



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

SPRING REMINDERS

As we welcome spring and the warmer temperatures it brings, the City of Yellowknife reminds residents of important changes happening around the city and precautions that should be taken during the spring melt season.

Roads and Sidewalks

- Exercise extreme caution, particularly in mornings and evenings, as daily temperature changes cause slippery road and sidewalk conditions;
- Before May 15, as per By-law No. 5055, property owners or occupants with a public sidewalk are asked to sweep their sidewalk to clear dirt, sand, and gravel and pick up garbage from the curb to help keep Yellowknife clean;
- The City thanks residents for their patience as crews begin work to repair leaks, perform road maintenance, and complete general spring repairs and street cleaning as quickly as possible; and,
- To report hazards around town, use the City's Click & Fix Application or call (867) 920-5600.

Driving with Caution

- Drivers are asked to slow down, drive with caution, and avoid driving through accumulated water while spring road maintenance is underway.
- Take care not to splash pedestrians when driving by during the spring melt season.

Property Maintenance

- Clear snow from roofs and awnings to avoid injury to pedestrians walking by or into your house or business.
- If proper drainage is not in place during the spring melt, water can accumulate in basements, under trailers, as backyard ponds, or flow onto adjacent properties. To minimize property damage and inconvenience, residents should explore drainage solutions such as pumps and drainage channels to avoid water pooling.

Outdoor Rinks and Thinning Ice

- Outdoor rinks are closed.
- Remember, as temperatures increase, ice will begin to weaken. Signs of weak ice include water covering the ice and a change in ice color from clear to milky. Avoid weak ice and areas around protruding rocks or objects.

Scoop the Poop!

- Particularly as snow begins to melt, remember to Scoop the Poop and help keep our community healthy and clean.

FOOD TRUCK LOTTERY

This year's food truck lottery draw takes place on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**. Food truck operators wishing to participate in the lottery for a designated parking spot in Yellowknife's downtown must have their business license and all related paperwork completed and submitted to the City no later than **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**.

For more information, including available spots, vendor restrictions, and permit details, visit www.yellowknife.ca/Apply, email CustomerService@yellowknife.ca or call (867) 920-5600.

ROAD DUST AND STREET CLEANING

The City places street sand (crushed quarry gravel) on Yellowknife 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.

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 164.9 kilometers of paved streets and alleys. We try to schedule street cleaning strategically, both at night and during the day when conditions allow, collecting street sand and dust as quickly as possible.

DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD VACANCY

The City of Yellowknife is seeking individuals to fill a vacancy on its Development Appeal Board: an administrative tribunal which hears appeals by persons claiming to be affected by specific decisions made by the Development Officer.

The City welcomes applications from all interested persons, however, those with a background or training in municipal planning or land administration are particularly encouraged to apply.

Individuals should apply online at www.yellowknife.ca or submit a Letter of Application, explaining their interest in serving on the Development Appeal Board, to the City Clerk at Yellowknife City Hall, P.O. Box 580, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N4; fax (867) 920-5649; or email cityclerk@yellowknife.ca.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **Friday, April 19, 2024**.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk at (867) 920-5646.

FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

Smoke Alarm Save Lives!

Every week in Canada a family dies due to smoke inhalation. Smoke alarms will save lives in a fire emergency by giving early warning.

Please take the time to ensure your smoke alarms are up-to-date and working:

1. Test them monthly by pushing the test button;
2. Change the batteries annually (mark it on your calendar), including the battery in the hard-wired smoke alarms; and
3. Replace them after 10 years.

Ensure to prepare, it isn't worth the risk.

Learn more at www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention.

FRAME LAKE TRAIL

With the freezing and thawing at this time of year, City staff are working hard to clear the Frame Lake Trail so it remains optimal for users. Staff will be clearing the trail and adding gravel to provide grip in slippery sections during the morning and afternoons on weekdays, and once a day on the weekend.

Please be aware that there will be equipment working, and exercise caution when using the trail.

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 April 12, 2024.

Dated the 12th day of April, 2024.

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

NEW YELLOWKNIFE TRANSIT FLEET ARRIVES

The City of Yellowknife, together with Transdev, are pleased to announce the launch of the new Yellowknife Transit Fleet, comprising eight state-of-the-art accessible buses. These buses will soon begin to be incorporated into routes as the City transitions to the new fleet. All Yellowknife transit buses, servicing both regular and express routes, will be fully wheelchair accessible, marking a significant milestone in enhancing transportation accessibility for all residents.

Two new buses for the Yellowknife Accessible Transit System (YATS) are anticipated to arrive in Yellowknife later this summer.

With this change, the Find My Bus feature will be out of service until the summer so tracking devices can be upgraded and installed into the new buses.

"The City is excited to see the transition to a new, accessible transit fleet that will be able to service residents of all abilities in our community," Mayor Rebecca Alty said. "These new buses will provide more reliability, expand access to transportation for residents, and modernize our transit infrastructure."

About the buses:

The new conventional transit fleet will feature:

- A fully accessible uniform fleet for all transit routes, including express routes;
- 2 wheelchair capacity per bus;
- ADA compliant "Kneeling buses" with loading ramp;
- 3 spare vehicles to increase service reliability;
- Improved air-ride suspension, which provides more comfort to riders and fewer breakdowns;
- Improved environmental emissions control;
- Improved fare boxes; and
- New branding of the fleet to YKTransit with updated logo.

Some additional features will be installed later this year including Updated real time bus tracking with PassioGo to replace Find My Bus, Automated stop announcements and automated passenger counters.

Yellowknife Accessible Transit Service (YATS) will be getting a new fleet later this year. Those vehicles will feature:

- Robust rear side door lift; all-wheel drive;
- Improved suspension;
- Improved fare boxes; and
- New branding of the fleet to YK Flex, with new logo.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

April 15, 2024 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A memorandum regarding whether to approve the Development Permit application PL-2023-0070 to allow a 24-unit Multi-Unit Dwelling on Lot 33 & 34, Block 307, Plan 4809 (110 Hagel Drive).
- A discussion regarding Noise By-law.
- A discussion regarding mill rate for vacant land.
- A discussion regarding mill rates for high density parking.

In Camera

- A memorandum regarding whether to appoint members to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.

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

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Ekphrastic Poetry Reading

Celebrate poetry month at Yellowknife Public Library with a live ekphrastic poetry reading on **Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.** Poems written and presented by the Pandemic Poets Writing Group, and inspired by a selection of photography created by local photographers.

Tlcho Language Beading Night

The Yellowknife Public Library invites you to come practice speaking Tłı̨cẖo during our weekly beading nights! 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 **April 12 – June 14, 2024.**

Seed Exchange

Share your love of gardening with the community by participating in Yellowknife Public Library's seed exchange! Bring your extra seeds to the library and we'll share them with people who want to start planting. Do you have a need for seed? Stop by the library and pick up a pack of seeds from our selection of donated parcels.

TAILS Continues!

TAILS, a joint program with St. John Ambulance, is one of Yellowknife Public Library's most popular programs, designed for children who love dogs and want a little extra practice reading to a non-judgemental animal friend. Sessions are 20 minutes long and take place between **10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Saturdays in April and May.** Registration for TAILS sessions is open now and capped at 2 sessions per child.

Speak English Café

Practice speaking English in a friendly, relaxed environment at the Speak English Café! This program, presented by the City of Yellowknife in partnership with the NWT Literacy Council, takes place on **Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the Library meeting room. English speakers are also welcome to join the conversation and help others to advance their language skills. The Speak English Café is a great opportunity to meet new people, learn about different cultures, and welcome newcomers to our community!

National Poetry Month

Do you love discovering new poems and poets? Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Yellowknife Public Library! Every year our staff curate a list of poems for both children and adults to share with you all month long.

Sign up at the library front desk, email library@yellowknife.ca, or call (867) 920-5642 to receive a poem-a-day, by email, throughout April.



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