



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.

PARKING METER RATE CHANGES

In February 2024, Council passed an amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law No. 4436, increasing rates for all parking meters in Yellowknife. Until **April 30**, the Municipal Enforcement Division will be working across the city to reprogram all parking meters with the new rates. During this transition period, residents may notice some parking meters at the previous rate and some at new rates. The Passport Parking Canada App will be updated with the new rates on **May 1, 2024**.

Parking meter rates have been increased to \$2.50 per hour at 1 and 2-hour meters. Rates for 9-hour meters have increased to \$1.00 per hour. The rate changes will apply to both the physical meters when paying with coins and digital payments made via the Passport Parking Canada App.

For more information on all parking rates, please visit: www.yellowknife.ca/parking. If you have any questions or issues regarding the parking app or parking meters, please call the Municipal Enforcement Division at (867) 920-5630.

LAUNCH OF YELLOWKNIFE SKIES OF WONDER EXHIBIT AT THE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The 3D theatre allows visitors to participate in an immersive experience surrounded by the stunning aurora borealis.

This upgrade to the centre includes the addition of interactive information kiosks, an AuroraMax 2.0 system so residents and visitors can get real time updates on when the aurora may be visible, and the "Wall of Wow" which showcases photos of the aurora around our community. The exhibit will allow visitors to experience the magic of the aurora all year, enhancing the visitor experience in downtown Yellowknife.

The Yellowknife Skies of Wonder Exhibit was made possible through financial support from the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment, and through consultation with Astronomy North and the University of Calgary. The City encourages residents to go and visit the exhibit during the Visitor Information Centre operating hours, which are between **10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily**.

SUPER BINGO

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to announce that the ballot draw has been done for the Super Bingo and Hockey NWT is the winner. We thank all applicants and hope to see everyone out in June for this exciting event!

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).

Date of Decision: April 16, 2024
#PL-2021-0236
Lot 2, Block 167, Plan 3767 (4501 52 Avenue)
Intended Development: Multi-Family Dwelling (96-Unit)
Variance:
1. The maximum Front Yard setback has been increased from 6.0m to 14.0m
2. The maximum Height has been increased from 45.0m to 52.45m
Last Date to Appeal: April 30, 2024

Dated the 19th day of April, 2024.

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

FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

Seniors' Fire Safety

Seniors aged 65+ have the highest death rates due to fire, compared to any other age category.

Protect yourself:

- Smokers – Use deep ashtrays; don't smoke when drowsy;
- Cooking? Wear snug-fitting sleeves; use a timer;
- Smoke Alarms – Test monthly (with a broom handle), change batteries annually, and replace every 10 years; and
- Fire Escape Plan? Make a Fire Escape Plan and practice it with the members of your household; keep exits clear (2 ways out of every room).

Learn more at www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention.

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 has been extended to **Friday, April 26, 2024**.

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

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

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

April 22, 2024 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A presentation regarding the City's website as it relates to wildfire preparedness.

Additional Council Item

- A memorandum regarding whether to acquire and dispose of fee simple interest in Lot 77, Block 308, Plan 4204 (2 Findlay Point).

Council Meeting

April 22, 2024 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A presentation to Ms. Denise McKee in recognition of her service on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.
- Whether to appoint a member to serve on the Heritage Committee.
- 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).
- Whether to appoint members to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.
- By-law No. 5084, a by-law authorizing the City of Yellowknife to acquire fee simple Lot 77, Block 308, Plan 4204 (2 Findlay Point).
- By-law No. 5085, a by-law authorizing the City of Yellowknife to dispose of fee simple interest in Lot 77, Block 308, Plan 4204 (2 Findlay Point).
- A presentation from the Yellowknife Farmers Market.
- A presentation from NWT Recreation and Parks Association.

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

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Tlicho Language Beading Night

The Yellowknife Public Library invites you to come practice speaking Tl̥ich̥q̥ 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. The program runs **until 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 and capped at 2 sessions per child.

National Poetry Month

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.

For more information email library@yellowknife.ca, or call (867) 920-5642.



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