



# 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!

Homes can be nominated by residents through email or by NUY staff. In order to be viewed by NUY staff, residents are asked to leave their lights on from **6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. December 6 to 8, 2021.**

Residents can utilize the email [holidaylights@yellowknife.ca](mailto:holidaylights@yellowknife.ca) to either send a photo of a home's festive lights with the address or to request a photo be taken during the time that NUY will be out. The nomination deadline is **December 9, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.**

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](https://www.facebook.com/OurYellowknife).

The top 5 winners from all entries will each receive a \$100 prize courtesy of Northland Utilities. For more information, visit [www.yellowknife.ca/events](http://www.yellowknife.ca/events).

#### Christmas Lights Across Canada

Each year, Canadian Heritage invites capital cities to celebrate Christmas Lights Across Canada by welcoming the festive season together with bright lights.

Families are invited to come down to the Somba K'e amphitheater at **4:45 p.m. on Wednesday December 8, 2021.** Then, at approximately **5:00 p.m.**, Mayor Alty will signal for all of the lights surrounding City Hall and the Somba K'e Civic Plaza to be turned on, including the large majestic tree.

### CITY FACILITIES TO REQUIRE PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION

Effective **Monday, November 29, 2021** pursuant to the City of Yellowknife Facilities require proof of COVID-19 vaccination upon entry.

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. This policy will be in place at the following facilities as of **November 29, 2021:**

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

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](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).

### 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](mailto:construction@yellowknife.ca).

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

### 2022 COMMUNITY GRANT AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS OPEN

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to announce that applications for the 2022 Community Grant Funding program and Heritage Committee Grant Funding program are now being accepted.

Interested organizations are encouraged to apply for the 2022 Grant Funding and Heritage Committee Grant now!

Recent changes to the Grants Programs include one application deadline for both the Heritage Committee Grant and Community Grant Funding programs; Maximum award amounts; and Funding Guiding Principles.

Full program details, including the types of grants available and the application form, can be found at [www.yellowknife.ca/communitygrants](http://www.yellowknife.ca/communitygrants). The application deadline for the 2022 Grant Funding program is **Monday, January 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Yellowknife is currently offering an exciting opportunity for the right person to join and work alongside our dedicated and community focused team of City Employees in the following position:

Program Manager  
Closing Date of **December 10, 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.)

**Date of Decision:** November 29, 2021  
#PL-2021-0229 Lot 62, Block 544, Plan 1978  
(115 Hordal Road)  
Intended Development: Home Based Business

**Last Date to Appeal:** December 13, 2021

Dated the 3rd day of December, 2021.

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

## EXPLORE THE CITY – SCAVENGER HUNT

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

Each hunt will focus on a different area of Yellowknife. The first of the two 'Explore The City' Scavenger Hunts will take place this **Saturday, December 4, 2021** in the downtown area of Yellowknife. Our team has hidden (6) six clues that will take participants around the downtown to find the answers and explore new stores they may not have found before! No registration is required to participate.

The First Hunt starts **Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

Your first clue:

'Spark' your interest and start the hunt here...



Prize:

The first person to reach the end and receive the prize ticket will take it all!

- \$2,000 staycation experience
- \$500 Shopping spree at Overlander Sports
- \$300 gift certificate for Sushi Cafe

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



[www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)

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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## 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).

### Special Council

**Monday December 6, 2021 at 12:05 p.m. via webcast**

- 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.

### Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

**Monday, December 6, 2021 at 12:05 p.m. via webcast**

- A memorandum regarding Budget 2022 Public Input Synopsis.
- A memorandum regarding the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of July 22, 2021.

In Camera

- A land matter.

### Special Governance and Priorities Committee Meetings

**December 6, 7 and 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via webcast**

- 2022 Budget Deliberations.

## FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

### Drinking & Cooking Don't Mix

The Christmas season is upon us. After a night out many of us get the munchies. Please think about making yourself something to eat that doesn't involve cooking – or order out.

Drinking and cooking is a dangerous combination. Falling asleep while cooking will result in food burning, smoke filling your home, and, if not caught in time, your kitchen catching on fire.

Don't let this happen to you. Think Twice! Be fire-safe this holiday season. Learn more at [www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention](http://www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention).

## FROM THE LIBRARY..

### Polar Express Party

Join us for our annual reading of The Polar Express as well as other great holiday tales! After the stories, we will have a paper doily snowman and pipe cleaner beading crafts! Register by phone 920-5642, email [library@yellowknife.ca](mailto:library@yellowknife.ca), or in person at the circulation desk by **Sunday, December 5, 2021**. Minimum of 10 participants to proceed. Please note an adult / caregiver must attend with children. Polar Express Party will take place **Saturday December 11, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** in the Library Meeting Room, for ages 4-7.

### Monthly Online Book Club

The City of Yellowknife invites you to join us at the Yellowknife Public Library for a monthly book club. Our December discussion features "The Break," written by Katherena Vermette, winner of the Governor General's Literacy Award. The discussion meeting will take place on **Wednesday, December 29 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in an online meeting format. Join us and share your thoughts, questions, and opinions.

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).