



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

HOLIDAY HOURS

	<u>City Hall</u>
December 31	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
January 1	CLOSED
	<u>Public Library</u>
December 31	9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
January 1	CLOSED
	<u>Solid Waste Facility</u>
January 1	CLOSED
	<u>Ruth Inch Memorial Pool</u>
December 31	6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
January 1	12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 5:00 p.m.
	<u>Multiplex</u>
December 31	6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
January 1	12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 6:00 p.m.
	<u>Fieldhouse</u>
December 31	6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
January 1	12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 6:00 p.m.
	<u>Yellowknife Community Arena</u>
December 23-January 1	CLOSED
	<u>Visitor Centre</u>
December 31	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
January 1	CLOSED

FREE DOWNTOWN PARKING

The City of Yellowknife is offering free parking from **December 23, 2024 to January 2, 2025**. The City will not be enforcing parking meters during this period. People working in the downtown and parking for extended periods of time are asked to not park adjacent to storefronts in an effort to provide easier access to these stores throughout the day. All other parking regulations will be enforced - such as fire lanes, handicap stalls, and loading zones. This includes parking restrictions on Franklin Avenue from **3:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday**.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

With many Yellowknifers out on snowmobiles this season, the City reminds everyone to keep these [safety tips](#) in mind:

- There are speed limits for snowmobiles - learn and follow them;
- Always drive at a speed that will let you stop safely;
- Be mindful of, and slow down for, other trail users such as hikers, skiers, skaters and dogsleds;
- Valid snowmobile registration and insurance is required when operating in City Limits;
- Helmets are mandatory for snowmobile riders and operators; and
- Remember to dress appropriately and let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return.

To help ensure everyone is snowmobiling safely, the City's Municipal Enforcement Division regularly patrols lakes and trails.

SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 30, 2024

- Franklin Avenue from Gitzel Street to Matonabee Street;
- 53 Street from Franklin Avenue to 49 Avenue; and
- 49 Avenue from 53 Street to 47 Street.

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

- Franklin Avenue from Matonabee Street to 53 Street;
- 53 Street from Franklin Avenue to 53 Avenue; and
- 51 Street from 52 Avenue to Fraser Tower.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

- Statutory Holiday - No Snow Removal.

Thursday, January 2, 2025

- Franklin Avenue from 53 Street to 47 Street;
- 52 Street from 52 Avenue to Bison Apartments; and
- 54 Street from 52 Avenue to House 5305.

Friday, January 3, 2025

- Franklin Avenue from 43 Street to School Draw Avenue; and
- 49 Avenue from 47 Street to 43 Street.

Residents must ensure parked vehicles are removed from these streets by midnight, or they will be towed. Residents are advised that there will be traffic delays in snow removal areas and if possible, to use an alternate route to avoid delays. The City asks residents to ensure Curbside Carts are returned to their property before the scheduled snow removal on their street.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

Garbage

Black Cart Collection that would normally take place on New Year's Day will instead take place on **January 2, 2025**

Compost Pick Up

Green Cart Collection (organics) that would normally take place on New Year's Day will instead take place on **January 2, 2025**.

Sewage Pumpout

Sewage Pumpout that would normally take place on New Year's day will instead take place on **January 2, 2025**.

Water Delivery

Water Delivery that would normally take place on New Year's day will instead take place on **December 31, 2024**.

Christmas Trees

Christmas Trees will be accepted at the Solid Waste Facility free of charge during the month of January.

Public Transit

There will be no Transit service including YKFlex on **January 1, 2025** due to Statutory Holidays. The Holiday Transit Schedule can be found [here](#).

OUTDOOR SKATING RINKS

Several outdoor skating rinks are now open for your skating enjoyment. City crews continue to flood the rinks to enhance the skating surfaces. For up-to-date skating information please visit www.yellowknife.ca.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NOTICES

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 \$400 appeal fee. (The appeal fee will be reimbursed if the decision of the Development Officer is reversed).

There are no Development Approvals for December 27, 2024

Dated the 27th day of December 2024.

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

2025 CITY GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2025 grants available through the City of Yellowknife. The application deadline for all grants is **Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

The purpose of the Community Grant Program is to fund and partner with community non-profit organizations to deliver programs, projects or events that align with the funding priorities outlined in the Community Grant Funding Policy, have a clear community impact and respond to community needs. Applications for these three grants are reviewed annually by the [Grant Review Committee](#).

Heritage Committee grants are awarded to Yellowknife-based individuals, groups, partnerships or business entities to promote, celebrate and enhance Yellowknife's rich heritage; or leave a legacy of Yellowknife heritage for future generations through various forms of presentation. Additional information can be found on the [Heritage Committee webpage](#). More details on each grant category and the associated online application forms can be found at [www.yellowknife.ca/citygrants](#).

TAX PAYMENTS

The City of Yellowknife would like to remind residents that property taxes can be paid by pre-authorized monthly payments. Signing up for automatic payments helps to ensure that no interest incurs on late payments. The deadline to enroll for pre-authorized monthly payments is **January 15 and July 15** of each year.

To sign up for pre-authorized payments, submit the completed [pre-authorization form](#), along with a void cheque, to the City of Yellowknife one of the following ways:

- By email to taxation@yellowknife.ca;
- By fax to 867-920-5649 (no cover sheet required);
- By mail with a cheque to PO Box 580, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N4;
- In-person drop off at City Hall; or
- In lieu of submitting the form, residents can also sign up for pre-authorized payments by calling the City at (867) 920-5625.

Please note that in order to sign up for pre-authorized payments, there can be no outstanding payments on your property tax account, including overdue utility balances which have been transferred to your tax account.

On **December 31** of each year, overdue utility charges will be transferred to the property owner's tax account. Overdue property tax payments and utility charges that are not settled by the due date will be charged 1.8% interest per month until the amount owing is paid in full.

For more information on pre-authorized payments, please [www.yellowknife.ca/taxpayments](#) or call the City at (867) 920-5625.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

All Governance and Priorities Committee and Council Meetings have concluded for 2024. The tentative 2025 Committee/Council Calendar is now available on the City's website at [www.yellowknife.ca/CouncilAndMayor](#). Please note that dates and times are tentative and subject to change up to noon on the Thursday before the meeting.

FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

Fire Hydrant Access

If the Yellowknife Fire Department is delayed in obtaining a water supply to fight a fire, we may lose control of the fire. Keep hydrants clear of snow for uninterrupted water supply giving the best opportunity of a successful outcome.

If you are unable to clear the snow yourself, please contact the City at (867) 920-5600 to advise the location of the hydrant that requires clearing.

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

NEW TRANSIT FARES

A reminder to residents that you have up until **December 31, 2024** to exchange your old monthly bus passes, ticket sheets and single tickets for 10-ride and 31-day passes at City Hall. As of **January 1, 2025**, old passes will no longer be accepted. Visit [www.yellowknife.ca/busfares](#) for more information.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

New year's Eve Fireworks

The City of Yellowknife invites residents to join us as we ring in 2025 at the annual fireworks display! The show will begin at **8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2024**. Residents can watch the display from Somba K'e Civic Plaza, as the fireworks will be set off on Frame Lake. To safely enjoy the show, please stay clear of the area where the fireworks are being set off. We ask that residents avoid this area until **noon on January 1, 2025** to allow our crews to complete a safety inspection in the daylight. We also kindly ask residents to leave their pets at home. Wishing everyone a prosperous year ahead!

Lights Competition

The Annual Holiday Lights Competition is back for another season! The City of Yellowknife and Naka Power Utilities invite residents to help brighten up our community by lighting up the exterior of their homes.

Participating residents are asked to leave their lights on from **6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. from December 14, 2024 to January 6, 2025**. Voting is from **December 24, 2024, to January 6, 2025**, vote by visiting [City's Facebook page](#). For more information on how to enter the competition, to view the virtual map and to vote via the online form, visit [www.yellowknife.ca/holidaylightscompetition](#).

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to introduce new development incentives to support housing, land and revitalization initiatives. Tax abatement and grant applications are now open, and will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as funding for this multi-year program is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit our website for information on the [application process](#). For full details, including the types of incentives available and their eligibility criteria, please refer to the [Development Incentives Guide](#). Further information can also be found on [our website](#). For specific questions related to the grants and tax abatements available, residents can contact PlanningAndEnvironment@yellowknife.ca.



[www.yellowknife.ca](#)

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