



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

UPDATED INFORMATION ON COVID-19

For detailed information on the City's response to COVID-19, visit www.yellowknife.ca/covid-19. All essential City services are continuing and residents can still contact the City by calling 920-5600 or emailing CustomerService@yellowknife.ca.

WHAT WE ALL CAN DO:

- Wash your hands frequently, with soap and warm water, for at least 20 seconds;
- Practice social or physical distancing; and
- If you become ill, stay home, look after yourself and encourage those you know who are sick to do the same;

If you are experiencing milder symptoms such as fever, cough or flu-like, take the online NWT COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool, or call: 867-767-9120. If your symptoms are severe (i.e. shortness of breath) call 9-1-1, or Fire & Medical: 873-2222.

Playground Closures

All City playground equipment areas are closed until further notice. Outdoor parks, rinks and trails remain open and will be maintained by the City, including parks with closed playgrounds inside. At this time, the City asks all residents to practice social distancing while enjoying the outdoors.

Solid Waste Facility

The Solid Waste Facility will remain closed to the general public until further notice in an effort to keep the public and staff safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19. Contractors may continue to access the Solid Waste Facility during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, and the City will continue residential and commercial waste collection. The City will be taking the following temporary actions in order to help accommodate this increase in residential waste:

Weekly Black Cart waste collection has begun and Green Cart (organics) waste collection has been temporarily suspended. For the time being, residents should dispose of organic waste and dog waste in Black Carts.

Residents with honey bags or without access to regular garbage collection, can contact the Solid Waste Facility to set up an appointment at swfinfo@yellowknife.ca or (867)669-3406.

Parking & Transit

The City of Yellowknife is offering free parking, and not enforcing parking meters, until further notice. All other parking regulations will be enforced. Parking on 48 and 47 Street is reserved for patients and health care workers at the Primary Care Centre until further notice.

The City is temporarily waiving transit fees and asks residents to limit public transit use to essential travel only. When using public transit, please allow for 2 meters between yourself and the driver and other passengers. Express Routes are cancelled until further notice.

Burning Permits

The Yellowknife Fire Division wishes to inform residents that burning permits will not be issued at this time, and until further notice, due to COVID-19. Permits are required for permanent and temporary fire pits, burning of grass, and burning of brush due to land-clearing. Burning without a permit is prohibited and will result in a fine (By-law No. 4502).

SPRING IS HERE

With temperatures rising and spring just around the corner, the City of Yellowknife would like to remind residents of work taking place, and necessary actions and precautions for residents to take during the spring melt season:

Roads and Sidewalks Maintenance and Clearing

- Snow Removal: Snow removal has concluded for the 2019/20 season.
- Slippery Conditions: Warmer temperatures by day and colder temperatures at night can cause slippery conditions on roads and sidewalks. Exercise extreme caution, particularly in mornings and evenings.
- Spring Road Repairs: City crews are working hard thawing culverts, pumping puddles, repairing leaks, performing road maintenance, and fixing potholes to deal with spring road repairs.
- Public Sidewalks: Help keep Yellowknife clean by sweeping your sidewalks and picking up garbage from the adjacent curb. Property owners or occupiers with a public sidewalk are asked to clear it of any dirt, sand, and gravel accumulated during the winter.
- Reporting: The City is working to complete repairs as quickly as possible and asks for patience while crews perform this work. Report hazards using our online Click & Fix Application or by calling 920-5600.

Driving with Caution

- Drive with Caution: Drivers are asked to slow down, drive with caution, and avoid driving through accumulated water while spring road maintenance is underway.
- Don't Splash Pedestrians: Drivers are reminded to slow down during the spring melt season and take care not to splash pedestrians when driving by.

Property Maintenance

- Clear snow from roofs and awnings: to avoid injury to pedestrians walking by your house or business.
- Water Pooling: During the spring melt, if proper drainage is not in place, drainage 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.

Outdoor Rinks

- The Forrest Drive outdoor skating rink is closed for the season. All other outdoor rinks remain open but their status may change, with little or no notice, due to warming weather.

For the latest spring condition updates, visit www.yellowknife.ca

#SHOPYK IS BACK!

These are challenging times for small businesses and more than ever, they need our support. Yellowknife businesses have found creative ways to offer their products and services and the City of Yellowknife, in partnership with the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce, want you to help us celebrate their innovation. For details on how to get involved in #ShopYK, visit www.yellowknife.ca/shopyk.

NOTICE

Development Approvals

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.)

Date of Decision: April 6, 2020

#PL-2020-0091 Lot 2, Block 158, Plan 1393 (48 Taylor Road)
Intended Development: Portable Classrooms

Date of Appeal: April 21, 2020

Dated the 10th day of April 2020.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the City of Yellowknife at (867) 920-5600.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The City of Yellowknife is now accepting applications for the following committees:

- Audit Committee;
- Community Advisory Board on Homelessness;
- Heritage Committee;
- Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development; and
- University/Post-Secondary Advisory Committee

The deadline for receipt of application(s) has been extended to **Friday, April 24, 2020.**

Individuals should apply online at www.yellowknife.ca/committees or submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk, City of Yellowknife, P.O. Box 580, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N4 fax 920-5649; or email cityclerk@yellowknife.ca.

For more information, please call 920-5600.

FROM THE LIBRARY...

At Home Children's Programs

The Yellowknife Public Library is pleased to present At Home Children's Programs! The library will supply the list of songs, rhymes, crafts and books for parents to work on with their child at home.

Programs provided include; Baby Songs and Rhymes; Toddler Time; and Preschool Story Time.

To access these resources, please visit www.yellowknife.ca/library and select "Online Resources".

Late Fees and Online Resources

The City will be offering 'Fine Free Returns' for 2 weeks when the library reopens to accommodate residents unable to return material at this time. We encourage residents to use their library cards to access the Yellowknife Public Library's e-books and Lynda Library resources.

For more information or to request a library card, visit our website www.yellowknife.ca/library.

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. Any person wishing to speak to an item on the agenda is asked to email cityclerk@yellowknife.ca.

Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A memorandum regarding whether to adopt the City of Yellowknife Economic Development Strategy 2020-2024.
- A memorandum regarding whether to amend direction given during Budget 2020 from advancing work on a centralized biomass (pellet) boiler for City Hall and multi-government buildings to advancing work on a biomass (pellet) boiler for the Water Treatment Plant.

Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- Whether to proceed with interim implementation of reconciliation actions in 2020 while the Reconciliation Plan is being finalized.
- Whether to appoint members to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.

EASTER WEEKEND

Transit

Yellowknife Transit and Yellowknife Accessible Transit Service will be out of Service on **Friday, April 10 and Monday, April 13 (Easter).**

Garbage Pickup

Garbage pickup will be running on it's regular schedule. For more information, please call 920-5600 or visit www.yellowknife.ca.

DOG WASTE

The City of Yellowknife is hosting a Dog Waste Collection event and encourages residents to use this opportunity to dispose of large amounts of dog waste that may have accumulated over the winter months.

Event: Dog Waste Collection
Time: **Tuesday, April 14 to Friday, April 17, 2020**
Location: Habitat Restore Access Road, near the Solid Waste Facility entrance

Residents should use the designated bin, which will be placed near the Solid Waste Facility entrance, to dispose of dog waste and honey bags only. No other waste types will be accepted at this location.

Drop-offs may take place from **7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, during the dates specified. When dropping off waste, please respect social distancing protocols, as advised by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Moving forward, residents are encouraged to dispose of weekly dog waste in black bins. For now, the City asks residents to store larger non-hazardous waste items, including spring cleaning, home renovation waste, etc. The City will host a second Dog Waste Collection Event in early May in addition to our annual Spring Amnesty Event.

The City is working hard to support waste diversion methods to help manage increased residential waste volumes during COVID-19. To stay up to date with the latest developments, visit www.yellowknife.ca.



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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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