv residents as well as generate electricity; and their shut down could trigger an emergency. Thanks to the joint efforts of the city council and the government officials we prevented the shutdown. The CHPs will temporarily switch supplier. And during some weeks along with the Government we will find a solution to debt issue. The first priority is to restore gas supply to all affected facilities and restore hot water to Kyivans".



According to the deputy mayor Petro Pantelev, during this month gas is being purchased from alternative commercial supplier at a cost of UAH 10,200 per 1,000 cubic meters. Kyiv has already purchased over 18 mln cubic meters of gas. "We have avoided a shut down of CHP station # 5 which generates electricity and thus, some technological implications. The city council implements an optimum austerity measures, and

depending upon results will make the next decisions," emphasized Pantelev. Currently, Kyivteploenergo prepares for the next heating season and has obtained a license and all necessary tariff rates.

Together with international partners Kyiv develops a new approach to heat supply. The scheme envisages an upgrade of heat networks and furthermore will significantly improve the efficiency of heat networks and improve the quality of services.

## Stairs leading down from Peyzazhna aleya to Podil, new square and park opens to the public

Stairs leading down from Peyzazhna aleya to Podil opens to the public following a massive restoration. Vitali Klitschko unveiled the staircase which will further become part of a main tourist route linking Peyzazhna aleya and the Friendship of Nations Monument. “I am delighted to dedicate the renovated stairs to Podil’s Gonchari-Kozhum`yaki ravine. This staircase is planned to string together some major tourist attractions in heart of historical city centre,” emphasized Klitschko.

Main locations of this part of the route are Peyzazhna aleya, Andriyivsky Uzviz, Artists alley, Volodymyrska hirka park and the Friendship of Nations Monument. A pedestrian bridge connecting the park and the monument is scheduled for construction next year.

“A descend here dates back more than a millennium. The stone stairs are dated to the 10th century,” remarked the mayor. “I feel certain that this stairway will be a popular tourist attraction and frequented both by travelers and residents,” he added.



The last time the staircase saw a significant renovation was way back in 70s. Now the city replaced the broken wooden steps with new concrete and cover them with heavy-duty waterproof wood. Measuring 200 metres long, the staircase has 247 steps that are lit by LED-illuminated handrails. A complete renovation also includes new landscaping, a public toilet, Wi-Fi hot spots, security alert buttons and CCTV cameras.

300 parks and city green spaces have been refreshed and reconstructed by Kyiv authorities over the last 4 years. “We have done a great job! The city has now 300 renovated parks and 120 more green spaces are



The city is working to provide well-designed and well-cared recreation green spaces for each city district.

The second portion of Nataalka park (7 hectares) is also re-opened to the public after undergoing complete reconstruction. “This park sets gold standard for the capital city’s green spaces. Now I am delighted to unveil the second portion which is a recreation zone for 300 thousand residents of Obolon neighborhood,» said Klitschko.

This part of the park features refurbished landscapes; equipped exercise and areas; new irrigation system; walking trails; park pavilions; new lighting and fencing. The entire park will be wheelchair-accessible for those with disabilities, offering ramps at the park entrance.

Now renovations of the third portion are in full swing.



Podil neighbourhood has also received one more recreation space - a reconstructed square in front of Zhovten cinema. There are now resurfaced pavements and paths, new irrigation and lighting, a spray shower, a playground and fully equipped workout zone. The square’s highlight is the completely reconstructed fountain. “Kyiv is becoming more and more comfortable to live in and rest,” remarked the mayor.

## **A new waste treatment facility is expected to be built in Kyiv in 2-3 years**

“Waste disposal problems are common for all Ukrainian cities. Currently, only one municipal waste incineration plant operates in Kyiv. The city is in dire need of waste management and recycling facilities and we are determined to built it in next 2-3 years,” said Klitschko.

According to the mayor, Kyiv produces almost 1.2 million tonnes of municipal waste every year. So far the city council has set a strategic aim to start recycling rather than burying waste. “We learnt about good practices from other countries and have already launched a competition for waste recycling facility construction,” remarked Vitali Klitschko. Such facility must have substantially equivalent designed recycling capacity as Pidhirtsi landfill #5 (420,000 tonnes annually).

Eventually, after completing all closure activities Pidhirtsi landfill landfill will close.





## **Klitschko: massive summer reconstruction of major arteries on schedule**

As remarked by Vitali Klitschko, over the last 2 years the city has fixed 502 km of roads according to European standards. This year the city authorities announce summer repairs of major Kyiv arteries which determine the city's traffic performance. Most work must be completed by summer-end.

Massive renovation of about 10 neglected city arteries is well underway. "Built around 50 years ago, they have never seen a reconstruction and now we are breathing new life into them. Reconstruction includes freshly paved road surface, new kerbs, repaved and landscaped sidewalks, fixed manhole frames, new fencing, parking and installed LED street lighting," pointed out Klitschko. Contractors offer a warranty which covers all road repairs for 5 years. In addition, along with road repairs, rehabilitation of 4 pedestrian overpasses is in progress.

"Massive reconstruction of major city arteries will improve traffic flow on them and enable to decongest the city's busy central streets," remarked Klitschko.

Also the city launches a new transport scheme in Podil city district which envisages a further traffic shut down and enlargement of the current pedestrian zone in Kontraktova square. "Podil is one of the most attended historic neighborhoods. There are plenty of nice walks, cafes and restaurants. And many local residents petition for pedestrianising a part of Podil," remarked Klitschko. "Currently we adopt the best world approach to fulfill Kyiv's tourism potential and make the city more attractive. We want Kyiv to be much frequented, admired and highly spoken of by visitors."



To minimize any inconvenience public bus density will be increased and a list of detour routes will be available on the official site of the city council. Podil enhanced transport scheme includes also a reconstruction of traffic signals and creation of additional parking space.

The mayor remarked, that, “We have an ambition to reconstruct Shulyavsky overpass by the end of the year to restore it to its original capacity. Shulyavsky overpass is one of the major city arteries and the work will cost 1 billion hryvnas.”

According to Klitschko, 75 more city bridges and overpasses, which are in dilapidated condition, are in dire need of major overhaul. The city council expects the total reconstruction costs to be hundreds of billions hryvnas.

«Initially there were 3 bids of extensive reconstruction of the overpass submitted to the contest and the city chose the most cost-effective and optimum. The project envisages a construction of an up-to-date partial cloverleaf interchange,» he said.

Recently Kyiv joined the World Road Association and It was already agreed that Kyiv would host the next international seminar of the Association in late October. At the seminar Kyiv expects to keep up with recent developments in road repair and maintenance as well as receive recommendations and guidelines on updating road infrastructure. “We aim to adopt the best innovative experience in road and infrastructure overhaul. And membership in the World Road Association will give more impetus to us to look up to the best cities in terms of road quality and comfort,” emphasized Klitschko.

### **Klitschko: reconstruction of Velyka Okruzhna ring road to reduce congestion in the central area**



Vitali Klitschko inspected a construction of a new section of Kyiv ring road that will remove heavy-duty trucks and transit vehicles from the central city area. The newly built 2 km stretch includes 2 overpasses, underground pedestrian tunnel, earth mounds along the road, complete with related engineering networks and landscaping. Road work being carried out on the ring road is well advanced, and should be completed next autumn.

There are another 2 major projects to streamline vehicular movement and thus impact Velyka Okruzhna area: reconstruction of Sim’i Kulzhenkiv street and Akademika Zabolotnogo street.

Reconstruction of Sim’i Kulzhenkiv street is in full swing this summer which includes construction of new 2.5 km long road section providing a direct exit from the street to the ring road. A new route will significantly reduce traffic congestion in Tarasa Shevchenka square. When complete, the refurbished



The last time the highway saw a significant renovation was 40 years ago. A new triple-layered asphalt surface is installed, together with cold plastic line markings that are of superior durability and consistent functionality,” stressed Klitschko. Other project elements include storm water drainage, landscaping and new lighting. There will also be cycle paths and footpaths along the length of the highway as well as 14 new public bus stops.

Reconstruction will be completed in phases. It has been planned the project to keep one side of the existing highway open while the other half is demolished and replaced. Road works are expected to be rolled out in the next May.

Some stretches of Velyka Okruzhna fall under jurisdiction of Kyiv regional government. Once again the mayor of Kyiv called on Kyiv regional council to vest the capital city with jurisdiction and control over them. According to Klitschko, these segments are badly deteriorated and Kyiv is ready to bear the cost of repairing them.

“Kyiv has the busiest transit system and we have to design and construct highway interchanges so that heavy-duty vehicles can approach and leave the city without crossing any lanes of traffic. This will help to improve transit and local traffic,” stressed Klitschko.

### **This year Atlas Weekend music festival hit new record**



According to the festival organisers, this year’s Atlas Weekend was attended by a record amount of people, with almost 500 thousand visitors over 5 days. The festival is among the biggest music events in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. This year Atlas Weekend brought together over 200 bands for 5 days.

“The city council has funded the opening day to make opening events free. Music festivals offer exciting music experience, they bring people together and

attract a great number of visitors to the city,” said Klitschko.

“As mayor I am delighted that Kyiv hosts this great music event. The city reconfirms its status as European capital of culture and music,” he emphasized.

“Happy to attend Atlas weekend. It hit its own record from previous years. The atmosphere draws you once you get here. Sophisticated music lovers dance here alongside Kyiv policemen. Crowds of people coming here from Ukraine and abroad - all of them enjoy the event and enjoy Kyiv,” wrote Klitschko on his Facebook page. “Organisers are intent to make Atlas Weekend one of the biggest and famous European music festivals. You have my hope and support!” remarked the mayor.