



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

2022 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

Property Assessment Notices have been mailed out to all ratepayers (persons or businesses responsible for paying property taxes). An assessment is a value placed on property (land and buildings) for municipal and school tax purposes. Assessed values provide a means of distributing taxes among ratepayers in Yellowknife.

Compare your assessment with other similar properties in your neighbourhood using our online tool, [CityExplorer](#). For land comparisons, ensure similarity of location, lot size and zoning. For building comparisons, ensure similarity of age, quality, style and size.

Please consult the “[2022 A Guide to Property Taxes](#)” posted at the City’s website at www.yellowknife.ca for information regarding school support declarations and how to file an appeal of your assessment with the Board of Revision. Appeals may only be filed against the assessment values of your property, not the amount of taxes collected. You may call 920-5664 or 920-5625 to make appointment with the Assessor or speak with someone about your assessment. The deadline to file a School Support Declaration or Assessment Appeal is **February 21, 2022**. For more information please visit www.yellowknife.ca.

SENIOR & DISABLED PERSONS TAX RELIEF

The City would like to advise ratepayers who are currently receiving senior and/or disabled grants that the process for distributing this grant has changed. The annual grant amount remains at a maximum of \$2,000, however starting in 2022 the eligible amount will be split equally between the Interim Tax Notice in January and the Final Tax Notice in June. Previously the full amount was applied to the Interim Tax Notice.

How will this change affect you? The Interim Tax Notice will have half the grant credited, therefore, there may be a balance owing due for payment by the **March 31, 2022** deadline. The Final Tax Notice will also have half the grant credited and payment of the remaining balance will be due on **August 31, 2022**.

Any Senior or Disabled person who has setup their property tax account with the monthly Tax Interest-Free Pre-Authorized Payment Plan (TIPP) will have NO changes to the monthly payment amount. Therefore, no action is required by you.

For more information, please contact the City at 920-5664.

WINTER TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

The City of Yellowknife wants to remind drivers of a few winter driving safety requirements:

- Always clear excess snow from your vehicle and windshield. Excess snow can obstruct the view of the driver or fly off and land on other cars creating hazards for drivers;
- Ensure your windows are fully defrosted before driving. Driving without adequate view can result in a \$100 penalty;
- During reduced visibility, turn on your headlights! This also turns on your taillights which allows drivers to see you from behind during ice fog and snow; and
- Drive to the conditions. Snow and ice reduce traction, which means you require more stopping distance. Follow at a safe distance and reduce your speed.

Plan your ride and arrive alive, don’t drink and drive!

SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Monday, January 31, 2022

- Finlayson Drive South from Range Lake Road to Banke Crescent.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

- Woolgar Avenue from Kam Lake Road to Range Lake Road; and
- Magrum Crescent from Borden Drive South to Piro Court.

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

- 44th Street from 52nd Avenue to School Draw Avenue; and
- Franklin Avenue from Forrest Drive to Reservoir Road; and
- Herriman Road from Borden Drive to Borden Drive.

Thursday, February 3, 2022

- Otto Drive from Morrison Drive to Sikyea Tili; and
- Arden Avenue from Dagenais Drive to Finalyson Drive.

Friday, February 4, 2022

- Bigelow Crescent from Woolgar Avenue to Williams Avenue; and
- Magrum Crescent from Piro Court to Borden Drive.

Snow removal begins at **12:00 a.m.** and takes place during the early morning to avoid conflicts with motorists, pedestrians and children at play.

Residents must ensure parked vehicles are removed from these streets by midnight, or they will be towed. Residents are advised that there will be traffic delays in snow removal areas and if possible, to use an alternate route to avoid delays.

The City asks residents to ensure Curbside Carts are returned to their property before the scheduled snow removal on their street. Thank you for your patience, and remember to use caution in snow removal areas and not to pass moving equipment.

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. Come on out and enjoy our winter wonderland!

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Preschool

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| February 19 | Trip to the Zoo (3 - 5 years) |
| February 26 | Super Heroes (3 - 5 years) |

Youth

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| February 12 | Advanced Bouldering (6 - 12 years) |
| April 2 | Introduction to Bouldering (6 - 12 years) |

Teen & Adult

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| March 1 | Teen / Adult Climbing |
| March 5 | Learn to Snowshoe |

For information on City programs and to register visit www.yellowknife.ca/programs or call 669-3457.

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: **January 20, 2022**
#PL-2022-0005
Lot 6-92, Block 163, Plan 4729
(558 Catalina Drive)
Intended Development: Demolition of
Manufactured Dwelling

Last Date to Appeal: **February 3, 2022**

Date of Decision: **January 25, 2022**
#PL-2021-0244
Lot 1, Block 310, Plan 2257
(4807 49th Street)
Intended Development: Temporary
Activity (Special Care Facility)

Last Date to Appeal: **February 8, 2022**

Dated the 28th day of January, 2022.

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

BUSINESS LICENCE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

The City of Yellowknife is taking action to help local businesses and our economy recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City will waive business licence fees for eligible small and medium-sized businesses when renewing their licence, until **September 1, 2022**. Any business applying to the program must meet all eligibility criteria.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Business must have twenty (20) employees or less.
2. Business must be located within the City of Yellowknife, have a valid business licence, and operate in accordance with applicable By-laws and permits.
3. Eligible businesses must operate in one of the following qualifying industries:
 - Food and Retail services;
 - Hospitality and Tourism;
 - Arts, Culture and Entertainment;
 - Home-based businesses;
 - Personal care services (including registered medical practitioners); and
 - Recreation.
4. Franchises must be independently owned and operated.
5. Business must have been open/operating between **March 1, 2020 and June 20, 2021**.
6. Businesses must be open/operating as of the date of the application for the waiver of business licence fees.
7. Businesses must be in good financial standing with the City (municipal taxes, fees and charges, etc.)

If requested, eligible businesses must be able to demonstrate a revenue loss of at least 20% between **March 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021**.

For more information and to apply, visit www.yellowknife.ca/apply, email ecd@yellowknife.ca or call 867-669-3424. Applications are also available in person at City Hall's customer service.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

There are no regular meetings of Council or its Standing Committees scheduled for the week of **January 31, 2022**. Regular meetings will resume **February 7, 2022**.

FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

Vehicle Refueling Safety

Reminders:

- Position your vehicle properly at the pump;
- Turn it off;
- Dismount (snow machine/motorcycle) before refueling;
- Don't force or jamb the pump nozzle open; and
- Use only CSA-approved gasoline/diesel containers. Place them on the ground to fill.

Simple rules that help keep yourself and others fire-safe. Learn more at www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention.

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Toddler, Story and Baby Time

The Yellowknife Public Library is hosting Free programs located in the library meeting room.

Toddler Time, (18 months - 3 years old) **Tuesdays 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. February 15 - March 8, 2022.**

Story Time, (3 - 5 years old) **Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. February 16 - March 9, 2022.**

Baby Time, (18 Months and younger) **Thursdays 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. February 17 - March 10, 2022.**

Newcomers to Yellowknife are strongly encouraged to attend. Siblings are always welcome. Masks required for those over 2 years old. Registration is required. Space limited.

Raging Raven Meditation

The City of Yellowknife invites you to join us for free meditation classes at the Yellowknife Public Library. This four class series will be taught by Raging Raven Meditation in the Yellowknife Public Library Meeting Room, from **12:00 - 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, from February 2 to 23, 2022**. All are welcome, and there is no charge to attend.

Drop-ins are welcome, but capacity is limited. Physical distancing and masks are required, and attendees must fill out a COVID-19 screening form and show proof of vaccination on arrival.

To register for a Library Program or for more information, email library@yellowknife.ca, call 920-5642 or visit www.yellowknife.ca/library.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Yellowknife is an inclusive employer offering a dynamic and rewarding work environment that delivers valuable services to our residents. Working in Local Government provides many opportunities to not only develop your career but also to improve the lives of residents and visitors to Yellowknife!

We are currently offering an exciting opportunity for the right person to join and work alongside the dedicated and community focused team of professionals in the following position:

Grant Writer and Funding Analyst

Closing Date of February 11, 2022

Please visit the City of Yellowknife website at www.yellowknife.ca for more information and to submit your application.



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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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