



# CAPITAL UPDATE

## YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

### ENUMERATION UNDERWAY FOR 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The City of Yellowknife has begun preparations for the 2022 Municipal General Election which will take place on **October 17, 2022**. Enumeration cards have now been mailed to all Yellowknife households. Enumeration is the process of collecting names of eligible voters for the Voters List. The City of Yellowknife is also enumerating voters on behalf of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (Public) and Yellowknife Catholic Schools (Separate).

The election is being conducted via Vote by Mail. Residents must complete their enumeration by **September 22, 2022** to ensure that a Vote by Mail ballot kit is automatically mailed to their residence. If that information is not accurate, or residents are not on the Voters List, they will not get a ballot kit but may vote in person at a Voter Assistance Location on **October 17, 2022**.

#### Why is the City going to a mail-in ballot election for this election?

The City successfully used mail-in ballots for the 2021 referendum on borrowing for the Aquatic Centre. After considering all options, City Administration made the decision to proceed with Mail-in ballots for the 2022 Municipal Election because it is:

- Safe – the risk of community spread if there is a COVID outbreak this Fall is greatly reduced by giving voters the option of mailing their ballots in.
- Accessible – ballots come to voters' mailboxes and can be dropped off in the mail or at City Hall making it easy for voters with mobility issues.
- Cost effective – the cost of mail-out ballots comes in slightly less than costs for a 'regular' election given the City is not hiring 75 election staff or operating 7 voting stations.
- Convenient – voters have options on where and when they vote.
- Flexible – voters can vote by mail in advance OR choose to go to one of the Voter Assistance Centres on Election Day to cast their vote.
- Administratively effective - fewer staff are needed; hiring election staff has been a challenge over the past 2 elections (not including the referendum).

#### Residents are eligible to vote if they:

- Are a Canadian citizen;
- Have attained 18 years of age; and
- Have resided in Yellowknife for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the day on which they vote (**October 17, 2021**).

### ENUMERATION UNDERWAY FOR 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION (CONTINUED)

#### Residents who are eligible to vote and:

- Have moved to Yellowknife since the last municipal election in 2018;
- Have moved homes within Yellowknife since the last municipal election in 2018;
- Are unsure of their school board declaration; or
- Who want to register to vote;

#### Are being asked to enumerate their household by one of the following methods:

- Online at [www.yellowknife.ca/elections](http://www.yellowknife.ca/elections);
- Completing and returning the enumeration card to the City of Yellowknife;
- Calling 920-5602.

Voters must clearly identify their School Board preference at the time of enumeration to be eligible to vote for the board of their choice on Election Day. Where a resident supports both school boards, the *Education Act* states the resident may vote for either school board, but may not vote for both.

Students returning to school outside of Yellowknife in the fall should put their place of residence as of October 2022 when enumerating, or appoint a proxy to cast their vote.

For more information on the 2022 Municipal Election please visit [www.yellowknife.ca/elections](http://www.yellowknife.ca/elections).

### CITY WIDE FIRE BAN LIFTED

Effective immediately, the mandatory ban on open-air fires that has been in place since Monday, July 4, 2022, has been lifted for the City of Yellowknife. Burning is permitted in approved fire pits only. Burning in an unapproved pit will result in a fine. The City of Yellowknife Fire Division may issue a Fire Ban, due to changes and increased risk due to weather and environmental conditions. The City of Yellowknife Fire Division will continue to monitor conditions and notify the public of any status changes as they occur.

We strongly urge residents to be fire safe and practice fire safety at all times, burn responsibly, and ensure your fire is cold before leaving. To learn more about fire prevention, visit our [Fire Prevention page](#).

### LIFESAVING SOCIETY'S DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK 2022

Lifesaving Society's National Drowning Prevention Week 2022 is from **July 17 to 23, 2022**, and the City of Yellowknife is pleased to offer free admission for evening Public Swims to residents at the Ruth Inch Memorial Pool. Each day will have a different water safety theme and the chance to win prizes! Drowning Prevention Week is being sponsored by local businesses. For more information, visit [www.yellowknife.ca/poolschedule](http://www.yellowknife.ca/poolschedule).

## DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS NOTICE

The following development permit applications have been approved by the Development Officer. Any persons claiming to be adversely affected by the development may, in accordance with the [Community Planning and Development Act](#), appeal to the Development Appeal Board, c/o City Clerk's Office, tel. 920-5646, City of Yellowknife, P.O. Box 580, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N4. Please note that your notice of appeal must be in writing, comply with the [Community Planning and Development Act](#), include your contact information and include the payment of the \$25 appeal fee. (The appeal fee will be reimbursed if the decision of the Development Officer is reversed).

**There are no Development Approvals for July 15, 2022.**

**Dated the 15th day of July, 2022.**

**For more information please contact the City at (867) 920-5600.**

## DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

### Notice of Hearing

The public is hereby advised that a hearing of the Development Appeal Board of the City of Yellowknife has been scheduled on **Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chamber.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider an Appeal of the decision of the City Development Officer to issue a Development Permit #PL-2022-0075 for a Multi-Unit Dwelling on Lots 11-12, Block 307, Plan 4441 (Hagel Drive Niven Lake Phase 5).

The Development Appeal Board will hear from those persons identified in accordance with s.66(2) and 68(1) of the [Community Planning and Development Act](#) and may hear from any other persons that it considers necessary. To request to speak please contact the Secretary to the Board at 920-5602.

## COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The City of Yellowknife is currently seeking volunteers to fill vacancies on the following committees:

- [Accessibility Advisory Committee](#);
- [Audit Committee](#);
- [Community Advisory Board on Homelessness](#); and
- [Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development](#).

For more information, and to apply, visit our [Committees of Council](#) page, contact the City Clerk at 920-5646 or email [cityclerk@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cityclerk@yellowknife.ca).

## JESKE PARK CLOSURE

The City of Yellowknife would like to advise residents that Jeske Park will be closed from **July 18 to July 25, 2022** so new upgrades may be made.

Crews will be resurfacing the multipurpose court, adding benches and a picnic table, installing an accessible basketball net, and working on accessible access trails. The City thanks residents for their cooperation.

## PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS

The City of Yellowknife is looking for new recreational program instructors for our fall 2022 session. If you have teaching experience and would like to share your knowledge and interests by becoming a recreational program instructor, we want to hear from you!

To submit your proposal and start a new recreational program, email [cs@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cs@yellowknife.ca), or call 920-5606.

## TENTATIVE AGENDAS

### Special Council Meeting

**Monday, July 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall**

- Whether to approve a proposed "Natural Resource Extraction" use on a portion of Lot 4, Block 316, (located south of Giant Mine on the west bank of Yellowknife Bay) as a conditionally permitted use in the GM - Growth Management Zone, under Zoning By-law No. 4404, as amended.
- Whether to appoint members to serve on the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development.

## FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

### Disposal of Smoking Material

Two of the three structure fires in 2021 were due to planters used as ashtrays. Heads up to all smokers! Peat fires can destroy homes, parks, and wildland. Please dispose of your butts appropriately. (ashtray, pop can, etc.)

PREVENT PEAT MOSS FIRES. DO NOT dispose your butts:

- In planter boxes or flower pots;
- Along road sides (including medians); and
- Along the trails.

Do your part to prevent destruction caused by fire.

Learn more at [www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention](http://www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention).

## BUSINESS LICENCE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

The City of Yellowknife is taking action to help local businesses and our economy recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. For 12 months, beginning September 1, 2021, the City will waive business licence fees for eligible small and medium-sized businesses when renewing their licence. Any business applying to the program must meet all eligibility criteria.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Business must have twenty (20) employees or less.
2. Business must be located within the City of Yellowknife, have a valid business licence, and operate in accordance with applicable By-laws and permits.
3. Eligible businesses must operate in one of the following qualifying industries:
  - Food and Retail services;
  - Hospitality and Tourism;
  - Arts, Culture and Entertainment;
  - Home-based businesses;
  - Personal care services (including registered medical practitioners); and,
  - Recreation.
4. Franchises must be independently owned and operated.
5. Business must have been open/operating between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.
6. Businesses must be open/operating as of the date of the application for the waiver of business licence fees.
7. Businesses must be in good financial standing with the City (municipal taxes, fees and charges, etc.)

If requested, eligible businesses must be able to demonstrate a revenue loss of at least 20% between **March 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021.**

For more information and to apply, visit [www.yellowknife.ca/apply](http://www.yellowknife.ca/apply), email [ecd@yellowknife.ca](mailto:ecd@yellowknife.ca) or call 867-669-3424. Applications are also available in person at City Hall's customer service.



[www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)

Switchboard 920-5600  
Mayor/City Administrator 920-5693  
Booking Clerk 669-3457

Municipal Enforcement (MED) 920-5630  
After Hours (MED) 920-2737  
After Hours (Public Works) 920-5699

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