

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, <u>*CityExplorer*</u>. 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 <u>www.yellowknife.ca</u> 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 <u>www.yellowknife.ca</u>.

## 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!

### **OUTDOOR SKATING RINKS**

Several outdoor skating rinks 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 <u>www.yellowknife.ca</u>.

## **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 is waiving business licence fees for eligible small and medium-sized businesses when renewing their licence until **September 1, 2022**.

For more information, all eligibility criteria, and to apply, visit <u>www.</u> <u>yellowknife.ca/apply</u>, email <u>ecd@yellowknife.ca</u>, or call 669-3424.

## CITY FACILITIES CLOSING FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OCPHO

Following the latest recommendations from the Government of the Northwest Territories, Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (OCPHO), the City of Yellowknife is suspending programming and closing facilities to the public.

Effective **Saturday, January 8, 2022**, and until further notice, the following facilities will be closed to the public:

- City Hall;
- Fieldhouse;
- Multiplex;
- Ruth Inch Memorial Pool;
- Yellowknife Community Arena;
- Yellowknife Public Library; and
- Solid Waste Facility.

All essential City services are continuing, however, staff levels at City facilities will be reduced to essential personnel only, with all other City employees working from home. 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.

Yellowknife Public Transit will not be providing express routes until further notice. City buses will continue to have a capacity of 50 passengers at a time and masks are required. Outdoor facilities, including parks and playgrounds, will remain open.

The City encourages residents to take advantage of the City's Virtual City Hall and eServices to make payments, and to use their library cards to access the Yellowknife Public Library's online resources. For more information on library services or to request a library card, visit <u>www.</u> <u>yellowknife.ca/library</u>. The Municipal Enforcement Division can be contacted at 920-2737 or by email at <u>med@yellowknife.ca</u>.

What can we all 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 physical distancing.

The City's top priorities remain public and staff safety and residents are encouraged to follow all public health orders and guidelines issued by the OCPHO. The City will update residents as the situation develops. For the latest City information on COVID-19, visit <u>www.</u> <u>yellowknife.ca/covid-19</u>.

### 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.

Full program details, can be found at <u>www.yellowknife.ca/</u> <u>communitygrants</u>. The application deadline for the 2022 Grant Funding program is **Monday**, January 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

# 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 <u>Community Planning and</u> <u>Development Act</u> 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 <u>Community Planning and Development Act</u>, 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: #PL-2021-0242	December 29, 2021 Lot 52, Block 566, Plan 3826 (148 Demelt Crescent) Intended Development: Home Based Business
Last Date to Appeal:	January 12, 2021
Date of Decision: #PL-2021-0232	January 4, 2022 Lots 11-17, Block 907, Plan 4226 (126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 138 & 142 Eagle Drive) Intended Development: Transportation Facility
#PL-2021-0239	Lot 56, Block 147, Plan 4700 (5126 Forrest Drive North) Intended Development: Moving a Home Based Business
Last Date to Appeal:	January 18, 2022

Dated the 7th day of January, 2022. For more information please contact the City at (867) 920-5600.

## SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

#### Monday, January 10, 2022

- McDonald Drive from Weaver Drive to McMeekan Causeway; and
- 54 Street from Franklin Avenue to 53 Avenue.

### Tuesday, January 11, 2022

- 49 Street from 52 Avenue to School Draw Avenue; and
- Finlayson Drive from Kam Lake Road to Range Lake Road.

#### Wednesday, January 12, 2022

- Franklin Avenue from School Draw Avenue to Weaver Drive; and
- Franklin Avenue from 43 Street to 41 Street; and
- Forrest Drive from 51A Avenue to Con Road.

### Thursday, January 13, 2022

- Old Airport Road from Kam Lake Road to Byrne Road; and
- Old Airport Road from Byrne Road to Kam Lake Road.

#### Friday, January 14, 2022

- Old Airport Road from Byrne Road to Range Lake Road; and
- Old Airport Road from Range Lake Road to Byrne Road.

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.

## **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 <u>www.yellowknife.ca.</u> Any person wishing to speak to an item on the agenda is asked to email <u>cityclerk@</u> <u>yellowknife.ca.</u>

#### **Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting**

Monday, January 10 2022 at 12:05 p.m. via webcast

In Camera

• A land matter.

### FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION Fire Hydrant Access

Are fire hydrants on your property and is your street clear of snow?

If the YKFD is delayed in obtaining a water supply to fight a fire in your home or your neighbour's home, we may lose control of the fire. Keep hydrants clear of snow for uninterrupted water supply giving the best opportunity of a successful outcome.

If you are unable to clear the snow yourself, please contact the City at 920-5600 to advise the location of the hydrant that requires clearing.

Learn more at <u>www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention</u>.

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The City of Yellowknife and Northland Utilities are pleased to announce this season's Holiday Lights Competition winners. This year's winners, who will each receive a prize of \$100 courtesy of Northland Utilities, are:

- 111 Herriman Road;
- 154 Moyle Drive;
- 207 Tililo Tili;
- 125 Borden Drive; and
- 5204 54 Street.

Thank you to all who took part in this season's competition by decorating their homes, visiting the many beautiful light displays, nominating a house or voting.

Thank you to Northland Utilities for their support of the Holiday Lights Competition.

To view this season's Holiday Lights Competition winners and all entries visit <u>www.yellowknife.ca/events</u>.

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The City of Yellowknife is an inclusive employer offering a dynamic and rewarding work environment that delivers valuable services to our residents. We are currently offering exciting opportunities for the right people to join and work alongside the dedicated and community focused team of professionals in the following positions:

#### Network Administrator Closing Date of January 14, 2022

#### Program Manager Closing Date of January 24, 2022

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



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