



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

EVACUATION ANNIVERSARY

Friday, August 16, 2024 marked the one-year anniversary of the evacuation and the City of Yellowknife understands that this may stir many difficult memories and feelings for residents and businesses. The City wishes to take this opportunity to recognize the strength and resiliency of our community.

Since the evacuation, City staff, Mayor and Council have been working hard to advance the City's emergency preparedness planning. As weather conditions and local air quality continue to fluctuate, residents can be assured that the safety and well-being of residents remain a top priority for the City. In a continued effort to improve our strategies for preparing for and managing emergencies, several actions have been taken to allow the City to effectively navigate the current and future wildfire seasons.

Preparations for wildfire season:

- An [After Action Assessment](#) was conducted based on the City's emergency response to the 2023 wildfire season.
- In alignment with the final report from the After Action Assessment and the 2024 NWT Emergency Plan, the City is updating its Community Emergency Plan and is developing Evacuation and Communications Plans, which will be available on the City's website once finalized.
- Detailed [wildfire content](#) was added to the City's website to ensure residents can easily access information on the current wildfire status and how to get prepared.
- The City continues to collaborate with local partners, municipalities and the territorial government to ensure processes are aligned and resources are identified and utilized.
- The City has improved the capacity of our Emergency Operations Centre and Emergency preparedness training has been given to City staff.
- [Free home and property fire risk assessments](#) remain available to residents until fall 2024 and will be made available each year during wildfire season.
- The City has been working with contractors to remove the piles of vegetation that were generated during creation of the fuel breaks in 2023.

The City would like to thank all community members for their patience, cooperation and contributions during the 2023 wildfire season, as well as the feedback provided to help shape our emergency response tactics moving forward. Information on the current wildfire season can be found of the [City's website](#).

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

It's back to school time and the City of Yellowknife would like to remind Yellowknifers to be vigilant and take extra caution in school zones and near school buses and students. Schools will begin to welcome students back. Remember these important Back to School Safety tips:

School Zones:

School zones remain in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Municipal Enforcement officers will be actively monitoring traffic in these areas of the city to ensure the safety of students. Drivers should always take extra caution in these areas and obey posted speed limits. This is especially important in the coming weeks as children return to school.

School Buses:

When driving near a school bus, extra caution is needed. It is illegal to pass a school bus with its red flashing lights on. Drivers in both directions must stop. Be vigilant and alert behind the wheel.

Walking and Cycling to School:

Practice road safety with children and remind them to follow road safety rules: Only cross at crosswalks, stop signs or stoplights, and look both ways before crossing the street. For those cycling to and from school, remember: Bike helmets are mandatory for anyone under the age of 18.

As students head back to school by foot, bike and bus, please help keep them safe.

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Classic Movie Mondays

Join the Yellowknife Public Library's Film Club for classic movie screenings on the last Monday of the month. Our August feature will be "Barefoot in the Park" – a 1967 romantic comedy starring Jane Fonda and Robert Redford! Swing by the library on **August 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** to join the fun. Admission (and popcorn) is free!

Story Time with Local Author Matt Fournier

Join Yellowknife Children's author Matt Fournier at the Yellowknife Public Library on **Saturday, August 31 at 11:00 a.m.** for a story time reading of his new book "Abby Zoo Turns into a Mosquito!".

Intended for ages 4-10 years old, this story is relatable for every northerner who has been kept up (and fed up) by mosquitos! Copies of the book will be available to purchase.

Book a Librarian

We invite you to meet one-on-one with a librarian to learn how to download e-books, and Audiobooks from the library's collection onto your e-reader, mobile device, or laptop.

To register for a Library Program or for more information, email library@yellowknife.ca, call (867) 920-5642 or visit www.yellowknife.ca/library.

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. (867) 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: August 21, 2024
#PL-2024-0070
Election Sign Zone 10
(Intersection of Old Airport Road and Range Lake Road)
Election Sign Zone 39 (Intersection of Franklin Avenue and School Draw Avenue)
Intended Development: Two Temporary Signs (for the purpose of promoting Northern Arts & Cultural Centre's 40 Years).
Last Date to Appeal: September 4, 2024

Dated the 23th day of August 2024.

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

2024 FINAL TAX LEVY

The City of Yellowknife reminds property owners and ratepayers that the 2024 Final Tax Levy payment must be received by the City no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 30, 2024**.

Residents can make their Final Tax Levy payment through their bank, in-person at City Hall by cheque or debit card, or by mailing or dropping off a cheque at the City Hall drop box.

Accounts that are not paid by the due date will be charged 1.8% interest per month until the taxes are paid in full. For more information on property tax payments and pre-authorized installments, please visit www.yellowknife.ca/taxpayments or call the City at (867) 920-5600.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Assistant Pool Supervisor
Closing Date August 30, 2024

Corporate Communications Advisor
Closing Date September 4, 2024

Water & Sewer Maintainer I (2 Positions)
Closing Date September 6, 2024

Equipment Operator II
Until Filled

Casual Part-Time - Lifeguard or Instructor
Until Filled

Fire Fighter/PCP
Until Filled

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

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

Monday, August 26, 2024 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- As there were no items for the agenda, the meeting has been cancelled.

Council Meeting

Monday, August 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- Whether to adopt a Workplace Violence Policy.
- Whether to repeal and replace Livery Licence By-law No. 4526, as amended.
- Whether to increase the fee for a development appeal.
- Whether to direct Administration to review and modernize the Development Appeal Board, and enhance staff and board capacity.

To view Council and Committee Agendas visit [Council Calendar](#).

FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

Street Address

Is your street address visible from the road? Whether business or residential, please ensure the street number is clearly visible from the road. The City's Municipal Address By-law No. 3693 provides information on size requirements.

In case of emergency, the street number clearly visible will help prevent delays in Yellowknife Fire Department arrival. Help us help you; the sooner we arrive, the sooner we can mitigate your emergency.

Learn more at www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention.

GARDEN COMPETITION

This year's competition will take place until **Monday, September 9, 2024**. Recognize the hard work that Yellowknifers put into their properties by nominating your favourite garden. The list of categories can be found on the City's website. Following nominations, residents can vote on which garden they feel deserves the title!

Photos of the nominated gardens will be uploaded to the [City's Facebook page](#) and residents will be invited to vote for the winner by liking the photo of their favourite garden. Residents can place their vote from **August 26, 2024 to September 9, 2024**.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE VACANCY

The City of Yellowknife is seeking volunteers to fill a vacancy on its Heritage Committee – a body created to help conserve, protect and celebrate the heritage of Yellowknife for the benefit of present and future residents. The City welcomes applications from all interested persons, however, those with a strong knowledge of Yellowknife history are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applicants should apply [online](#) and submit a Letter of Interest by **Friday, September 6, 2024** to the City Clerk, Yellowknife City Hall, P.O. Box 580, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N4; fax (867) 920-5649; or email cityclerk@yellowknife.ca. For more information, please contact the City at (867) 920-5602.

2024 FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to announce that registration for 2024 Fall Recreational Programs is open. Residents can register for programs online or by calling (867) 920-5683 or (867) 669-3457. To register online, residents must log in or create an account using the instructions provided online. To explore the recreational programming available and to register, visit www.yellowknife.ca/Programs.



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Mayor/City Manager (867) 920-5693
Booking Clerk (867) 669-3457

Municipal Enforcement (MED) (867) 920-5630
After Hours (MED) (867) 920-2737
After Hours (Public Works) (867) 920-5699

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