



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Annual Holiday Lights Competition

The City of Yellowknife and Northland Utilities Yellowknife (NUY) are pleased to announce this season's Holiday Lights Competition. There are no categories, just a community of bright, festive lights!

Public Voting and the virtual Holiday Lights Map will be available from **Wednesday, December 15, until Monday, January 3, 2022**, on the City's Facebook page @OurYellowknife. The top 5 winners from all entries will each receive a \$100 prize courtesy of Northland Utilities.

Santa Skate

The City of Yellowknife and WIMPS Hockey invite the public to the annual Santa Skate on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**. The skate takes place from **6:00 to 7:15 p.m.** at the Shorty Brown Arena in the Multiplex at 41 Kam Lake Road. It is free of charge but there's a maximum of 75 people. Tickets are available online starting **Friday, December 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

Join Santa Claus for a fun holiday skate. For more information, visit www.yellowknife.ca/events.

MADE IN YELLOWKNIFE DAY

The City of Yellowknife is launching a winter shopping spree contest to encourage local spending this holiday season. Funding is provided by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada and the NWT Chamber of Commerce.

Join us **Saturday, December 18, 2021** for 'Made In Yellowknife Day' - Yellowknife's biggest shopping spree contest! Get out and buy holiday gifts made by your favourite local artists and craftspeople. Shoppers who spend \$20 or more on **December 18** on any local art, crafts, locally made goods (like art, jewelry, clothes, toys, souvenirs, homemade food, etc.), or art classes can upload and submit their receipts (or proof of payment provided by the supplier) using the Aurora Coupons App to be entered into a draw for a chance to win one of five prizes. Shoppers get one entry for every \$20 spent. Each prize is valued at \$1,000. The draw will take place on **Monday, December 20, 2021**, and winners will be announced on the City's Social Media.

Made In Yellowknife Day is designed to support locally made products and learn more about the many talented and skilled artists that live in our town. For more information, visit www.yellowknife.ca/shoplocalinitiatives, e-mail ecd@yellowknife.ca or call 867-669-3424.

EXPLORE THE CITY – SCAVENGER HUNT

Get ready for the City of Yellowknife's second 'Explore The City' Shop Local Scavenger Hunt! The hunt will be in Old Town this **Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 2:00p.m to 3:30p.m.** Our team has hidden clues that will take participants around Old Town to find the answers and explore these local businesses. No registration is required to participate. Ask businesses to see the clues. The first person to reach the end of the hunt and receive the prize ticket wins the grand prize package. Anyone who completes the hunt before 3:30 PM can enter their name into a ballot draw for one of three bonus prizes. Your first clue:

Start the hunt in this business with the following motto...'Every day my best will be better'.

For more information on all the contests visit www.yellowknife.ca/shoplocalinitiatives.

NOTICE OF GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

The City of Yellowknife has contracted Tetra Tech to conduct a geotechnical investigation on the following streets:

- Franklin Avenue between 44th Street and 41st Street;
- 44th Street between Franklin Avenue and the entrance to the Kimberlite Career and Technical Centre;
- 49A Avenue between 43 Street and 41A Street;
- Deh Cho Boulevard between Kam Lake Road and Ellesmere Drive; and
- Kam Lake Road between Coronation Drive and Curry Drive.

The geotechnical investigation is anticipated to begin in **February 2022**. The investigation will take approximately two days per section of road and consist of drilling boreholes (6" diameter) every 100 metres. Prior to the investigation, existing utilities will be reviewed and identified for avoidance. In addition, a Land Use Permit will be obtained from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB).

The geotechnical investigation may result in noise between the hours of 8:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m. The roadways are anticipated to remain open during the project with traffic control and lane width restrictions put in place.

If you have any comments or questions with regard to the planned investigation, please contact: construction@yellowknife.ca.

Question or comments on the proposed geotechnical investigation are requested by **Friday, December 17, 2021**.

PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION AT CITY FACILITIES

The following City of Yellowknife Facilities require proof of COVID-19 vaccination upon entry:

- City Hall;
- Field House;
- Ruth Inch Memorial Pool; and
- Yellowknife Public Library.

All visitors are required to complete a Contact Tracing Form prior to entering any City Facility. Anyone 12 years of age and older must be able to provide their proof of vaccination status (or an official vaccine exemption letter). Individuals 19 years of age and older must also be able to provide proof of identification.

The Multiplex will continue to operate under the limits established in the OCPHO Gatherings Order and proof of vaccination will not be required until screeners are in place. The City will advise the public when proof of vaccination will be required at the Multiplex.

Proof of vaccination requirements extend to all programs held in City Facilities. Program participants who are unable to comply will receive full refunds on program fees.

Masks or facial coverings are mandatory in all City Facilities as well as on Yellowknife Public Transit. Physical distancing remains in effect. For the latest City information on COVID-19, visit www.yellowknife.ca/covid-19. For questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 and the City of Yellowknife, contact CovidTaskTeam@yellowknife.ca.

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.)

Date of Decision: December 2, 2021
#PL-2021-0231 Lot 67, Block 549, Plan 2357
(145 Gwilliam Crescent)
Intended Development: Home Based Business

Last Date to Appeal: December 16, 2021

Date of Decision: December 3, 2021
#PL-2021-0238 Lot 38, Block 608, Plan 4322
(116 Con Road)
Intended Development: Home Based Business

Last Date to Appeal: December 17, 2021

Dated the 10th day of December, 2021.

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

FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

Live Christmas Tree Safety Tips

When choosing that perfect Christmas tree:

- Look for a tree with fresh needles.
- Cut 1" off the butt end of the tree - this aids in drawing water.
- Have a large tree stand and fill it daily – your tree will drink up to 4 liters per day.
- Place the tree away from heat sources.

A dry tree will burn fiercely if it ignites. Be safe this Christmas.

Learn more at www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention.

FREE DOWNTOWN PARKING

The City of Yellowknife is offering free parking from **December 23, 2021 to December 31, 2021**. The City will not be enforcing parking meters during this period. People working in the downtown and parking for extended periods of time are asked to not park adjacent to storefronts in an effort to provide easier access to these stores throughout the day.

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 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday**.

OUTDOOR SKATING RINKS

Several outdoor skating rinks, including Forrest Drive Park, Hall Crescent and Jeske Crescent Park, are now open for your skating enjoyment. City crews continue to flood the rinks to enhance the skating surfaces, and the oval at City Hall is scheduled to be created in January. Come on out and enjoy our winter wonderland!

For up to date skating information please visit the City website at www.yellowknife.ca.

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

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 12:05 p.m. via webcast

- A memorandum regarding whether to amend Fees and Charges By-law No. 4436, as amended, by amending Part 15 of Schedule B to reflect Water and Sewer Rate changes and Part 17 of Schedule B to reflect Solid Waste Management User Fee changes approved in Budget 2022.

Special Council

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 12:15 p.m. via webcast

- By-law No. 5047, a by-law to amend Parts 15 and 17 of Schedule B of Fees and Charges By-law No. 4436, as amended.

Council Meeting

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via webcast

- Whether to direct Administration to prioritize time and resources dedicated to the Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP) to ensure the local benefits of the GMRP are maximized and social impacts are addressed.
- Whether to adopt 2022 Budget, and 2023, 2024 Budget in principle.
- By-law No. 5047, a by-law to amend Parts 15 and 17 of Schedule B of Fees and Charges By-law No. 4436, as amended.
- By-law No. 5044, a by-law to authorize the City of Yellowknife to borrow up to \$10,001,000 on the security of new debentures to be issued by the City of Yellowknife for the purposes of financing the development of an Aquatic Centre.
- By-law No. 5046, a by-law authorizing the City of Yellowknife to acquire lands in the Block 501 Subdivision for the purpose of roads and trail access.

WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to announce that registration for Winter 2022 Recreational Programs will open on **Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

Residents can register for programs online or by calling 920-5683 or 669-3457. To register online, residents must log in or create an account using the instruction provided online. To explore the recreational programming available and to register, visit www.yellowknife.ca/Programs.

The City asks that everyone participating in City programming continue to follow the guidelines set out by the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer. Everyone must complete the COVID-19 Screening form, available at www.yellowknife.ca/screening, before every class. Additional requirements may apply to specific programs; participants are encouraged to read all the material made available during sign-up.

Proof of vaccination requirements extend to all programs held in City Facilities. Program participants who are unable to comply will receive full refunds on program fees. For more information, call 669-3457 or visit www.yellowknife.ca/programs.



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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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