



# CAPITAL UPDATE

## YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

### 2024 BUDGET INPUT

The City of Yellowknife is seeking public input for the development of the 2024 Draft Budget. If there are considerations you would like to see included in this important financial plan, you are invited to make a presentation to Council at its meeting on **October 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** Residents can also email their input to [budget@yellowknife.ca](mailto:budget@yellowknife.ca) before October 20, 2023.

To make a presentation, please email [cityclerk@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cityclerk@yellowknife.ca) or call (867) 920-5646 before noon on October 23, 2023 to be included on the list of speakers.

For any inquiries please contact the City at (867) 920-5600.

**Engage. Understand. Discuss.**

### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

From **October 8 to 14, 2023**, the Yellowknife Fire Division is promoting cooking safety as part of this year's edition of Fire Prevention Week. Here are a few useful tips:

- Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking;
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove and always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner; and
- Have a "kid- and pet-free zone" of at least 1 meter around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

For more information on how to stay safe in the kitchen, please go to [www.yellowknife.ca/firepreventionweek](http://www.yellowknife.ca/firepreventionweek). Remember, cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention.

### FIRE SAFETY AND EDUCATION

#### Fire Safety Awareness

By following these fire safety tips, you will minimize the risk of fire in your home:

- Use a GFI outlet in the bathrooms;
- Service your furnace or boiler annually;
- Use power bars, not extension cords;
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking;
- Do not allow candles in bedrooms; and
- Lock lighters/matches away from little hands.

Fire is preventable – be fire-smart.

### 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 [City's Virtual Town Hall](http://www.cityofyellowknife.ca/virtual-town-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.

### FROM THE POOL...

#### More Swimming Lessons Available

The City has added two more swimming lessons to the fall schedule.

**Rookie Patrol** is a three-level pre-Bronze program for 8-12 year olds who are ready to move beyond the learn-to-swim program.

**The Bronze Star** swimming class is designed for kids 11 years old and up, and helps to develop swimming proficiency, lifesaving skill and personal fitness.

Both of these classes run from **October 31 to November 23, 2023**.

Registration opens on **Monday, October 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** and can be done online on our website [www.yellowknife.ca/programs](http://www.yellowknife.ca/programs).

### ATV SAFETY REMINDERS

Here are a few useful tips to help residents stay safe and have fun while ATVing this fall:

- While cruising around on your ATV, don't forget to wear a helmet. All riders must wear an approved helmet at all times, including when on side-by-sides.
- When you head out on your ATV, don't forget to bring your valid driver's license. Don't have your license yet? Be sure to bring along someone who does.
- ATVs are required to have insurance, registration and a license plate attached when operating or parking on the road. Be prepared before you hit the trails!
- Observe traffic laws when on the road to keep yourself and others around you safe.

### COMMITTEE VACANCIES

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

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development

The purpose of the Task Force is to provide input into the implementation of the City of Yellowknife's 2019-2024 Economic Development Strategy and provide advice regarding any economic development matters that City administration may seek input from the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development.

Applicants should apply online at [www.yellowknife.ca](http://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](mailto: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 October 13, 2023.**

**Dated the 13th day of October, 2023.**

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

## FROM THE LIBRARY...

### Chess Club

The City of Yellowknife invites you to join the chess club! This club will be hosted on **Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the Yellowknife Public Library, beginning **October 16, 2023**. Not sure how to play? No problem! All skill levels and ages are welcome!

### Tlicho Language Games Night

The Yellowknife Public Library invites you to come practice speaking Tłıchǫ Yatı̨ 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 from **September 29 to December 1, 2023**.

### Monthly Book Club

Join us at the Yellowknife Public Library for our monthly book club. Our October discussion features "Buried in the Sky" by Peter Zuckerman and Amanda Padoan. This month, book club will meet at the library on **Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** Come by and share your thoughts, questions, and opinions!

### 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!

### 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](mailto:library@yellowknife.ca), call (867) 920-5642 or visit [www.yellowknife.ca/library](http://www.yellowknife.ca/library).

## TENTATIVE AGENDAS

### Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

**Monday, October 16, 2023 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall**

As there were no items for the agenda, the meeting has been cancelled. To view Council and Committee Agendas visit [Council Calendar](#).

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Residents can register for programs online or by calling (867) 920-5683 or (867) 669-3457. To explore the recreational programming available and to register, visit [www.yellowknife.ca/Programs](http://www.yellowknife.ca/Programs).

### Badminton

The City of Yellowknife is offering two Badminton Programs for participants 15 years of age to adult. Our beginner/intermediate level program teaches basic skills, as well as introduces players to more advanced shots, footwork and court positioning. The second program is designed for advanced players and focuses on various techniques, tactical gameplay, mental preparation, and fitness for badminton. Both programs will run on Saturday afternoons from **October 21 to December 9, 2023**.

## 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  
**Until Filled**

Fire Fighter/PCP  
**Until Filled**

Lifeguard/Instructor  
**Until Filled**

Systems Analyst - Web/Application/Database  
**Until Filled**

Network Administrator  
**Until Filled**

Solid Waste Facility Attendant I  
**Until Filled**

Visit the City of Yellowknife website at [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca) for more information and to submit your application.

## PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH REMOVAL

The City of Yellowknife wishes to advise residents that on **Monday, October 16, 2023**, the City will be removing the public boat launch in Old Town and the floating curtain under the McMeekan Causeway Bridge to Latham Island will be installed to promote ice formation and thereby provide safe passage for both pedestrians and snow machines.

## SCOOP THE POOP

Did you know there are 23 million coliform bacteria per gram of dog poop?

Pet poop that is left in yards, fields, parks and on sidewalks eventually ends up in Yellowknife rivers and lakes. Dog waste is high in nitrogen and phosphorus which promotes algae growth in ponds and streams. It also can contain Giardia, Parvo, Tapeworms, Roundworms, Salmonella and Coccidia which can linger in soil for years. Be a responsible dog owner. Scoop the Poop! Keep our community healthy and clean.



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