



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

THE AQUATIC CENTRE

The City of Yellowknife is seeking voter approval to borrow up to \$10,001,000 to finance the development of the Aquatic Centre. A referendum to determine if the City can borrow will take place on **November 23, 2021**, by mail-in ballot, and all eligible voters are encouraged to cast their vote.

Referendum Day

Referendum Day for the proposed Aquatic Centre is **Tuesday, November 23, 2021**. If you are at least 18 years of age, a Canadian Citizen and have been living in Yellowknife for at least 12 consecutive months, you are eligible to vote in the Aquatic Centre Referendum.

If you did not receive your ballot in the mail, attend a Voter Assistance Location at either the Tree of Peace or Multiplex Gym on **November 23, 2021 between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** to cast your ballot. Voters are reminded to bring Photo ID to assist the Referendum Staff.

Background

To ensure Yellowknifers cast an informed vote, the City is sharing information regarding the funding of the Aquatic Centre and how it will affect taxes paid by Yellowknifers. It is important that the Aquatic Centre project, and its impact on current and future budgets, are understood.

In 2018 Council voted to build a new facility over renovating the Ruth Inch Memorial Pool (RIMP). Building the proposed Aquatic Centre will cost \$67,735,329, excluding GST. Renovating the RIMP was forecast to cost \$41,000,000 in the 2018 Pre-Design Plan.

It is important to note that the City secured \$12,900,000 in federal funding that can only go towards a new facility and cannot be spent on renovating the RIMP. The proposed Aquatic Centre will accommodate current and future community demand, while a renovation will modernize the RIMP but will not address capacity limitations.

If Yellowknifers support the City borrowing to build the Aquatic Centre, construction is scheduled to begin in 2022 and finish in 2024. Annual municipal taxes are expected to increase by an estimated 1.27% to cover the annual costs of the proposed Aquatic Centre, once the facility is open.

If the proposed Aquatic Centre is not built: costs to run the RIMP will go up, and capital expenditures may be needed if major refurbishments are undertaken. Annual maintenance closures are also likely to increase and any extensive refurbishment would result in a long term closure of at least 2 years. Accessibility requirements must also be factored into any RIMP upgrades. For more information, visit www.yellowknife.ca/AquaticCentre, email AquaticCentre@yellowknife.ca, or call 920-5600.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The City of Yellowknife invites you to take part in the 2021 Santa Claus Parade downtown on **Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**

This year's parade theme is "Rock'n Roll Christmas". Community organizations, sports teams, businesses and schools are invited to enter a float, vehicle(s), or walking group in the parade. The parade will start at **5:00 p.m.** at City Hall, turn up 53 Street, and proceed on Franklin Avenue to 48 Street.

Transit Service will be unavailable after **4:00 p.m. on Saturday November 20, 2021** for the Santa Claus Parade. Yellowknife Accessible Transit Service (YATS) will still be available during regular service hours.

The City of Yellowknife will be following all health orders issued by the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer, and events may change with little notice. All updates will be communicated to the public, via the City webpage www.yellowknife.ca and on social media.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Yellowknife has given First Reading to By-law No. 5045, a by-law to repeal and replace Zoning By-law No. 4404.

The Council of the City of Yellowknife will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2021** at the Multiplex DND Gym. On the advice of the Chief Public Health Officer concerning gatherings, this meeting will also be available to the public via webcast and via Zoom for registrants who wish to speak.

Please visit www.yellowknife.ca/zoning-by-law-review for additional information or to obtain a copy of By-law No. 5045. Questions regarding the proposed by-law may be directed to the Manager of Planning and Lands, Rob Lok, at rllok@yellowknife.ca or 920-5600.

Written submissions should be forwarded not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 to the City Clerk, Yellowknife City Hall, P.O. Box 580, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N4; e-mailed to cityclerk@yellowknife.ca; or faxed to (867) 920-5649. Written submissions will form part of the Hearing package.

Any person wishing to make a verbal submission at the Public Hearing, in person or via Zoom, is asked to contact the Office of the City Clerk at 920-5602 or cityclerk@yellowknife.ca before **12:00 p.m. on November 26, 2021** and provide their name and whether they will be speaking in favour or against the proposed by-law.

ATTENTION: Residents are advised that Council cannot consider oral or written submissions received after the Public Hearing on **Saturday, November 27, 2021** is declared closed.

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.

Through the Community Grant, the City provides funding to non-profit, community organizations that assist in the organization of events, projects or programs that align with Council's Goals and Objectives, have a clear community impact and respond to community needs.

Through the Heritage Committee Grant, the City provides funding for groups with projects that celebrate Yellowknife's history and culture. This funding has been used to create heritage photo displays, heritage mobile applications, and heritage-related public art displays, but new ideas are always welcome. Application are reviewed annually by the Heritage Committee.

Interested organizations are encouraged to apply for the 2022 Grant Funding and Heritage Committee Grant now!

Recent changes to the Grants Programs include one application deadline for both the Heritage Committee Grant and Community Grant Funding programs; Maximum award amounts; and Funding Guiding Principles.

Full program details, including the types of grants available and the application form, 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.**

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 November 19, 2021.

Dated the 19th day of November, 2021.

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

FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

Vehicle Idling Safety Tips

Vehicle exhaust contains high levels of carbon monoxide (CO) which dissipates in open air. Confined in a building, it will collect and will cause CO poisoning, possibly leading to death.

PREVENTION:

- Turn off your vehicle if parked next to a building air intake;
- Warm up your vehicle outside - not in your garage; even with the garage door open, CO will accumulate and make its way into your home.
- Learn more at www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Yellowknife is currently offering exciting opportunities for the right people to join and work alongside our dedicated and community focused team of City Employees in the following positions:

Part time Casual Parks and Facilities Labourers
Closing Date of November 26, 2021

Customer Service & Finance Officer
Closing Date of December 3, 2021

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

TOBOGGAN HILL

The City of Yellowknife wishes to inform residents that effective **Friday November 26, 2021**, 51 Avenue between 55 and 56 Streets will be closed to all traffic except local for the winter season. As practiced in past years, the area will be closed for the creation of a recreational toboggan hill. To this end, the City will be providing more snow to make the area as safe and enjoyable for children and families as possible.

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.

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, November 22, 2021 at 12:05 p.m. via webcast

- A memorandum regarding whether to direct Administration to prioritize time and resources dedicated to the Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP) to ensure the local benefits of the GMRP are maximized and social impacts are addressed.

IN CAMERA

- A personnel matter.

Council Meeting

Monday, November 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via webcast

- Whether to seek Voter Approval for the borrowing of funds to finance the development of the Aquatic Centre, and to authorize the City to enter into a contract with Clark Builders in the amount of \$67,735,329 excluding GST, for the development of the Aquatic Centre.
- Whether to authorize the expenditure of \$8,000 from the Heritage Committee budget for Pat Braden's Storytelling Podcast Series.
- Whether to accept for information the 'Yellowknife Parkade Feasibility Study' for the downtown.
- Whether to appoint someone to fill a vacant position on the Audit Committee.
- Whether to appoint a member to serve on the City of Yellowknife Grant Review Committee.
- Whether to appoint a member to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.
- By-law No. 5046, a by-law authorizing the City of Yellowknife to acquire lands in the Block 501 Subdivision for the purpose of roads and trail access.

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Winter Stem Packs

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to present Winter Stem Packs. These packs are suitable for children ages 7 to 10 years old. Instructions and some of the supplies are included in packages.

Raging Raven Meditation

The City of Yellowknife invites you to join us at the Yellowknife Public Library **Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.** for guided calm abiding meditation. All are welcome and instruction is provided. Drop ins are welcome, but capacity is limited. Physical distancing and masks are required, and attendees must fill out a short COVID-19 screening form when they arrive.

Visitors are by appointment only and must complete a contact tracing form before entering the library. Social distancing and masks are mandatory.

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



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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