



# CAPITAL UPDATE

## YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

### THE AQUATIC CENTRE

The City of Yellowknife is seeking voter approval to borrow up to \$10,001,000 to finance the development of the Aquatic Centre. A referendum to determine if the City can borrow will take place on **November 23, 2021**, by mail-in ballot, and all eligible voters are encouraged to cast their vote.

#### Referendum Day

Referendum Day for the proposed Aquatic Centre is **Tuesday, November 23, 2021**. If you are at least 18 years of age, a Canadian Citizen and have been living in Yellowknife for at least 12 consecutive months, you are eligible to vote in the Aquatic Centre Referendum.

If you did not receive your ballot in the mail, attend a Voter Assistance Location at either the Tree of Peace or Multiplex Gym on **November 23, 2021 between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** to cast your ballot. Voters are reminded to bring Photo ID to assist the Referendum Staff.

#### Proxy Voting

Anyone not able to vote by mail-in ballot, or in-person on **November 23, 2021**, may request a proxy voter application from the Returning Officer. A proxy voter is an eligible voter who will vote on your behalf. The deadline to apply is **3:00 p.m. on November 18, 2021**.

For more information and to apply, call the office of the Returning Officer at 920-5602, or email [cityclerk@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cityclerk@yellowknife.ca).

#### Background

To ensure Yellowknifers cast an informed vote, the City is sharing information regarding the funding of the Aquatic Centre and how it will affect taxes paid by Yellowknifers. It is important that the Aquatic Centre project, and its impact on current and future budgets, are understood.

In 2018 Council voted to build a new facility over renovating the Ruth Inch Memorial Pool (RIMP). Building the proposed Aquatic Centre will cost \$67,735,329. Renovating the RIMP was forecast to cost \$41,000,000 in the 2018 Pre-Design Plan. It is important to note that the City secured \$12,900,000 in federal funding that can only go towards a new facility and cannot be spent on renovating the RIMP. The proposed Aquatic Centre will accommodate current and future community demand, while a renovation will modernize the RIMP but will not address capacity limitations.

If Yellowknifers support the City borrowing to build the Aquatic Centre, construction is scheduled to begin in 2022 and finish in 2024. Annual municipal taxes are expected to increase by an estimated 1.27% to cover the annual costs of the proposed Aquatic Centre, once the facility is open.

If the proposed Aquatic Centre is not built: costs to run the RIMP will go up, and capital expenditures may be needed if major refurbishments are undertaken. Annual maintenance closures are also likely to increase and any extensive refurbishment would result in a long term closure of at least 2 years. Accessibility requirements must also be factored into any RIMP upgrades.

For more information, visit [www.yellowknife.ca/AquaticCentre](http://www.yellowknife.ca/AquaticCentre), email [AquaticCentre@yellowknife.ca](mailto:AquaticCentre@yellowknife.ca), or call 920-5600.

### BUDGET 2022

To provide feedback on the Draft Budget document, email [budget@yellowknife.ca](mailto:budget@yellowknife.ca). To make a presentation at the **November 22** Council meeting, email [cityclerk@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cityclerk@yellowknife.ca) or call 920-5646 before noon on **November 18, 2021**. Engage. Understand. Discuss. For more information, call 920-5600 or visit [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca).

### CITY FACILITIES MAINTAIN CURRENT CAPACITIES WHILE APPLICATION TO VARY IS PROCESSED

Following approval of the Proof of Vaccine Policy at the Council Meeting on **November 8, 2021**, the City of Yellowknife (the City), pursuant to Section 2(d) of the Gatherings Order from the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (OCPHO), is moving forward with Applications to Vary from public health order restrictions to permit the City to increase capacity at indoor facilities.

Applications to Vary must be approved by the OCPHO. Once approved, the City will advise the public and information regarding implementation of the Policy will be provided.

Currently, all City facilities will continue to operate with reduced capacities and do not require proof of vaccination. Facilities may be subject to capacity limitations or bookings so please check ahead before accessing any City facilities. For the latest City facility schedules, visit [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca). For availability and booking information please visit [www.yellowknife.ca/en/getting-active/availability-and-bookings.asp](http://www.yellowknife.ca/en/getting-active/availability-and-bookings.asp).

Masks or facial coverings are mandatory on Yellowknife Public Transit, and in all indoor City facilities as mandated by the OCPHO. Screening, physical distancing and capacity restrictions remain in place. For the latest City information on COVID-19, visit [www.yellowknife.ca/covid-19](http://www.yellowknife.ca/covid-19). For questions or concerns regarding Covid-19 and the City of Yellowknife, contact [CovidTaskTeam@yellowknife.ca](mailto:CovidTaskTeam@yellowknife.ca).

### INDOOR SPACE IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The City of Yellowknife is committed to supporting small and medium-sized businesses by offering the Indoor Space Improvement Grant. The purpose of the grant is to help offset the cost burdens for businesses to adapt during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This grant will go towards ongoing space improvements and costs to comply with the guidelines set forth by the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (OCPHO). These improvements are imperative to keeping customers safe, as well as assisting in re-opening to accommodate visitors to Yellowknife. Eligible businesses are invited to apply to the Indoor Space Improvement Grant. If approved, businesses must submit their improvement receipts and will receive up to \$5,000.

To apply and for more information visit [www.yellowknife.ca/apply](http://www.yellowknife.ca/apply), email [ecd@yellowknife.ca](mailto:ecd@yellowknife.ca) or call 867-669-3424.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Network Administrator - 10 Month Term  
**Closing Date of November 19, 2021**

Municipal Enforcement Officer I  
**Closing Date of November 19, 2021**

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

## 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. 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 12, 2021.**

**Dated the 12th day of November, 2021.**

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Yellowknife has given First Reading to By-law No. 5045, a by-law to repeal and replace Zoning By-law No. 4404.

The Council of the City of Yellowknife will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2021** at the Multiplex DND Gym. On the advice of the Chief Public Health Officer concerning gatherings, this meeting will also be available to the public via webcast and via Zoom for registrants who wish to speak.

Please visit [www.yellowknife.ca/zoning-by-law-review](http://www.yellowknife.ca/zoning-by-law-review) for additional information or to obtain a copy of By-law No. 5045. Questions regarding the proposed by-law may be directed to the Manager of Planning and Lands, Rob Lok, at [rlok@yellowknife.ca](mailto:rlok@yellowknife.ca) or 920-5600.

Written submissions should be forwarded not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2021 to the City Clerk, Yellowknife City Hall, P.O. Box 580, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N4; e-mailed to [cityclerk@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cityclerk@yellowknife.ca); or faxed to (867) 920-5649. Written submissions will form part of the Hearing package. Any person wishing to make a verbal submission at the Public Hearing, in person or via Zoom, is asked to contact the Office of the City Clerk at 920-5602 or [cityclerk@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cityclerk@yellowknife.ca) before **12:00 p.m. on November 26, 2021** and provide their name and whether they will be speaking in favour or against the proposed by-law.

ATTENTION: Residents are advised that Council cannot consider oral or written submissions received after the Public Hearing on **Saturday, November 27, 2021** is declared closed.

## SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The City of Yellowknife invites you to take part in the 2021 Santa Claus Parade downtown on **Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**

This year's parade theme is "Rock'n Roll Christmas". Community organizations, sports teams, businesses and schools are invited to enter a float, vehicle(s), or walking group in the parade. The parade will start at **5:00 p.m.** at City Hall, turn up 53 Street, and proceed on Franklin Avenue to 48 Street.

To register a float in the Santa Claus Parade visit [www.yellowknife.ca/events](http://www.yellowknife.ca/events), call 920-5676 or e-mail [events@yellowknife.ca](mailto:events@yellowknife.ca). The parade float application deadline is **Wednesday, November 17, 2021**.

The City of Yellowknife will be following all health orders issued by the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer, and events may change with little notice. All updates will be communicated to the public, via the City webpage [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca) and on social media.

## TENTATIVE AGENDAS

On the advice of the Chief Public Health Officer concerning gatherings, the City of Yellowknife's meetings will be accessible to the public via webcast at [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca). Any person wishing to speak to an item on the agenda is asked to email [cityclerk@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cityclerk@yellowknife.ca).

### Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

**Monday, November 15, 2021 at 12:05 p.m. via webcast**

- A presentation regarding the proposed Aquatic Centre.
- A memorandum regarding whether to acquire leasehold interest in lands in the Block 501 Subdivision for the purpose of roads and trail access.
- A memorandum regarding the Downtown Parkade Feasibility Study.

In Camera

- A memorandum regarding whether to appoint someone to fill a vacant position on the Audit Committee.
- A memorandum regarding whether to appoint a member to serve on the City of Yellowknife Grant Review Committee.
- A memorandum regarding whether to appoint a member to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.

## FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

### Ice Safety

The ice on the lakes is starting to form. For your safety, please stay off the ice until it measures 6 inches (15cm).

Please call 9-1-1 or 873-2222 if you see that someone has fallen through the ice or is in distress.

The Great Slave Snowmobile Association has agreed to measure the ice once again this year. Measurements will be posted on the City website at [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca) on Mondays until all areas tested have reached the 6 inches (15cm).

Look First - Think Twice – Choose Smart! Stay off the ice. Learn more at [www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention](http://www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention).

## FROM THE LIBRARY...

### Winter Stem Packs

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to present Winter Stem Packs. These packs are suitable for children ages 7 to 10 years old. Instructions and some of the supplies are included in packages.

### Raging Raven Meditation

The City of Yellowknife invites you to join us at the Yellowknife Public Library **Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.** for guided calm abiding meditation. All are welcome and instruction is provided. Drop ins are welcome, but capacity is limited.

### Chess Club

The City of Yellowknife invites you to attend chess club, for friendly games on **November 18 and 25, 2021 between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.** in the Yellowknife Public Library meeting room. Not sure how to play? No problem! All skill levels and ages are encouraged to participate.

Visitors are by appointment only and must complete a contact tracing form before entering the library. Social distancing and masks are mandatory. To register for a Library Program or for more information, email [library@yellowknife.ca](mailto:library@yellowknife.ca), call 920-5642 or visit [www.yellowknife.ca/library](http://www.yellowknife.ca/library).



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Switchboard 920-5600  
Mayor/City Administrator 920-5693  
Booking Clerk 669-3457

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

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