

**CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE  
BY-LAW NO. 4427**

A BY-LAW of the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, to designate the building located on Lots 11 and 12, Block 23, Plan 65, known as the "Yellowknife Post Office" as a Heritage Site;

PURSUANT TO:

- a) Section 70 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, S.N.W.T., 2003, c.22, and Sections 25 to 29 inclusive of the *Planning Act*, R.S.N.W.T., 1988, c. P-7;
- b) Sections 2.16 and 5.2 of City of Yellowknife Zoning By-law No. 4024, and Sections 3 to 5 inclusive of City of Yellowknife Heritage By-law No. 3445; and
- c) The approval of the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, certified hereunder.

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife Heritage Committee has recommended in accordance with Heritage By-law No. 3445 and Zoning By-law No. 4024 that the "Yellowknife Post Office" located on Lots 11 and 12, Block 23, Plan 65 be designated as a heritage site;

AND WHEREAS the "Yellowknife Post Office" located on Lots 11 and 12, Block 23, Plan 65 is of historic interest and worthy of protection as a heritage resource;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE, in regular session duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

**APPLICATION**

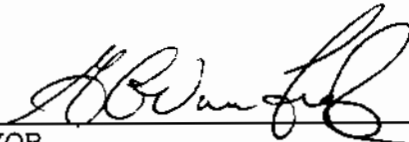
1. That the real property known as the "Yellowknife Post Office", more particularly described as a building located on Lots 11 and 12, Block 23, Plan 65 as described in Schedule A attached to and forming part of this by-law, is hereby designated as a heritage site in accordance with By-law No. 4024.
2. That the City Clerk for the City of Yellowknife is authorized to add the "Yellowknife Post Office" to the list of sites designated as heritage sites pursuant to Section 5.2(4) and Schedule No. 2 of Zoning By-law No. 4024.

3. That the City Administrator of the City of Yellowknife is authorized to provide financial assistance to the sympathetic renovation of heritage property as provided for pursuant to Section 16 (1) of Heritage By-law No. 3445.

**EFFECT**


4. That this by-law shall come into effect upon receiving Third Reading and otherwise meets the requirements of Section 75 of the Cities, Towns and Villages Act.

READ a First Time this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of OCTOBER, A.D. 2006.

  
MAYOR

A/   
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

READ a Second Time this 14<sup>TH</sup> day of NOVEMBER, A.D. ~~2006~~ <sup>2007</sup>.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs of the Northwest Territories this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of December, A.D. 2007.6


  
MINISTER  
MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

READ a Third Time and Finally Passed this 8 day of  
January A.D., 2007.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

I hereby certify that this by-law has been made in accordance with the requirements of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* and the by-laws of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife.

  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR



**City of Yellowknife  
By-law No. 4427  
Schedule A**

**Heritage Committee  
Site Evaluation Summary**

**Name of the Site: Yellowknife Post Office**

**Built: 1956**

**Location: 4902 Franklin Avenue (see attached site plan)**

**Legal Description: Lots 11 & 12, Block 23, Plan 65**

**Current Owner: Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC)**

The City of Yellowknife Heritage Committee has completed an evaluation of the Yellowknife Post Office building using criteria approved by City Council in 1987. The Heritage Committee is recommending that this property be designated a Heritage Resource in the City of Yellowknife for the following reasons.

**Historical Considerations:**

On April 30, 1956, the current Yellowknife Post Office was opened as the young community of Yellowknife was expanded from Old Town to New Town. The building was originally configured to include the central post office on the main floor and the federal government offices and a courtroom on the second floor. Mr. Art Umbach was the first Post Master and served the community for many years.

**Yellowknife Post Office -1956**



Traditionally, the post office has always been the focal point of northern communities and the Yellowknife Post Office is no different. In the early years, the post office served townspeople, first nations, government offices and the mining industry to mail letters, send money and receive distant mail order products. The post office received news from friends, relatives, and business associates. People valued the post office due to its attachment to the outside world, prior to modern high speed electronic news media and transportation services.

### **Yellowknife Post Office -2006**



The building has been the centre of downtown community life since the new town began. The wide sidewalk in front of the building has been the principal location within downtown Yellowknife for people to meet and congregate to conduct business or socialize. During the summer days, elders and old timers sit on the benches to relax, observe downtown life, and meet friends and relatives. It has also been a key meeting place to sell community event tickets, to protest, and provide community and political information leaflets. The Yellowknife Post Office is an important historical site due to its significance as a social, cultural, and business cross-roads representing the community mosaic of the City of Yellowknife.

### **Architectural:**

The building represents the 1950's government building and architectural style that was typical for smaller Canadian communities. There have been several interior and exterior renovations over the years, particularly in the 1990's.

The Post Office building compliments the adjacent Sutherland's Drug Store which was also built in 1956. These buildings provide a historical context for the early streetscape of 50<sup>th</sup> (Franklin) Avenue, Yellowknife's main street.