



# CAPITAL UPDATE

## YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

### UPDATED INFORMATION ON COVID-19

All essential City services are continuing and residents can still contact the City by calling 920-5600 or emailing [customerservice@yellowknife.ca](mailto:customerservice@yellowknife.ca). For detailed information on the City's response to COVID-19, visit [www.yellowknife.ca/covid-19](http://www.yellowknife.ca/covid-19).

#### WHAT WE ALL CAN DO:

- Wash your hands frequently, with soap and warm water, for at least 20 seconds;
- Practice physical distancing; and
- If you become ill, stay home, look after yourself and encourage those you know who are sick to do the same;

If you are experiencing milder symptoms, take the online NWT COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool, or call: 867- 767-9120. If your symptoms are severe (i.e. shortness of breath) call 9-1-1, or Fire & Medical: 873-2222.

#### Solid Waste Facility Re-opens to Public

The Solid Waste Facility will open to the public beginning **Monday, May 4, 2020**, with reduced hours:

Hours:	<b>Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b>
Location:	Residents may use the designated drop off area to dispose of waste. Signage will be in place and direction will be given on-site.
Payment:	Debit and Credit preferred, although cash will be accepted.
What:	Recyclables, compost/organics, household garbage, pet waste, large items and other waste can be brought to the drop off area.
Capacity:	A maximum of 10 people (vehicles) will be permitted on-site at any given time to ensure physical distancing and to adhere to the public health orders currently in effect in the NWT.

#### Amnesty Event

The City is pleased to announce the Spring Amnesty Event is scheduled to take place from **May 19 - 22, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

#### Cancelled Events

To ensure public and staff safety and continued essential service delivery, the City has made the difficult decision to cancel the following events, previously scheduled to take place this spring:

- Large Item Pick-up;
- Curbside Giveaway; and
- The annual Compost Sale

For information, visit [www.yellowknife.ca/garbage](http://www.yellowknife.ca/garbage).

#### Parking & Transit

The City of Yellowknife is offering free parking, and not enforcing parking meters, until further notice. All other parking regulations will be enforced.

The City is temporarily waiving transit fees and asks residents to limit public transit use to essential travel only. Express Routes are cancelled until further notice.

### SPRING IS HERE

#### Roads and Sidewalks Maintenance and Clearing

The City is working to complete repairs as quickly as possible and asks for patience while crews perform this work. Report hazards using our online Click & Fix Application at [www.yellowknife.ca/clickandfixyk](http://www.yellowknife.ca/clickandfixyk) or by calling 920-5600.

- **Slippery Conditions:** Warmer temperatures by day and colder temperatures at night can cause slippery conditions on roads and sidewalks. Exercise extreme caution, particularly in mornings and evenings.
- **Spring Road Repairs:** City crews are working hard thawing culverts, pumping puddles, repairing leaks, performing road maintenance, and fixing potholes.
- **Public Sidewalks:** Help keep Yellowknife clean by sweeping your sidewalks and picking up garbage from the adjacent curb. Property owners or occupiers with a public sidewalk are asked to clear it of any dirt, sand, and gravel accumulated during the winter.

#### Ice Safety

- The City would like to remind residents to use caution when travelling on the lakes, as the warm weather increases the risk of falling through the ice. If someone has fallen through, contact emergency services by calling 9-1-1, or Fire & Medical: 873-2222.

#### Driving with Caution

- **Drive with Caution:** Drivers are asked to slow down, and drive with caution while spring road maintenance is underway.
- **Don't Splash Pedestrians:** Drivers are reminded to slow down during the spring melt season and take care not to splash pedestrians when driving by.

#### Property Maintenance

- **Clear snow from roofs and awnings:** to avoid injury to pedestrians walking by your house or business.
- **Water Pooling:** If proper drainage is not in place, water can accumulate in basements, under trailers, as backyard ponds or flow onto adjacent properties. To minimize property damage and inconvenience, residents should explore drainage solutions such as pumps and drainage channels.

For the latest spring condition updates, visit [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca).

### "AT HOME TOGETHER" COMMUNITY MAP

The City of Yellowknife has created an online map called "At Home Together" to highlight addresses in Yellowknife that recognize front line workers or brighten Yellowknifer's days, through the use of lights, window displays, or other creative outlets. These decorations show that we are all at home together!

Residents who would like to participate should email [events@yellowknife.ca](mailto:events@yellowknife.ca) with their address, a short note and an optional photo. There is no submission deadline but residents are encouraged to get involved and register! The first At Home Together map will be published on the City website on **Friday, May 1, 2020**.

For more information, visit [www.yellowknife.ca/athometogether](http://www.yellowknife.ca/athometogether).

## 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:** April 23, 2020  
#PL-2020-0104  
Lot 86, Block 553, Plan 4675 (230 Utsingi Drive)  
Intended Development: Accessory Building

**Date of Appeal:** May 7, 2020

Dated the 1st Day of May, 2020

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

## FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

### BBQ Fire Safety

Keep these tips in mind for a fire-free BBQ season:

- Clean your BBQ before use and remove grease/fat buildup;
- Replace your propane tank if it's damaged or over 10 years old;
- Use soapy water to test for propane leaks;
- Only use your BBQ outside;
- Place BBQ at least 10' (3m) from house or wood railing;
- Ensure the lid is up when lighting; and
- Turn off tank first to burn off fuel in the lines.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

May 3 - 9, 2020 is Emergency Preparedness Week; a week that encourages Canadians to learn and plan for emergencies. A few simple actions will help us to prepare for any emergency:

- **Know The Risks:** Common risks in the North include extended power outages and wildfires;
- **Make a Plan:** Learn how at [www.yellowknife.ca/emergencyplan](http://www.yellowknife.ca/emergencyplan);
- **Get a Kit:** Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours with a fully stocked emergency kit.

Go to [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca) for information on emergency preparedness.

During these challenging pandemic times, it is important to be prepared to help protect yourself, your family and others. Find out how at [www.hss.gov.nt.ca](http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca).

## SUPER BINGO CANCELLED

The City wishes to inform residents that, due to COVID-19, the Super Bingo for 2020 has been cancelled. For more information, please contact the City at 920-5600.

## FOOD TRUCK LOTTERY

Food truck operators wishing to participate in a lottery for a designated parking spot in Yellowknife's downtown must have their business license and all related paperwork completed and submitted to the City no later than **Friday, May 15, 2020**. The lottery draw takes place on **Thursday, May 21, 2020**. Due to COVID-19, all Food Truck Operators will be subject to approval from the Chief Public Health Officer. For more information contact us at 920-5600.

## 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).

### Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2020 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A memorandum regarding whether to approve a Conditionally Permitted Use (Similar Use) at Lot 17, Block 80 (4024 School Draw Avenue).
- A presentation regarding City Issues and Fiscal Overview related to COVID-19.

### IN CAMERA

- A memorandum regarding whether to appoint a member to serve on the Heritage Committee.
- A memorandum regarding whether to appoint someone to fill a vacant position on the Audit Committee.
- A personnel matter.

To view the agenda, visit [calendar.yellowknife.ca](http://calendar.yellowknife.ca).

## SURFACE WATER LINES

### Start Up

As of **June 1, 2020**, water lines will be turned on and residents can connect service lines. Delivery schedules shall remain in place up to and including **June 1** so that residents are not without water during the start-up process.

### Shut Down

As of **September 14, 2020** water lines are to be disconnected from each residence. Residents are asked to ensure tanks are full prior to **7:00 a.m.** on **September 14** as delivery schedules will not resume until the first normally scheduled day following this date.

Commissioning of the surface water lines will begin the first week of May with staff members beginning the preliminary inspection of exposed lines and completing noted repairs from damage caused during the winter. During the commissioning process crews will complete necessary repairs and flush and disinfect the lines which have remained stagnant over the winter months. During this time residents will periodically notice water running from various sections of the water system but are asked to refrain from connecting to the water lines prior to the date of June 1. Any use of water in this system for consumption or residential use is strictly prohibited prior to the start date of June 1 as we cannot guarantee water quality until the commissioning process is complete and water quality samples are in place.

Residents will notice staff traversing through private properties in some areas as we progress through the surface line commissioning process and are asked to ensure access is granted where necessary.

## SCOOP THE POOP!

Pet poop that is left in yards, fields, parks and on sidewalks eventually ends up in Yellowknife rivers and lakes. Dog waste is high in nitrogen and phosphorus which promotes algae growth in ponds and streams. It also can contain Giardia, Parvo, Tapeworms, Roundworms, Salmonella and Coccidia which can linger in soil for years.

Be a responsible dog owner. Scoop the Poop! Keep our community healthy and clean.



[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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