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CITIZEN SURVEY

Citizen Survey Results

Thank you to all residents who participated in the City's annual Citizen Survey. This survey is an important tool in which Council receives feedback from our citizens on their concerns, needs and priorities.

The City has now received Ipsos-Reid's Final Report on the Citizen Survey results. You may access the report on-line at city.yellowknife.nt.ca under Forms & Publications, or are welcome to pick up a hard copy of the report from reception at City Hall. If you have any questions or concerns related to the Survey, you may contact the Manager of Legal Services & Corporate Policy at 920-5623.

ANIMAL WASTE

Deposit at Fiddler's Lagoon

Spring is coming and thoughts are turning to yard clean-up and what to do with the waste your pets have deposited over the winter.

Please do not put any animal waste in your regular garbage. It is unhealthy and unpleasant for the garbage men, and it is unacceptable to be compacted in the City's baler. Our collection contractor is not required to pick up any such waste. Instead, all animal waste should be taken to **Fiddler's Lagoon** (located 5km past the airport on Highway #3) for deposit into the honeybag pit.

ROAD DUST & STREET CLEANING

The City places street sand (crushed quarry gravel) on City roads throughout the winter months to provide residents with safer surface conditions. Snow removal efforts assist in reducing quantities of residual street sand, however, spring melting still reveals substantial amounts of sand and dust that must be swept and cleaned.

A question often raised is "why doesn't the City start street cleaning operations sooner?" In actuality, we have started street cleaning earlier with our snow removal efforts, but commencement of spring street cleaning requires intuition and accurate weather forecasts to predict when warm weather will persist and no further snowfalls will occur. We require two conditions to ensure street cleaning is carried out both safely and cost effectively: first, no further anticipated snowfalls, because once a street is cleaned, there would be an added cost and time associated with placing new gravel and then cleaning it up again; and second, persistent above freezing temperatures, because street sweepers apply water when operating to reduce airborne dust. If temperatures do not remain above zero during and after sweeping operations, water will freeze on the surface creating unsafe conditions. Sweeping without water application creates extreme dust problems, and we try to avoid this practice.

The City receives numerous requests from residents to remove the dust from City streets as soon as possible, but it does require a considerable amount of time to cover the 62 kilometres of paved streets. We try to schedule street cleaning strategically, both at night and during the day when conditions allow, to collect street sand and dust as quickly as possible. Residents can assist in the delivery speed of this operation by not sweeping their driveway debris into the street after the cleaning operation has passed.

The City recognizes the periodic inconvenience of street cleaning operations, but asks residents to please be patient, as the results will provide for cleaner and safer surface conditions and better air quality. To further reduce spring airborne dust quantities, the City is considering use of a cleaner type of street sand next winter, so long as abrasiveness and effectiveness is maintained.

SPRING RUN OFF

Water Pooling on Private Property

At the end of February, Yellowknife had 133% of normal snow accumulation, but because there was little snow in March, the year ended with 'normal' snow accumulation. Nevertheless, snow melt and spring runoff are here. As such, drainage water can accumulate in basements, under trailers, pond in backyards or flow onto adjacent properties (if proper drainage is not in place). These situations need to be dealt with to minimize property damage or inconvenience.

The City is often asked to pump puddles or remedy situations that it does not have the resources to address. You are therefore asked to try to work out drainage issues before contacting the City. This may mean working with neighbours, setting up a pump, or digging a channel for a short term solution; then later, during the drier season, you can work out a long-term, permanent solution.

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Philosopher's Café

The Yellowknife Public Library continues its program for adults called the Philosopher's Café, a forum for Yellowknifers to gather to contemplate, discuss and learn about a great number of topics. The program is meant to be thought-provoking, fun and inspirational.

The next session is entitled "Down the Drain," moderated by Ben McDonald, held Thursday, April 29, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. Should water be a basic human right or a commodity to be owned and sold? All are welcome to participate in this free discussion. Phone 920-5642 with any questions.

RECREATION

Ladies Belly Dancing

Mini Session (Level 1A)

Wednesdays, April 28 to May 5, 9:00-10:00pm, Fee: \$15

Mini Session (Level 1B)

Mondays, May 3 to 10, 9:00-10:00pm, Fee: \$15

To register, please call the City at 920-5634.

Final Public Skate

The public is advised that the Public Skate on Saturday, April 24 has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 25 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at Yellowknife Community Arena, and will be the final Public Skate of the season.

NOTICE

Development Approval

The following development permit applications have been approved by the Development Officer. Any persons claiming to be affected by the development may appeal to the Development Appeal Board, c/o City Clerk's Office, Tel 920-5602, City of Yellowknife, Box 580, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N4.

Please provide the grounds for appeal as well as contact information.

Date of Decision: April 14, 2004

- #04-102 Lot 71, Block 566 (184 DeMelt Crescent)
Proposed Use: Single Wide Manufactured Home & Wood Deck
- #04-103 Lot 11, Block 567 (191 DeMelt Crescent)
Proposed Use: Single Wide Manufactured Home & Wood Deck

Last Date of Appeal: April 28, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

Date of Decision: April 15, 2004

- #04-104 Lot 59, Block 566 (160 DeMelt Crescent)
Proposed Use: Single Wide Manufactured Home
- #04-105 Lot 60, Block 566 (162 DeMelt Crescent)
Proposed Use: Single Wide Manufactured Home & Wood Deck
- #04-106 Lot 53, Block 566 (150 DeMelt Crescent)
Proposed Use: Single Wide Manufactured Home
- #04-107 Lot 28/29, Block 149 (5464 - 52 Street)
Proposed Use: Home Based Business (Office Use)
- #04-108 Lot 2, Block 153 (50 Otto Drive)
Proposed Use: Home Based Business (Mail Order)
- #04-109 Lot 32, Block 516 (865 Bigelow Crescent)
Proposed Use: Home Based Business (Mail Order)
- #04-110 Lot 28, Block 549 (106 Gwilliam Crescent)
Proposed Use: Home Based Business (Consulting Services)
- #04-111 Lot 6-255, Block 163 (137 Stinson Road)
Proposed Use: Home Based Business (Driver Training)

Last Date of Appeal: April 29, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

NOTICE (CONTINUED)

Date of Decision: April 15, 2004

- #04-112 Lot 39, Block 548 (5 Denison Court)
Proposed Use: Home Based Business (Mail Order)
- #04-113 Lot 16, Block 508 (31 Bromley Drive)
Proposed Use: Home Based Business (Arts & Crafts)

Last Date of Appeal: April 29, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

Date of Decision: April 16, 2004

- #04-114 Lot 22, Block 549 (111 Gwilliam Crescent)
Proposed Use: Detached Garage
- #04-115 Lot 19, Block 544 (21 Lamoureux Drive)
Proposed Use: Home Based Business (Maintenance Service)
- #04-116 Lot 30, Block 304 (219 Niven Drive)
Proposed Use: Detached Dwelling

Last Date of Appeal: April 30, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Planning and Lands Division at 920-5614.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2004
Planning & Lands Division

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Priorities, Policies and Budget Committee Meeting

Monday, April 26, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lower Boardroom. Items for discussion include:

- A memorandum regarding whether to amend Highway Traffic By-law No. 4063 so as to allow for the issuance of a pre-paid parking certificate to food vendors that have been granted permission to operate on public property in the downtown core; to lower the age stipulation in the definition of Senior Citizen from sixty-five to sixty years of age; and to add a severance clause.
- A discussion regarding how to proceed with the Gerry Murphy site.
- A discussion regarding attendance at the NWTAC Annual General Meeting on April 26, 2004.

In Camera

- A land matter.

Council Meeting

Monday, April 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Items for discussion include:

- Whether to award Spring Clean up Grant funding.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS (CONTINUED)

Council Meeting (continued)

- A memorandum regarding a policy to establish the circumstances under which permission will be granted for a food vendor to operate on public property.
- Whether to award the 2004 Water and Sewer Upgrading Project, Contract "A" Project No. 04-003.
- Whether to award the 2004 Water and Sewer Upgrading Project, Contract "B" Project No. 04-004.
- Whether to present three (3) resolutions to the Northwest Territories Association of Communities for adoption at its annual general meeting.
- Whether to adopt Council's Goals and Objectives for the 2004 - 2006 term.
- Whether to adopt a Corporate Planning & Budget Review Calendar.
- By-law No. 4308, a by-law to dispose of a leasehold interest in land described as Lease No. 1451 (Back Bay).
- By-law No. 4309, a by-law to authorize the City to acquire a portion of Lot 25, Block 512, Plan 2249 (adjacent to Yellowknife Direct Charge Co-op) from the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories for the purposes of consolidating the City's land and infrastructure interests under a single title.
- By-law No. 4310, a by-law to authorize the City to enter into an easement agreement with Northland Utilities Ltd. for Lot 5, Block 535, Plan 2094 (156 Enterprise Drive) for the purposes of facilitating electrical services to Lot 6, Block 535, Plan 2094 (160 Enterprise Drive).
- Whether to amend Highway Traffic By-law No. 4063 so as to allow for the issuance of a pre-paid parking certificate to food vendors that have been granted permission to operate on public property in the downtown core; to lower the age stipulation in the definition of Senior Citizen from sixty-five to sixty years of age; and to add a severance clause.
- A motion regarding creation of a multi-jurisdictional agreement for the City of Yellowknife to regulate houseboat development within municipal limits.
- A motion directing Administration to revamp the City's purchasing policy to promote and procure greater local purchases and contracts by the City of Yellowknife.
- A motion directing Administration to draft a policy with regard to City Rights-of-Way.

Please note that agendas are subject to change. Please refer to the City's website at city.yellowknife.nt.ca for finalized agendas.