



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

FIRE BAN

A City of Yellowknife fire ban is in effect until further notice on open air burning fire pits.

Due to current conditions the area is experiencing, the Yellowknife Fire Division implemented a fire ban to reduce the risk of wildland fires within city limits. The fire ban does not affect Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved propane fueled pits and barbecues.

CITY RELEASES OVERVIEW OF EVACUATION FRAMEWORK

The City of Yellowknife has released an overview of its [Evacuation Framework](#) to the public, until such time as the plan is in its final format. The City would like to stress that the release of this document is not an indication of a worsening situation in Yellowknife, rather it is to provide information to residents. Yellowknife is not under threat at this time.

This summary, which outlines the two different kinds of evacuations that could happen in Yellowknife, includes sample evacuation instructions and information on what a wildfire evacuation would look like for the community. Please note every emergency is different and the response depends on a number of factors. This framework highlights these factors, but it cannot be stressed enough that these situations are dynamic, so a step-by-step plan cannot be reasonably made and it would be irresponsible to publish an inaccurate plan, as it will cause confusion for residents when real-time changes occur.

CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE WELCOMES BEHCHOKQ EVACUEES

The City of Yellowknife has welcomed residents of Behchokq who were ordered to evacuate their communities as a result of the wildfires nearing their community and adjacent highway.

The City is working with several Government of the Northwest Territories departments through the North Slave Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) in responding to the need to provide immediate shelter for evacuees arriving in our community. The Multiplex will be closed to the public until further notice and has been converted to provide immediate shelter for evacuees arriving to Yellowknife. Evacuees are being asked to register with Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority (YHSSA) at the Multiplex.

If you need additional water delivery or sewage pumpout at your home, please contact the service provider (WB Services or Kavanaugh) and the City will manage the costs of the additional callout. If you have more household garbage than your bin can accommodate, the City will waive the residential tipping fee at the Solid Waste Facility if you are accompanied by an evacuee (wearing a wristband). Please note that other tipping fees and surcharges still apply (for large items, appliances, etc.). These are ONLY for those assisting evacuees, and the City will not tolerate those attempting to use these services unduly.

CONVENIENT WAYS TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES

The City of Yellowknife would like to advise residents that there are many ways to make your tax payments, including:

- Pre-authorized payment, by signing up for the interest-free tax payment plan;
- Through your bank's telephone and online banking systems;
- In-person at City Hall by cash, cheque, or debit card;
- By mail with a cheque; and
- After hours at the convenient drop box located at City Hall.

For More information visit the City's website at www.yellowknife.ca.

CALL FOR ARTISTS TO DESIGN STREET POLE BANNERS

The City of Yellowknife is seeking artists who currently reside in Yellowknife to submit design concepts to be included on street pole banners hanging from poles located along Old Airport Road. All forms of artwork are being accepted, however the final version of the artwork must be converted to a digital format. The deadline to submit a draft concept is **August 4, 2023**.

The goal is to accommodate up to 10 unique designs. Successful applicants will receive \$750 for use of their designs and are expected to complete their individual projects by **August 31, 2023**.

Artists may submit more than one design, but that doesn't guarantee all designs submitted will be selected. In 2016 and 2017, the City commissioned artists to paint transformer boxes located throughout the city. The project was well received by both artists and residents.

For more information on the street pole banner art program and to submit project proposals visit www.yellowknife.ca/ecdevprojects.

FROM THE LIBRARY...

2023 Summer Reading Club

The City of Yellowknife invites children ages 3 to 12 years old to join the 2023 Summer Reading Club at the Yellowknife Public Library. This year's theme is "A Journey Through Time!" Participants will enjoy weekly time travel-themed stories, crafts, and activities and receive a reading log, stickers and prizes! Registration is required, and spaces are limited, so register today!

Colour Me Happy

Colouring is a great way to de-stress and have fun! Check out our selection of colouring sheets and supplies for adults & teens in the magazine area. Plus, you can submit your masterpiece for a chance to win a great prize!

Book a Librarian

We invite you to meet one-on-one with a librarian to learn how to download e-books, and Audiobooks from the library's collection onto your e-reader, mobile device, or laptop. You can also learn how to use the library's other great digital resources including Rocket Languages and Freegal Music.

To register for a Library Program or for more information, email library@yellowknife.ca, call (867) 920-5642 or visit www.yellowknife.ca/library.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

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

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

Applicants should apply online at www.yellowknife.ca or submit a Letter of Interest to the City Clerk, Yellowknife City Hall, P.O. Box 580, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N4; fax (867) 920-5649; or email cityclerk@yellowknife.ca.

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. (867) 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 28, 2023.

Dated the 28th day of July, 2023.

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Yellowknife is currently offering exciting opportunities for the right people to work alongside our dedicated and community-focused team of City employees in the following positions:

Equipment Operator II

August 11, 2023

Financial Analyst - Term (18 Months)

August 18, 2023

Solid Waste Facility Attendant

Until Filled

Lifeguard/Instructor

Until Filled

Asset Management Coordinator

Until Filled

Public Works Administrative Assistant

August 11, 2023

Heavy Duty Mechanic

Until Filled

Fire Fighter/PCP

Until Filled

Municipal Engineer

Until Filled

Geomatics Officer

Until Filled

Visit the City of Yellowknife website at www.yellowknife.ca for more information and to submit your application.

SLOW DOWN

There are multiple construction projects taking place within the City of Yellowknife this summer. Please obey posted signs, respect speed zones and drive attentively. When driving through a construction zone, speeding fines are doubled. Plan ahead when commuting as traffic delays can be expected.

To receive current information on road closures and transit routes and delays, follow Our Yellowknife on Facebook or Twitter or visit www.yellowknife.ca/construction.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

There are no regular meetings of Council or its Standing Committees scheduled for the week of **July 31, 2023**. Regular meetings will resume **August 14, 2023**.

FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

Kitchen Fire Procedures

Fire in your Microwave:

- Unplug or turn off power; keep door closed to smother the fire.

Fire in your Oven:

- Turn off the power; keep door closed to smother the fire.

Pot Fire on your Stovetop:

- Turn off the power; and
- Slide a tight-fitting lid on the pot, OR extinguish with baking soda.

If the fire is too big, exit the building. In all cases, call the emergency # at 9-1-1 or (867) 873-2222. Learn more at www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention.

BICYCLE SAFETY REMINDERS

Cycling Etiquette

- Be courteous - signal to pedestrians and other cyclists by voice, bell or hand signals.
- Obey all signs and rules of the road.
- Be visible - wear bright clothing and reflective gear to help vehicles see you.
- Stay on the right-hand side of the road and ride in the same direction as traffic.

For more information on cycling routes, safety and rules visit www.yellowknife.ca/cycling.

PROGRAMS

Multisport Summer Camp (7 - 12 years)

The City of Yellowknife, in partnership with the NWT Tennis Association, is offering a multisport camp for youth aged 7-12 years old. Throughout the month of July, as well as from **August 14 - 25, 2023**, this program will run weekly, **Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Cricket

Interested in playing cricket this summer? The City of Yellowknife is offering drop in Cricket for teens and adults, aged 15 years and older. Drop in games will take place on Friday evenings from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the Yellowknife Fieldhouse beginning **July 14 through to September 8, 2023**. Regular admission applies.

For more information please contact (867) 669-3457 or visit www.yellowknife.ca/programs.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE WATER FILL AND SEWER DUMP

Please be advised that the Recreational Vehicle Water Fill and Sewer Dump Station on Kam Lake Road near the Coronation Drive intersection will be closed due to construction activities, effective **Friday July 28, 2023**. The City is pleased to provide continuity of these services at Pumphouse #4, on the Corner of Kam Lake Road and Old Airport Road, where the Tennis Courts are located.

Signage at both locations will be in place to advise residents of this temporary arrangement. The City wants to thank residents for their patience while construction work around town progresses.



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Booking Clerk (867) 669-3457

Municipal Enforcement (MED) (867) 920-5630
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After Hours (Public Works) (867) 920-5699

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