



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

2024 GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Community Grant Funding Program as well as the Heritage Committee Grant Funding Program. The application deadline for both programs is **Monday, January 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

Through the Community Grants, the City provides funding to non-profit, community organizations that assist in the organization of events, projects or programs that align with Council's Strategic Directions. The projects undertaken by the recipients of this grant should have a clear community impact and respond to community needs. Applications are reviewed annually by the [Grant Review Committee](#).

Through the Heritage Committee Grant, the City provides funding for groups with projects that celebrate Yellowknife's history and culture. This funding has been used in the past to create heritage photo displays and heritage-related public art displays. New ideas are always welcome. Applications are reviewed annually by the Heritage Committee.

Full program details, including the types of grants available and the application form, can be found at www.yellowknife.ca/communitygrants.

If you do not have access to a computer, the Yellowknife Public Library has computers available with internet access and can be used to submit the online grant application.

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 and the 2023 Wildfire Evacuation. The business licence fee waiver will continue to run **until October 31, 2024**, allowing each eligible business to waive their applicable yearly fee.

For more information and to apply, visit www.yellowknife.ca/apply, email ecd@yellowknife.ca, or call (867) 669-3424.

WINTER CONDITIONS HAVE ARRIVED

Sidewalks

The City would like to remind businesses and residences in the Central Business District, Franklin Avenue from Matonabee Street to Old Airport Road, and Franklin Avenue from 44th Street to School Draw Avenue to keep the sidewalk(s) around their properties clear of ice and snow, and otherwise safe for pedestrian traffic. Failure to do so may result in a fine or other enforcement action pursuant to Highway Traffic By-law No. 5055. Let's work together to keep our sidewalks safe!

Snow Shoveling

Snow from public sidewalks abutting your property may be placed on the road, however, snow from your driveway or any other portion of your property cannot. Placing unauthorized snow on the road greatly increases snow volumes, and therefore creates unsafe driving conditions. This snow must be placed on your own property.

Trucked Service Access

The City would like to remind properties on trucked water and sewer to keep access to their service connection points clear of snow and ice. If the connection points are not accessible water delivery and/or sewage pumpout may not occur until access problems have been fixed.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The City of Yellowknife invites residents to take part in the 2023 Santa Claus Parade on **Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Watch the downtown core come alive as community groups and festive floats take to the streets to spread holiday cheer! Community organizations, businesses and schools are invited to enter a float, vehicle(s), or a walking group in the parade. Registration is open at www.yellowknife.ca/santaclaus. For more information, please email events@yellowknife.ca.

LIGHTS ACROSS CANADA

Each year, Canadian Heritage invites capital cities to celebrate Christmas Lights Across Canada by welcoming the festive season together with bright lights.

Residents are invited to gather at the Somba K'e amphitheater at **4:45 on Thursday, December 7, 2023**, and watch as the dazzling display of lights illuminate the park for the first time this season. Festivities continue at the Legislative Assembly for light refreshments and entertainment.

SHOP LOCAL

The City of Yellowknife and the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce have partnered up to encourage residents to shop local this holiday season. Until **November 26, 2023**, spend \$50 or more at your favorite local business, and enter to win a gift card to the store of your choice. To enter, scan the QR code located in each store or visit www.shopyk.ca.

For more information, please call the City at (867) 669-3424 or visit www.shopyk.ca.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

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

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Accessibility Advisory Committee provides advice to the municipal council on identifying, preventing and eliminating barriers to people with disabilities in municipal programs, services, initiatives and facilities. The committee plays a pivotal role in helping the City of Yellowknife to become an accessible community.

Heritage Committee

A body created to help conserve, protect and celebrate the heritage of Yellowknife for the benefit of present and future residents. The City welcomes applications from all interested persons, however, those with a strong knowledge of Yellowknife history are particularly encouraged to apply.

Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development

The purpose of the Task Force is to provide input and advice with regards to the implementation of the City of Yellowknife's 2019-2024 Economic Development Strategy.

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 November 17, 2023.

Dated the 17th day of November, 2023.

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

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Tlicho Language Games Night

The Yellowknife Public Library invites you to come practice speaking Tłıchǫ Yatı̨́ during our weekly games night! Language instructors Georgina Franki and Rosie Benning will host this event on **Friday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the library. Language learners of all ages and speaking levels are welcome to join. The program runs until **December 1, 2023.**

Weekly Wednesday Meditation

Looking for a relaxing way to break up your work day? Come to the Yellowknife Public Library on **Wednesdays** over lunch hour for a free meditation and discussion. During this session, we invite you to connect with yourself, share insight with others and enjoy doing absolutely nothing as you journey in silent meditation. **Every Wednesday** we will gather in the meeting room at the library at **12:10 p.m.** and wrap up before the hour. No experience necessary. Looking forward to sitting with you!

Monthly Book Club

Join us at the Yellowknife Public Library for our monthly book club! This November, the double feature up for discussion is: "Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands" by Kate Beaton and "I Hope this Finds You Well" by Kate Baer. The Book Club will meet at the library on **Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m.**

Knitting Club

During our meetups, participants can learn to spin a good yarn, and turn out some wonderful woolly creations with fellow knitting enthusiasts. Meetings take place on **Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Yellowknife Public Library. Basic supplies will be provided for beginners, and experienced volunteers are regularly available to help get new knitters started. Patrons of all ages, and all experience levels are encouraged to join in.

TAILS Continues!

Do you have a child who loves dogs and is looking for a little extra practice reading? TAILS, a joint program with St. John Ambulance, is back starting **December 2, 2023!** This program allows kids to further develop their skills while reading to a non-judgemental animal friend. Sessions are 25 minutes long and take place at the Library every **Saturday** (permitting volunteers are available) between **10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** Registration for TAILS is open now and can be done at the Library. Note that kids can sign up to a limit of two sessions per month.

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

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A presentation regarding a high level overview of Budget 2024.
- A memorandum regarding whether to include and prioritize proposed initiatives submitted by members of the public in the 2024 Budget.

To view Council and Committee Agendas visit [Council Calendar](#).

FIRE SAFETY AND EDUCATION

Vehicle Fire Safety Tips

We are halfway through the winter season. Now is a great time to review vehicle fire safety practices:

Block Heaters:

- Pull on the plug, not the wire, to unplug; and
- Replace worn or damaged wires on vehicles and extension cords.

In-cab Heaters:

- Install as per manufacturer's recommendations – they need space!

Take a few minutes to ensure your bases are covered. Learn more at www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention.

UPCOMING RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Youth

November 24 PD Judo Multisport Day Camp

December 1 PD Judo Multisport Day Camp

December 2 Dog Sledding

Teen & Adult

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For information on City programs and to register visit www.yellowknife.ca/Programs or call (867) 920-5683 or (867) 669-3457.

UTILITY BILL AND TAX PAYMENTS

The City of Yellowknife will be waiving late fees and penalties for utility bill payments until further notice. For more information on the City's online access and services, please check out the [Virtual City Hall](#). In addition to waiving late penalties for residents' utility bills, the City of Yellowknife will also be waiving late penalties for the last property tax installment and final tax levy (for those who did not sign up for a pre-authorized payment plan), due on August 31, 2023. Pre-authorized monthly payments for property taxes will continue.

ICE THICKNESS TESTING

The Great Slave Snowmobile Association has started ice testing on lakes in Yellowknife.

Ice measurements are posted on the City website www.yellowknife.ca and are updated every Monday until all areas tested have reached 6" (15 cm). For your safety, please stay off the ice until the areas tested have reached 6" (15 cm). If someone falls through, please phone 9-1-1 or (867) 873-2222 for emergency assistance.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Yellowknife is currently offering exciting opportunities. Visit www.yellowknife.ca for more information and to submit your application.



www.yellowknife.ca

Switchboard (867) 920-5600
Mayor/City Manager (867) 920-5693
Booking Clerk (867) 669-3457

Municipal Enforcement (MED) (867) 920-5630
After Hours (MED) (867) 920-2737
After Hours (Public Works) (867) 920-5699

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