



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

UPDATED INFORMATION ON COVID-19

All essential City services are continuing. For detailed information on the City's response to 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;
- Practice physical distancing both indoors and out, including parks and trails; and
- If you become ill, stay home, look after yourself and encourage those you know who are sick to do the same.

The City Planning to Emerge Wisely

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to be planning the re-opening of City programs, services and facilities, in line with the GNWT's recent 'Emerging Wisely' announcement. To ensure that we re-open safely, and are following capacity and other restrictions that are in place, many factors must be considered. The City would like to thank residents for your ongoing patience as staff work to do this in a planned and safe manner, as quickly as possible. The City's top priorities remain public and staff safety, and continued essential service delivery.

The City is developing its' re-opening schedule and will communicate all updates with the public, via the City webpage www.yellowknife.ca and on social media. Residents can also contact the City by emailing CustomerService@yellowknife.ca or calling 920-5600.

Solid Waste Facility

Hours: **Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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.

Spring Amnesty Event

The Spring Amnesty Event is scheduled to take place from **May 19 - 22, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** During this time the residential \$10.00 tipping fee at the Solid Waste Facility will be waived but other tipping fees will still apply.

At this time, salvaging is not permitted. The City's top priorities remain public and staff safety, and continued essential service delivery. Salvaging will resume at a time when it is safe to do so. Residents should expect delays as there will be a limited number of vehicles permitted on site at one time.

For more information, please call the City at 920-5600.

Compost Collection

The City would like to advise residents that bi-weekly, Green Cart (organics) waste collection will resume, effective **June 1, 2020**, and the City will return to its regular Curbside Cart Program schedule.

Residents can view their personalized Curbside Cart Collection schedule by entering their address in the "My Schedule" section of the City's website www.yellowknife.ca/garbage.

SUMMER HOURS

The City of Yellowknife would like to advise the public that effective **Tuesday, May 19** City Hall will be switching to summer hours (**8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday**). While the building remains closed to the public until further notice, residents can still contact the City by calling 920-5600 or by emailing customerservice@yellowknife.ca.

TRANSIT - VICTORIA DAY

There will be no transit service or Yellowknife Accessible Transit System on **Monday, May 18** due to the Statutory Holiday.

CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Paving

- Otto Drive
- Hearne Hill Road
- Enterprise Drive
- Dagenais Drive
- Old Airport Road from Range Lake Road to Byrne Road South Bound Lanes (Side Closest to Northland Utilities Building)

Water and Sewer Upgrades

- 54th Avenue from 49th Street to School Draw Avenue

Facility and Infrastructure Improvements

- City Hall accessibility upgrades
- Tommy Forrest Ballpark upgrades
- McMeekan Causeway stabilization
- Traffic Light upgrades
- Folk on the Rocks
- Hordal-Bagon Park

Trail Improvements

- Engle Trail

Construction season is just around the corner and expected to begin by the first week of June. Be attentive to road signs, reduce speeds in construction zones and plan ahead when commuting as traffic delays can be expected.

To receive current information on road closures and delays, follow "Our Yellowknife" on Facebook or Twitter or visit our website at www.yellowknife.ca/construction.

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

The City would like to share with residents some road safety tips and reminders as we approach the May long weekend, which coincides with National Road Safety Week.

- Check your vehicle registration: The Department of Motor Vehicles remains accessible for driver registration renewals;
- Watch your speed: Drive responsibly and within the speed limit;
- Share the road and give bikes space: Now that the sun is out, pedestrians and bike traffic are increasing;
- Be mindful of kids playing outside: Playground and School zones remain in effect 24/7; and
- Don't drive impaired: If you are drinking, use a designated driver or call a taxi.

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS NOTICE

There are no Development Approvals for May 15th, 2020

Dated the 15th Day of May, 2020

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

OUR YELLOWKNIFE

This spring, 'Our Yellowknife' features essential service providers who continue to deliver our essential services during COVID-19. The Our Yellowknife campaign celebrates residents who care, contribute and help define our capital city of the Northwest Territories.

To find out who has been featured and support this month's profiles, visit www.yellowknife.ca/ouryellowknife.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Yellowknife is an inclusive employer offering the following position:

Municipal Enforcement Officer II
Closing Date of May 25, 2020

For more information on this position, please refer to the City's web page at www.yellowknife.ca or contact Human Resources at (867) 920-5603.

"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. These decorations show that we are all at home together!

Residents who would like to participate should email events@yellowknife.ca with their address, a short note and an optional photo. For more information, visit www.yellowknife.ca/athometogether.

SPRING CLEAN UP

City crews have begun roads and sidewalks clearing and community organizations will be taking part in Spring Clean-Up from **May 17-23, 2020**. The City is working to clear our City of litter as quickly as possible and asks for patience while crews and community organizations perform this work.

Residents can report litter using our online Click & Fix Application at www.yellowknife.ca/clickandfixyk. Help keep our City beautiful by disposing of waste properly and encouraging others to do the same.

FROM THE LIBRARY...

To access the digital library, Lynda learning services, at-home programs and story times, or to request a library card, please visit www.yellowknife.ca/library and select "Online Resources".

At Home Children's Programs

The Yellowknife Public Library is pleased to present At Home Children's Programs! The library will supply the list of songs, rhymes, crafts and books for parents to work on with their child at home.

Programs provided include: Baby Songs and Rhymes; Toddler Time; and Preschool Story Time.

Virtual Story Time

Missing storytime at the library? Checkout the Yellowknife Public Library's virtual StoryTime featuring: the Snow King reading 'The Cremation of Sam McGee; Dogs, Dogs, Dogs; Classic Virtual StoryTime and more!

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

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A report from the RCMP regarding statistics.
- A memorandum regarding whether to make recommendations to RCMP Yellowknife Detachment regarding 2020/21 policing priorities.
- A memorandum regarding whether to approve strategic priorities for the Municipal Enforcement Division for 2020/21.
- A presentation regarding 2020 Construction Projects.
- A presentation regarding the Wayfinding Strategy.
- A memorandum regarding the Minutes of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Committee meeting of April 30, 2020.

To view the agenda, visit calendar.yellowknife.ca.

FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

Outdoor Fire Safety

With the snow melt, warmer temperatures, and brisk winds outdoor combustibles are drying up. To prevent grass and brush fires, please dispose of your cigarette butts properly.

Burning Permits

The Yellowknife Fire Division has begun fire pit inspections for the season. If you are planning to burn grass, brush, or having a campfire, you must obtain a permit.

Unless you have an approved fire pit, you are prohibited from burning. Burning without a permit will result in a fine.

Working from Home

The Yellowknife Fire Division would like to remind residents of the following safe practices while working from home:

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking;
- Charge electronic devices on a firm surface;
- Don't overload electrical outlets; and
- Plan and practice your exit drills.

For more information on how to practice fire safety while working and schooling from home, visit www.yellowknife.ca/ykfd/prevention.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The City of Yellowknife is now accepting applications for the following committees:

- Audit Committee;
- Community Advisory Board on Homelessness; and
- University/Post-Secondary Advisory Committee.

Individuals should apply online at www.yellowknife.ca/committees. The deadline for receipt of application(s) has been extended to **Friday, June 5, 2020**. For more information, please call 920-5600.



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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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