



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

UPDATED INFORMATION ON COVID-19

The City of Yellowknife continues to take action in preparation for the potential impacts of COVID-19. The health, safety and wellbeing of all community residents and our staff is the City's top priority. All essential City services are continuing and residents can still contact the City by calling 920-5600, emailing CustomerService@yellowknife.ca or visiting www.yellowknife.ca.

Events and programs run by the City have been suspended and the Yellowknife Visitor Centre, which is currently run out of City Hall, has been closed. The City will update residents as the situation develops. For information on facility closures, programs, memberships and refunds, visit www.yellowknife.ca/covid-19.

WHAT WE ALL CAN DO:

- Wash your hands frequently, with soap and warm water, for at least 20 seconds;
- If you become ill, stay home, look after yourself and encourage those you know who are sick to do the same; and
- Practice social distancing by opting to read a book at home, taking a walk outside by yourself, or chatting with friends over the phone.

The City continues to work with, and follow the advice provided by, the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories to manage and plan for the potential impacts of COVID-19 within our community and to ensure continuity of local essential services.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

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.

To stay up to date with the latest developments or to get informed, visit www.yellowknife.ca/covid-19.

Playground Closures

All playgrounds with equipment 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.

Trucked Services

The City of Yellowknife would like to remind residents to keep access to their garbage bins, sewage pumpouts and water delivery clear. Please be advised that if access to your pumpouts or garbage bins is blocked service delivery will not be possible.

Additional Fire Safety During COVID-19

The City reminds residents to stay fire-safe. With many Yellowknifers working from home and off-school, households are using heating systems for extended hours, cooking more frequently and sharing outlets to charge phones, laptops and other devices. These changes present potential fire hazards and the City encourages residents to check out www.yellowknife.ca/ykfd for information on how to practice fire safety.

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Parking

The City of Yellowknife will be offering free parking, and not enforcing parking meters until further notice. All other parking regulations will be enforced, such as fire lanes, handicap stalls, and loading zones. This includes parking restrictions on Franklin Avenue from **3:00 – 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

In addition, the City would like to inform residents that parking on 48 Street is reserved for patients at the Primary Care Centre and meters on 47 Street will be bagged and reserved for parking for health care workers at the Primary Care Centre until further notice.

Transit

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

The City is temporarily waiving transit fees in support of residents that require public transportation services, while also maintaining a safe work environment for service providers. The City is asking residents to limit public transit use to essential travel only at this time, for grocery pickups, medical travel or to get to work. When using public transit, practice social distancing, as advised by the Government of Canada. Please allow for 2 meters between yourself and the driver, and other passengers, while on the bus. Buses will be limited to seating capacity only, no standing.

Express Routes are cancelled until further notice. YATS is continuing to run on its regular schedule.

Solid Waste Facility

The Solid Waste Facility will be closed to the public until further notice. 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 and organics collection.

With more residents working and learning from home there is unfortunately an increase in household waste. This has resulted in a need for additional residential waste pickup. The City will be taking the following temporary actions in order to help accommodate this increase in residential waste:

- Weekly Black Cart waste collection will begin and Green Cart (organics) waste collection will be temporarily suspended, effective Monday, April 6, 2020. For the time being, residents should dispose of organic waste in Black Carts.

*For the week beginning Monday, April 6, residents may place either their Green or Black Cart at the curbside for collection of general residential waste. Only one cart can be collected.

- Dog waste can temporarily be disposed of in Black Carts.
- 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.
- In order to uphold social distancing, the City is working with Inghram Trail residents to address their residential garbage needs.

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.

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: **March 26, 2020**
#PL-2019-0388 Lot 107, Block 501, Plan 4746 (407 Hall Crescent)
Intended Development: Manufactured Dwelling
The minimum front yard setback has been reduced from 6m to 4.02m (Variance of 33%)

Date of Appeal: **April 9, 2020**

Date of Decision: **March 30, 2020**
#PL-2020-0100 Lot 50, Block 608, Plan 4322 (128 Con Road)
Intended Development: Home Based Business – Home Office

Date of Appeal: **April 13, 2020**

Dated the 3rd day of April 2020.

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

SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Monday, April 6, 2020

- 51st Avenue from 52nd Street to 46th Street; and
- 54th Street from Franklin Avenue to end.

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

- Finlayson Drive from Kam Lake Road to Bratthen Avenue.

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

- Wiley Road from McMeekan Causeway to Franklin Avenue; and
- Range Lake Road from Finlayson North to Lamoureux Road.

Thursday, April 9, 2020

- Finlayson Drive from Bratthen Avenue to Tees Court.

Friday, April 10, 2020

- Due to the statutory holiday, there will be no snow removal on April 10, 2020.

Residents must ensure parked vehicles are removed from these streets by midnight or they will be towed. The City of Yellowknife asks residents to ensure curbside carts are returned to your property prior to the scheduled snow removal on your street. The City thanks you for your patience and reminds residents to use caution in snow removal areas and to not pass moving equipment.

LIBRARY LATE FEES AND ONLINE SERVICES

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 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 via webcast at www.yellowknife.ca. Any person wishing to ask questions regarding an item on the agenda is asked to email their questions to: cityclerk@yellowknife.ca or phone 867-920-5646 before 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting. Your question will be read into the record and responded to during the meeting.

Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2020 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A presentation regarding City Issues related to COVID-19.
- A memorandum regarding whether to proceed with interim implementation of reconciliation actions in 2020 while the Reconciliation Plan is being finalized.
- A presentation regarding Climate Action.
- 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.
- A report from the RCMP regarding monthly statistics.

In Camera

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

To view the agenda online, please visit calendar.yellowknife.ca.

51 AVENUE TOBOGGAN HILL CLOSURE

The City of Yellowknife wishes to advise residents that effective **Tuesday, April 7, 2020** the recreational toboggan hill at 51st Avenue between 55th and 54th Streets will be closed for the season. Drivers and pedestrians are asked to use caution and obey signage while heavy machinery removes the snow from 51st Avenue. Residents can expect the street to be back open to vehicular traffic by **4:00 p.m.** For further information, please contact the City at 920-5600.

#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.

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**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit www.yellowknife.ca/committees.



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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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