



# CAPITAL UPDATE

## YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

### FIRE BAN IN YELLOWKNIFE

Due to the current extremely dry conditions, the City of Yellowknife is implementing a fire ban that will be in effect starting **Friday, July 19, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**. 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

Newly added is the Teen Swim 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

Newly added is the adult lane swim on Saturday's for the rest of summer, **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

#### RIMP Summer Swimming Lessons

There's still a few spots left in the City's summer swimming lessons for July and August!

Visit [www.yellowknife.ca/programs](http://www.yellowknife.ca/programs) to view the classes.

### SUMMER PROGRAMS

#### City Day Camp Program

A summer packed with new activities and challenging projects awaits your child at the Summer Day Camp. This program is based out of the Multiplex and will run **until August 16, 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).

### 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**.

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).

### TRANSIT

#### Folk on the Rocks

From **July 19 to 21, 2024**, the City of Yellowknife is happy to provide a special transit route for residents to get to and from the Folk on the Rocks site. The transit fare per ride is \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family.

#### Old Town Ramble and Ride

In celebration of the Old Town Ramble & Ride festival, the City of Yellowknife is offering free transit service for all routes and YATS on **Saturday, August 3, 2024**. McDonald Drive will be closed to traffic to facilitate the festival on **Saturday, August 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, and on **Sunday, August 4 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** On Saturday, Bus Route C will follow a detour route, as two bus stops along McDonald Drive will be closed.

Please visit [www.yellowknife.ca/transit](http://www.yellowknife.ca/transit) for more details and schedules.

## 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 July 19, 2024.**

**Dated the 19th day of July, 2024.**

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

## COMMITTEE VACANCIES

### 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. For more information, please contact the City at (867) 920-5602.

### Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

The City of Yellowknife is now accepting applications for one (1) representative from an organization serving women/families fleeing violence on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness. The purpose of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) is to assist the City in an advisory capacity regarding homelessness issues within the municipal boundaries of the City of Yellowknife.

The role of the CAB is to:

1. Develop a Community Plan with a comprehensive understanding of homelessness priorities in Yellowknife and recommend for adoption by City Council for submission to the Federal Government for approval.
2. Advise the Reaching Home funding process by ensuring:
  - compliance with the Reaching Home program eligibility and Community Plan;
  - supporting the planning and implementation of Coordinated Access;
  - engagement with Indigenous organizations, key community organizations and individuals to gather pertinent information related to Yellowknife's homelessness priorities;
  - projects are aligned with the federally approved Community Plan priorities;
  - project feasibility, value for money and sustainability are endorsed; and
  - an annual review of the Community Plan.

For more information, please contact the Director of Community Services at (867) 920-5685.

Individuals interested in either committee should apply online at [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca) or submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk, City of Yellowknife, P.O. Box 580, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N4 fax 920-5649; or email [cityclerk@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cityclerk@yellowknife.ca). The deadline for applications is **Friday, July 26, 2024.**

## TENTATIVE AGENDAS

### Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

**Monday, July 22, 2024 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall**

- A memorandum regarding whether to adopt a Workplace Violence Policy.
- A memorandum regarding whether to repeal and replace Livery Licence By-law 4526, as amended.
- A memorandum regarding Councillor Stacie Arden-Smith's and Councillor Rob Warburton's travel to Calgary, AB to attend the FCM Conference from June 6 - 9, 2024.
- A discussion regarding whether to increase the fee for a development appeal.
- A discussion regarding the Development Appeal Board.
- A discussion regarding road safety.

### Council Meeting

**Monday, July 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall**

- Whether to adopt for information the Reaching Home Canada's Community Plan (2024 – 2028) as recommended by the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.
- Whether to appoint someone to fill a vacant position on the Audit Committee.
- Whether to enter into an Agreement with the Northwest Territories Association of Communities to receive the City's allocation of federal DMAF funding for NWT communities for wildland fire protection.
- Whether to appoint a member to serve on the City of Yellowknife Development Appeal Board.

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

## FIRE SAFETY & EDUCATION

### Cooking Safety Tips

Cooking fires are the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries in North America. Prevention strategies:

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking! Don't allow yourself to be distracted;
- Keep cooking area free of grease buildup;
- Keep combustible objects away from stove ; and
- Don't overheat cooking oil; use a CSA-approved deep-fryer.

Fire Safety is in Your Hands!

Learn more about Fire Safety and Education at [www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention](http://www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention).

## 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.



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

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

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

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