



# CAPITAL UPDATE

## YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

### FIRE BAN IN YELLOWKNIFE

Due to extremely dry conditions, the City of Yellowknife implemented a fire ban on July 19, 2024. The fire ban prohibits open air burning and discharging of fireworks within city limits, including the use of approved fire pits, and will remain in effect until further notice. The use of camp-stoves, enclosed BBQs, and Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved propane-fueled appliances are permitted. Outdoor propane-fueled burners are also permitted for heating and/or cooking, but must be used within the confines of a fire pit.

Information about fire bans and the fire danger rating can be found on the City of Yellowknife's website under [Wildfire Updates](#).

### SIGN UP FOR CITY'S EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Have you signed up for the City's Emergency Email Notifications? In the event of an emergency, important updates will be sent directly to your inbox so you can easily stay informed. Sign up within the "Alerts" section: [www.subscribe.yellowknife.ca/subscribe](http://www.subscribe.yellowknife.ca/subscribe).

### FREE HOME AND PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

The City of Yellowknife Fire Division (YKFD) is conducting free home and property assessments for Yellowknife residents. This assessment will highlight areas of risk and provide specific recommendations of actions and upgrades residents can take to increase their property's resilience to wildfire.

The program's primary purpose is to engage homeowners in voluntary wildfire mitigation activities by offering a home assessment with property-specific recommendations. This program is being offered in collaboration with FireSmart Canada, FireSmart NWT and homeowners in Yellowknife.

Homeowners, business owners and property management companies are invited to call (867) 766-5502 or email to [firehalladministration@yellowknife.ca](mailto:firehalladministration@yellowknife.ca) to book a free assessment with YKFD's staff. YKFD will run this program until fall 2024.

### PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR 2025 BUDGET

The City of Yellowknife invites residents to help shape the 2025 budget. Residents can submit project proposal(s) from **Wednesday, July 17, 2024 to Friday, August 16, 2024** via an [online form](#) on the City's website.

This new form allows residents to submit a complete project proposal with a cost estimate, giving consideration to [Council's Strategic Directions](#) and to tax and service implications. Residents are asked to complete all sections to the best of their ability. The information collected will allow Council to more easily assess the feasibility of the projects proposed and their alignment with Council's objectives. Residents are reminded that the City is not permitted to run a deficit budget, and as such, any increased costs associated with the proposals submitted must be funded through a tax increase or a service/program reduction.

More information on the City budget can be found on our [website](#). For questions related to the 2025 budget development process, email [budget@yellowknife.ca](mailto:budget@yellowknife.ca). To make a presentation at the Council meeting on **October 15, 2024**, email [cityclerk@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cityclerk@yellowknife.ca) or call (867) 920-5602 by **October 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

### FROM THE POOL...

#### RIMP Summer Schedule

The Ruth Inch Memorial Pool has an updated summer schedule **until August 24, 2024!** Make sure you take a look before making your way to your favourite swims.

#### New Teen Swim

A teen swim has been added to the schedule for those aged 12 to 17 on **Friday evenings from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**, featuring dimmed lighting and louder music.

#### New Adult Lane Swim

An adult lane swim has been added to the schedule on Saturdays for the rest of summer, **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

#### Sensory Friendly Swim

Join us for our new sensory friendly swim at the Ruth Inch Memorial Pool! This swim will run on **Fridays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. until August 30, 2024**. Regular admission applies.

The Ruth Inch Memorial Pool fall 2024 programs registration opens **August 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** Visit [www.yellowknife.ca/programs](http://www.yellowknife.ca/programs) to view the classes.

### SUMMER PROGRAMS

#### City Day Camp Extended (7-12 year olds)

Day Camp for 7-12 year olds has been extended! Register your child for an extra week of fun from **August 19 to 23, 2024**. For more information on these and all City programs, call (867) 669-3457 or visit [www.yellowknife.ca/programs](http://www.yellowknife.ca/programs).

### GARDEN COMPETITION RETURNS!

The City of Yellowknife's Garden Competition is back by popular demand!

This year's garden competition will take place from **Friday, August 23, 2024, to Friday, September 6, 2024**. A fun way to recognize gardeners in Yellowknife who have the green thumb to beautify our city, residents can nominate local gardens online for a number of categories. To learn more about the categories, please see the City's website. Following nominations, residents can vote on which garden they feel deserves the title! Nominations will be accepted online from **Monday, August 12, 2024 until Friday, September 6, 2024** in the following categories:

- Tiny Garden;
- Bee Friendly;
- Vegetable Garden;
- Flower Garden;
- Container Garden;
- Rock Garden; and
- Front Yard/Curb Appeal.

### SCOOP THE POOP

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.

## 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).

**There are no Development Approvals for August 9, 2024.**

**Dated the 9th day of August 2024.**

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

## AFTER ACTION ASSESSMENT – 2023 NORTH SLAVE COMPLEX WILDFIRES

KPMG, a third-party consulting firm, has finished its After Action Assessment of the City's response to the 2023 North Slave Wildfire complex. The full report is posted on the [City's website](#) for the public to read, which the City committed to from the beginning of this process. Since last year's events, the City has been improving a number of its emergency preparedness measures. With this completed After Action Assessment, staff will continue their hard work to implement the recommendations made.

## FROM THE LIBRARY...

### 2024 Summer Reading Club

The Yellowknife Public Library invites children ages 3 to 12 years old to join the 2024 Summer Reading Club running until **August 9, 2024**. This year's theme is "A World of Curiosities!" There will also be an end of program party the week of **August 12, 2024!** The deadline to submit completed reading logs for the grand prize draw will be **September 3, 2024**.

### Colour Me Happy

Colouring is a great way to de-stress and have fun! Check out our selection of colouring sheets and supplies for adults & teens in the magazine area.

### 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. You can also learn how to use the library's other great digital resources including Rocket Languages and Freegal Music.

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

## BICYCLE SAFETY REMINDERS

### Cycling Etiquette

- Be courteous - signal to pedestrians and other cyclists by voice, bell or hand signals.
- Obey all signs and rules of the road.
- Be visible - wear bright clothing and reflective gear to help vehicles see you.
- Stay on the right-hand side of the road and ride in the same direction as traffic.

For more information on cycling routes, safety and rules visit [www.yellowknife.ca/cycling](http://www.yellowknife.ca/cycling).

## TENTATIVE AGENDAS

There are no regular meetings of Council or its Standing Committees scheduled for the week of **August 12, 2024**. Regular meetings will resume **August 26, 2024**.

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

## FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

### College & University Fire Safety

Are you heading off to university of college? Whether it's your first year or last; whether you choose to live on campus or off - fire safety is in your hands. Ensure your new home has:

- A window in each bedroom (second way out), and
- Working interconnected smoke alarms on each level.

Practice fire safety:

- Know your building; Practice your fire escape plan,
- Do not cook if intoxicated – order out.

You have a bright future, don't let fire change it.

Learn more at [www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention](http://www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention).

## 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:

Manager, Asset Management and GIS  
**Closing Date August 16, 2024**

Manager, Economic Development and Communications  
**Closing Date August 12, 2024**

Assistant Pool Supervisor  
**Closing Date August 30, 2024**

Corporate Communications Advisor  
**Closing Date September 4, 2024**

Pool Maintainer  
**Closing Date August 23, 2024**

Full-Time - Lifeguard or Instructor  
**Closing Date August 30, 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](http://www.yellowknife.ca) for more information and to submit your application.

## 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 and the 2023 Wildfire Evacuation. The business licence fee waiver will continue to run **until October 31, 2024**, allowing each eligible business to waive their applicable yearly fee.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.yellowknife.ca/apply](http://www.yellowknife.ca/apply), email [ecd@yellowknife.ca](mailto:ecd@yellowknife.ca), or call (867) 669-3424.



[www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)

Switchboard (867) 920-5600  
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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