



CAPITAL UPDATE

YOUR WEEKLY MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

HOLIDAY EVENTS

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.

Santa Claus Parade Winners

This past Saturday, community members got into the holiday spirit as they gathered on the streets of Yellowknife to watch the Santa Claus Parade. Every year, the participating organizations that spread the most cheer win a prize. This year's theme was "The Grinch" and with over 35 fantastic floats, the judges had their work cut out for them. After some deliberation, the City of Yellowknife is pleased to announce the winners of the 2024 Santa Claus Parade:

- 1st Place: 440 Squadron – Canadian Armed Forces
- 2nd Place: Flash Pilot Car & Hot Shot Services Ltd.
- 3rd Place: Fuel Flo Logistics and KBL Environment (Tie)

440 Squadron – Canadian Armed Forces will also receive the not-for-profit annual Roland Gosselin Ho Ho Ho Award, a \$500 prize made possible by a generous donation from Roland's family. This award honours Roland Gosselin, a longtime resident who is fondly remembered for playing the role of Santa Claus in many past holiday events. The City is thrilled that so many Yellowknifers came out to enjoy this year's Santa Claus parade. We thank all participants, attendees and volunteers for the hard work that went into making the parade come to life.

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 [#SHOPYK2024 - Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce](https://twitter.com/SHOPYK2024).

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The City of Yellowknife is pleased to announce the launch of a new registration system for City programs and facility bookings. This new system will be up and running for winter program registration on **December 3, 2024**. Residents can enroll for all City programs, including recreation, aquatic, art, and culture programs, as well as make City facility bookings using this new system. Acting as a one-stop registration shop, this system allows residents to more easily and efficiently sign up to get involved with the City.

For more information and instructions on how to make an account, visit www.yellowknife.ca/NewRegistrationSystem.

SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 2, 2024

- All of Hearne Hill Road and McMeekan Causeway;
- Morrison Drive from Otto Drive South to McMeekan Causeway; and
- Williams Avenue from Woolgar Avenue to Range Lake Road.

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

- School Draw Avenue from Copper Sky Condos to house 4301; and
- Magrum Crescent from Piro Court to Borden Drive.

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

- Byrne Road from Woolgar Avenue to McMahan Trail; and
- Norseman Drive from Franklin Avenue to Old Airport Road.

Thursday, December 5, 2024

- Otto Drive from Morrison Drive to She La; and
- 49 Street from 52 Avenue to School Draw Avenue.

Friday, December 6, 2024

- School Draw Avenue from Lundquist Road to Franklin Avenue;
- 57 Street from Franklin Avenue to 51A Avenue; and
- Dagenais Drive from Range Lake Road to Finlayson Drive North.

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.

Sidewalks

The City would like to remind businesses and residences in the Central Business District, Franklin Avenue from Matonabee Street to Old Airport Road, and Franklin Avenue from 44 Street to School Draw Avenue, to keep the sidewalk(s) around their properties clear of ice and snow, and otherwise safe for pedestrian traffic. Failure to do so may result in a fine or other enforcement action pursuant to Highway Traffic By-law No. 5055. Let's work together to keep our sidewalks safe!

Snow Shoveling

Snow from public sidewalks abutting your property may be placed on the road, however, snow from your driveway or any other portion of your property cannot. Placing unauthorized snow on the road greatly increases snow volumes, and therefore creates unsafe driving conditions. This snow must be placed on your own property.

Trucked Service Access

The City would like to remind properties on trucked water and sewer to keep access to their service connection points clear of snow and ice. If the connection points are not accessible water delivery and/or sewage pumpout may not occur until access problems have been fixed.

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).

Date of Decision: November 26, 2024
#PL-2024-0054 Lot 13, Block 29, Plan 65 (5023 49 Street)
Intended Development: Change of Use to a Multi-Unit Dwelling.

Last Date to Appeal: December 10, 2024

Dated the 29th day of November 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.

ICE MEASUREMENTS COMPLETE

The City of Yellowknife would like to extend a huge thank you to the Great Slave Snowmobile Association for taking time out of their weekends to conduct ice testing for the citizens of Yellowknife.

Ice measurements have been completed as all areas tested have reached 6 inches. For more information on ice measurements please visit www.yellowknife.ca.

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.



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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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TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Special Governance and Priorities Committee Meetings

December 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall

- 2025 Budget Deliberations.

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

FIRE SAFETY AND EDUCATION

Holiday Fire Safety

As we prepare for the Holiday season, here are some fire prevention tips:

- Water your live tree daily (up to 4 litres);
- Check your lights – replace those with damaged cords;
- Don't cook if very tired or intoxicated; and
- Consider using battery-powered candles for ambiance.

Most Important – Are your smoke alarms working? Learn more at www.yellowknife.ca/fireprevention.

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Travel Talk

Join Stephanie Yuill at the Yellowknife Public Library on **Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** as she recounts her epic 1,000 km bicycle trip along the Western Front of WWI. Stephanie will take us on a visual journey through the trenches and battlefields from the Swiss/French border all the way to Nieuwpoort Belgium, focusing on several sites of historical significance to Canadians.

TAILS

TAILS (Therapy Animals Involved in Literacy Skills) is back on for this season and registration is now open! In collaboration with St. John Ambulance, this engaging program is designed for children who love dogs and want extra practice reading to a non-judgemental animal friend. Sessions are 20 minutes long and will take place on **Saturdays until December 14, 2024 between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** Contact the library to sign up today!

Book Bingo

Yellowknife Public Library and Boston Pizza want to encourage kids to read this winter by playing a game of book bingo! Each time you read a book that falls under one of the bingo square challenges, check it off. For each bingo row completed, you will get an entry into a monthly prize draw for a \$25 Boston Pizza gift card.

But that's not all! Every time you submit a full card, you'll also receive a coupon for a free Boston Pizza kid's meal! To enter, submit your completed bingo cards to the Yellowknife Public Library. Contest runs **November 1, 2024 to February 1, 2025** with monthly draw winners.

The City of Yellowknife invites you to register for a Library Program or for more information, email library@yellowknife.ca, call (867) 920-5642 or visit www.yellowknife.ca/library.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Yellowknife is currently offering exciting opportunities for the right people to join and work alongside the dedicated and community focused team of professionals.

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