



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Santa Claus Parade

The City of Yellowknife is excited to invite residents to take part in the 2024 Santa Claus Parade on **Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Watch the downtown core come alive as community groups and festive floats take to the streets to spread holiday cheer! This year's theme is "The Grinch". We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with a dash of whimsy and a touch of mischief!

The official parade route, detour route and street closures can be viewed at www.yellowknife.ca/santaclaus.

Lights Across Canada

Each year, Canadian Heritage invites capital cities to celebrate Christmas Lights Across Canada by welcoming the festive season together with bright lights.

Residents are invited to gather at the Somba K'e amphitheater at **4:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2024**, and watch as the dazzling display of lights illuminate the park for the first time this season. Festivities continue at the Legislative Assembly for light refreshments and entertainment.

COMMITTEE VACANCY

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

The City of Yellowknife is now accepting applications for one representative from the public at large to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness. This Board advises the City on homelessness issues within the municipal boundaries of the City of Yellowknife. To learn more, go to www.yellowknife.ca/committees.

The deadline to apply has been extended and applications will be accepted until **November 29, 2024** and can be submitted online: www.yellowknife.ca/application/ or mailed to City Clerk, City of Yellowknife, P.O. Box 580, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N4 fax (867) 920-5649; or email cityclerk@yellowknife.ca.

ICE THICKNESS TESTING

The Great Slave Snowmobile Association has started ice testing on lakes in Yellowknife. Ice measurements are posted on the City website www.yellowknife.ca and are updated every Monday until all areas tested have reached 6" (15 cm). For your safety, please stay off the ice until the areas tested have reached 6" (15 cm). If someone falls through, please phone 9-1-1 or (867) 873-2222 for emergency assistance.

SHOP LOCAL

Gearing up for the holidays and hoping to buy some thoughtful, unique gifts? Look no further! Your local stores have got you covered!

The City of Yellowknife and the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce have partnered up to encourage residents to shop local this holiday season. Until **December 12, 2024**, spend \$25 or more at your favorite local business, and enter to win a gift card to the store of your choice. To enter, scan the QR code located in each store or visit <https://ykchamber.com/shopyk/>. For more information, visit [#SHOPYK 2024 - Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce](https://www.yellowknife.ca/shopyk).

SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Monday, November 25, 2024

- Finlayson Drive North from Range Lake Road to Arden Avenue.

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

- Finlayson Drive from Arden Avenue to Range Lake Road.

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

- Franklin Avenue from School Draw to Wiley Road; and
- Woolgar Avenue from Kam Lake Road to Range Lake Road.

Thursday, November 28, 2024

- Wiley Road from McMeekan Causeway to McDonald Drive; and
- All of Haener Drive, all of Driscoll Road and Niven Gate.

Friday, November 29, 2024

- McDonald Drive from Weaver Road to McMeekan Causeway Road;
- All of deWeerd Drive; and
- Magrum Crescent from Borden Drive to Piro Court.

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. Thank you for your patience, and remember to use caution in snow removal areas and not to pass moving equipment.

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 Community Grant Program consists of three grant categories:

- Community Service grants;
- Multi-year grants; and
- Sponsorship grants.

The Heritage Committee Grant Program consists of one grant category:

- Heritage Committee grants.

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.

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 November 22, 2024.

Dated the 22nd day of November 2024.

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

SEEKING INPUT ON LIVERY LICENCE BY-LAW

The City of Yellowknife (the City) is seeking public feedback as it prepares to modernize [Livery Licence By-law No. 4526](#) – a By-law which regulates taxi licensing and related matters.

From **November 1 - 30, 2024**, taxi companies, drivers and members of the public who rely on taxis are invited to share their general feedback on the current Livery Licence By-law as well as on the proposed changes via a survey on [PlaceSpeak](#). This survey will be advertised on the City's social media channels throughout the month of November. Note that in order to complete the survey, residents must reside within the city limits and sign up for an account.

The proposed changes to the by-law address the increased cost of operating taxis, safety considerations and other matters that have been raised by taxi operators and taxi users. More details on the proposed changes to Livery Licence By-law No. 4526, as well as a helpful fact sheet, can be found on [PlaceSpeak](#).

FIRE SAFETY AND EDUCATION

Drinking & Cooking Don't Mix

After a night out many of us get the munchies. Please think about making yourself something to eat that doesn't involve cooking – or order out. Drinking and cooking is a dangerous combination. Falling asleep while cooking will result in food burning, smoke filling your home, and, if not caught in time, your kitchen catching on fire.

Learn more at www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

November 25, 2024 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A memorandum regarding whether to adopt Tourist Accommodation Tax By-law No. XXXX.
- A memorandum regarding whether to accept the recommendations for funding by the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.
- A memorandum regarding whether to approve increased levels of service for the Yellowknife Street Outreach Program for 2025, as detailed in the Street Outreach Program Evaluation & Design Recommendations report.
- A memorandum regarding whether to adopt a resolution in support of NORAD (North American Aerospace Defence Command) and Department of National Defence (DND) investments in Yellowknife.
- A memorandum regarding whether to adopt a Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS CONTINUED

Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

November 25, 2024 at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A memorandum regarding the minutes of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness meeting of November 7, 2024.
- A memorandum regarding the 2023 Annual Local Spending Report as required by the Local Procurement Policy.
- A memorandum regarding an update on the City of Yellowknife after Action Assessment: 2023 North Slave Complex Wildfire Recommendations.
- A memorandum regarding a report regarding Mayor Alty's travel to Banff, AB to attend the Disaster Forum from November 4 - 7, 2024.

Additional Council Item

- A memorandum regarding whether to enter into a three (3) year contract with Crowe MacKay LLP for the provision of financial audit services for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2024 – 2026, with the potential for a one-year mutual extension.

In Camera

- A personnel matter.

Council Meeting

November 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- A presentation from Anita Villeneuve regarding Bike Storage Options.
- A presentation from Becca Denley regarding new Snow Removal Methods.
- Whether to implement the Home Energy Financing Program as designed by Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors.
- Response to the Integrity Commissioner's Investigation Report dated October 10, 2024.
- Whether to appoint a member to serve on the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness.
- Whether to appoint someone to fill a vacant position on the Audit Committee.
- Whether to utilize the Revitalization Initiative Reserve toward Development Incentives and the development of City owned lands.
- Whether to direct Administration to draft a Council Leave Policy and present it to Council prior to the next election.
- Whether to enter into a three (3) year contract with Crowe MacKay LLP for the provision of financial audit services for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2024 – 2026, with the potential for a one-year mutual extension.
- By-law No. 5097, a by-law to repeal and replace Development Incentive Program By-law No. 4534, as amended.
- By-law No. 5098, a by-law to amend Financial Administration By-law No. 4206, as amended.

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Visit www.yellowknife.ca for more information and to submit your application.



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