



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.

Solid Waste Facility

The Solid Waste Facility is open to the public beginning with reduced hours:

Hours:	Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Location:	Residents may use the designated drop off area to dispose of waste.
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.

Spring 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.** For information, visit www.yellowknife.ca/garbage.

TRANSIT - VICTORIA DAY

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

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.

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.

SPRING MAINTENANCE

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 or by calling 920-5600.

Road Dust & Street Cleaning

Snow removal efforts assist in reducing quantities of residual street sand; however, spring melting still reveals substantial amounts of sand and dust that must be swept and cleaned.

The City receives a high number of requests to remove sand, and we try to schedule street cleaning strategically, both at night and during the day when conditions allow and as quickly as possible. Residents can assist in the delivery speed of this operation by not sweeping their driveway debris into the street after the cleaning operation has passed and moving parked vehicles to a different location once the street sweeper has passed in order for the remaining gravel to be collected when the street sweeper returns.

Sidewalk Cleaning

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.

Property Maintenance

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.

"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 Yellowknife'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.

SCOOP THE POOP!

Pet poop that is left in yards, fields, parks and on sidewalks eventually ends up in Yellowknife rivers and lakes. Scoop the Poop! Keep our community healthy and clean.

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.

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS NOTICE

There are no Development Approvals for May 8th, 2020

Dated the 8th Day of May, 2020

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

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Any items currently checked out of the Yellowknife Public Library have been automatically renewed until **June 4**. The City will be offering 'Fine Free Returns' for 2 weeks when the library reopens.

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".

Bookface Contest

What's a bookface? The New York Times describes it as "strategically lining up your face or another body part alongside a book cover that features a matching body part so that there appears a melding of life and art." Do you have a book that will work to create a picture as described above? Snap a photo of it and email it to library@yellowknife.ca.

This contest will run till **June 15, 2020** and is open to all ages to enter! Please include your contact information and your age category in your email. Age categories are: Children up to 13; Teens 13-18, and Adults 18+. Photos will be on display on our website.

One winner will be chosen for each age category by a draw and prizes will be awarded when the library re-opens.

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!

FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

Cabin Fire Safety

Protect your cabin, here's what you can do:

- Service your propane appliances;
- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms;
- Service your fire extinguisher annually;
- Safely dispose of cigarette butts in fire proof containers;
- Keep a 1.5m fire zone around your buildings and fire pit; and
- FireSmart 10m around your buildings.

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.

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, May 11, 2020 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A memorandum regarding whether to endorse key planning principles to guide COVID-19 financial decision making and whether to provide direction to Administration regarding 2020 tax rates and 2020 fees and charges.
- A discussion regarding a joint request from United Way NWT and the Yellowknife Community Foundation regarding their Together We Are Strong Community Response to COVID-19 campaign.
- A presentation regarding Wildland Fire Preparedness.
- A memorandum regarding the Minutes of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Committee meeting of April 16, 2020.

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.

Council Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- Whether to approve a Conditionally Permitted Use (Similar Use) at Lot 17, Block 80 (4024 School Draw Avenue).

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

SURFACE WATER LINES

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.

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.

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.



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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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