



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.

Assessments Open House

Following the latest recommendations from the Government of Northwest Territories, Office of the Chief Public Health Officer, the City of Yellowknife Assessment Open House scheduled for **January 19 and 20, 2022**, will now take place by telephone. Call 920-5664 to make an appointment with the Assessor, to speak with someone about your assessment or for more information.

SENIOR GRANT ALLOCATIONS

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 the payment of 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.

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 www.yellowknife.ca/communitygrants. The application deadline for the 2022 Grant Funding program is **Monday, January 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

CITY FACILITIES CLOSED FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OCPHO

Pursuant to the Temporary Suspension of the Northwest Territories Covid-19 Gatherings Order issued by the Chief Public Health Officer, the City of Yellowknife closed the following City facilities to the public:

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

These measures will be effective until **11:59 p.m. on January 21, 2022**, or until directed otherwise by the OCPHO.

The Yellowknife Public Transit Route B Express Bus will be running at 8:00 a.m. only, with the afternoon runs being suspended. Full Express service will resume when schools reopen as directed by the OCPHO.

The City encourages residents to take advantage of the City's Virtual City Hall and eServices to make payments, and to use library cards to access the YPL's e-books and Lynda Library resources when possible.

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. For the latest City information on COVID-19, 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.

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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:

Program Manager
Closing Date of January 24, 2022

Please visit the City of Yellowknife website at 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.)

There are no Development Approvals for January 14, 2022.

Dated the 14th day of January, 2022.

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

SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Monday, January 17, 2022

- Franklin Avenue from Taylor Road to Forrest Drive; and
- Franklin Avenue from Norseman Drive to Taylor Road.

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

- Old Airport Road from Range Lake Road to Borden Drive; and
- Old Airport Road from Borden Drive to Range Lake Road.

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

- Range Lake Road from Hospital to Finlayson Drive.

Thursday, January 20, 2022

- Hearne Hill Road from McMeekan Causeway to Otto Drive; and
- Morrison Drive from Otto Drive South to McMeekan Causeway; and
- Borden Drive from Old Airport Road to Rivett Crescent.

Friday, January 21, 2022

- Old Airport Road from Borden Drive to Coop; and
- Old Airport Road from Coop 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.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

With many Yellowknifers out on snowmobiles this season the City reminds everyone to keep these safety tips in mind:

- There are speed limits for snowmobiles - learn and follow them;
- Always drive at a speed that will let you stop safely;
- Be mindful of, and slow down for, other trail users such as hikers, skiers, skaters and dogsleds;
- Valid snowmobile registration and insurance is required when operating in City Limits;
- Helmets are mandatory for all snowmobile riders and operators; and,
- Remember to dress appropriately and let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return.

To help ensure everyone is snowmobiling safely, the City's Municipal Enforcement Division regulatory patrols lakes and trails. To learn more about snowmobile safety, visit www.yellowknife.ca/snowmobilesafety.

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, January 17, 2022 at 12:05 p.m. via webcast

- A memorandum regarding whether to appoint a Deputy Mayor and maintain the existing Special Committees of Council membership.
- A memorandum regarding 2019–2022 Goals and Objectives Action Plan Update; 2022 Administration Work Plan; and Achievements 2019-2022.

FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

Chimney Ice Buildup

Look Up! How does your chimney look? Is there a build-up of ice? Remove the ice buildup on your chimney to ensure it doesn't collapse the chimney liner. With temperatures of -30 and colder, ice builds up quickly. If your chimney liner is damaged, carbon monoxide will invade your home.

Be proactive:

- Remove the ice before it builds up on your chimney;
- Install a carbon monoxide (CO) detector close to your bedrooms; and
- When you have your furnace or boiler serviced, have them check your chimney liner to ensure there is no damage.

Preventative Maintenance = Peace of Mind.

Learn more at www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention.

FROM THE LIBRARY..

Monthly Book Club

The City of Yellowknife invites you to join us at the Yellowknife Public Library for a monthly book club. Our January discussion features "Her Name was Margaret: Life and Death on the Streets" written by Denise Davy. The discussion meeting will take place on **Monday, January 31, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** in an online meeting format. Join us and share your thoughts, questions, and opinions.

Special guest Denise Davy will be joining us to talk about her book and answer questions!

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

Contactless Pickup

Starting on **Monday, January 17, 2022** Yellowknife Public Library will be offering contactless pickups **9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday.**

Please request items by browsing our catalogue www.yellowknife.ca/en/living-here/catalogue-and-collection.asp and calling 920-5642 or emailing library@yellowknife.ca to arrange a pick up time.

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 www.yellowknife.ca/apply, email ecd@yellowknife.ca, or call 669-3424.



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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