



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Council Agenda

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome to the

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Council Chamber, City Hall
4807 - 52nd Street
Yellowknife

All presentations pertaining to items on the Agenda for the meeting shall be heard under the “Delegations Pertaining to Items on the Agenda,” portion of the Order of Business. All presentations pertaining to items not on the Agenda shall be heard under the “Delegations Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda” portion of the Order of Business.

The following procedures apply to all delegations before Council:

- a. all delegations shall address their remarks directly to the Presiding Officer and shall not pose questions to individual Members or Administration;
- b. each presenter shall be afforded five minutes to make their presentation;
- c. the time allowed to each presenter may be extended beyond five minutes by a resolution of Council;
- d. after a person has spoken, any Member may, through the Presiding Officer, ask that person or the City Administrator relevant questions; and
- e. no debate shall be permitted on any delegation to Council either between Members or with an individual making a presentation.

Please refer to By-law No. 4975, the Council Procedures By-law, for the rules respecting the procedures of Council.

COUNCIL:

Mayor Ben Hendriksen

Councillor Stacie Arden-Smith
Councillor Garrett Cochrane
Councillor Ryan Fequet
Councillor Rob Foote

Councillor Cat McGurk
Councillor Tom McLennan
Councillor Steve Payne
Councillor Rob Warburton

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Item No.

Description

OPENING STATEMENT

1. Councillor McLennan will read the Opening Statement.

The City of Yellowknife acknowledges that we are located in Chief Drygeese territory. From time immemorial, it has been the traditional land of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of all other Indigenous Peoples including the North Slave Métis, and all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS

2. There were no awards, ceremonies or presentations for the agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Previously
Distributed

3. Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday, September 22, 2025 are presented for adoption.

4. Councillor McLennan moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,

That Minutes of Council for the regular meeting of Monday, September 22, 2025 be presented for adoption.

Unanimous	In Favour	Opposed	Carried / Defeated
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DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

5. Does any Member have a conflict of interest in any matter before Council today?

CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

6. There was no correspondence nor were there any petitions for the agenda.



Item No.

Description

STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Statutory Public Hearing regarding By-law No. 5115, a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended, by rezoning a portion of Lot 13 Block 81 Plan 4623, a portion of Lot 15 Block 78 Plan 4059, and a portion of Road (School Draw Avenue), Plan 2396, referred as “Western Block”, from PR to RI-1.
8. A written submission from Lois Little in opposition of By-law No. 5115, a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended, by rezoning a portion of Lot 13 Block 81 Plan 4623, a portion of Lot 15 Block 78 Plan 4059, and a portion of Road (School Draw Avenue), Plan 2396, referred as “Western Block”, from PR to RI-1.
9. A written submission from David Gilday in favor of By-law No. 5115, a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended, by rezoning a portion of Lot 13 Block 81 Plan 4623, a portion of Lot 15 Block 78 Plan 4059, and a portion of Road (School Draw Avenue), Plan 2396, referred as “Western Block”, from PR to RI-1.
10. A presentation from Rylund Johnson in favor of By-law No. 5115, a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended, by rezoning a portion of Lot 13 Block 81 Plan 4623, a portion of Lot 15 Block 78 Plan 4059, and a portion of Road (School Draw Avenue), Plan 2396, referred as “Western Block”, from PR to RI-1.

DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

11. There were no delegations pertaining to items on the agenda.

MEMBER STATEMENTS

12. There were no statements for the agenda.
13. Are there any Member statements from the floor?

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor McLennan will introduce the following reports:

14. Governance and Priorities Committee Report for September 22, 2025.
15. Councillor McLennan moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,



Item No.

Description

That Council direct Administration to implement a new voucher system to replace “Amnesty Days” that would waive the Residential Vehicle Charge for one visit to the Solid Waste Facility per calendar year, for residents who participate in the Curbside Cart Program.

Unanimous	In Favour	Opposed	Carried / Defeated
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NEW BUSINESS

- 16. There was no new business for the agenda.
- 17. Is there any new business from the floor?

ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

- 18. By-law No. 5115 - A by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended, by rezoning a portion of Lot 13 Block 81 Plan 4623, a portion of Lot 15 Block 78 Plan 4059, and a portion of Road (School Draw Avenue), Plan 2396, referred as “Western Block”, from PR to RI-1., is presented for Second and Third Reading.

- 19. Councillor McLennan moves,
 Councillor _____ seconds,

Second Reading of By-law No. 5115.

Unanimous	In Favour	Opposed	Carried / Defeated
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- 20. Councillor McLennan moves,
 Councillor _____ seconds,

Third Reading of By-law No. 5115.

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Item No.

Description

21. By-law No. 5117 - A by-law to authorize the Collective Agreement between the City of Yellowknife and the Public Service Alliance of Canada Municipal Enforcement Officers Local X0345 for a term of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027, is presented for Second and Third Reading.

22. Councillor McLennan moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,

Second Reading of By-law No. 5117.

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23. Councillor McLennan moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,

Third Reading of By-law No. 5117.

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DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

24. There was no deferred business and there were no tabled items for the agenda.

25. Is there any deferred business or are there any tabled items from the floor?

OLD BUSINESS

26. There was no old business for the agenda.

27. Is there any old business from the floor?

NOTICES OF MOTION

28. There were no notices of motion for the agenda.

29. Are there any notices of motion from the floor?



Item No.

Description

DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

30. There were no delegations pertaining to items not on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

31. Mayor Hendriksen will present the following administrative enquiry:
In Budget 2025 Council approved \$10,000 for the development of trial bike lanes on 4 roads. In summer of 2025 these roads were confirmed as Range Lake Road, Forrest Drive, 47th Street, and 53rd Street. Only Range Lake Road was completed. Can Administration please provide an update on the status of this budgeted work?
32. Are there any administrative enquiries from the floor?

ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

DRAFT COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, September 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Deputy Mayor R. Warburton,
Mayor B. Hendriksen, (via teleconference)
Councillor S. Arden-Smith,
Councillor G. Cochrane,
Councillor R. Fequet,
Councillor R. Foote,
Councillor C. McGurk,
Councillor T. McLennan, and
Councillor S. Payne.

City Staff: C. White,
C. Caljouw,
D. Gillard,
W. Newton,
K. Pandoo,
K. Thistle,
E. Thompson,
G. White, and
S. Jovic.

1. Councillor McGurk read the Opening Statement.
2. Councillor McGurk moved,
Councillor McLennan seconded,

#0170-25

That Council amend the agenda by moving Items 21, 22 and 23, By-law No. 5116, a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended, by rezoning a portion of Block 77A Plan 512, a portion of Lot 2 Block 201 Plan 2396 and a portion of Road (School Draw Avenue), Plan 2396, and a portion of Road (Lundquist Road), Plan 2396, referred as "Eastern Block", from PR to RI-1 and NP, after Item No. 1 to accommodate members of the public that are present at the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Those in favour of the motion stated that the requirements of the National Building Code and the Building By-law have been in place for several years and that the proponent and their consultants ought to have known that a hydrant vault would be required. Those in favour further noted that the City has required other developers to install hydrants and that offsetting a portion of this cost would be a departure for the City.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#0176-25 16. Councillor McGurk moved,
Mayor Hendriksen seconded,

1. **That Council direct Administration to develop a plan of subdivision to create seven multi-unit lots on a portion of Lot 13 Block 81 Plan 4623, a portion of Lot 15 Block 78 Plan 4059, and a portion of Road (School Draw Avenue), Plan 2396; and**
2. **That Council direct Administration to develop a plan of subdivision to create a multi-unit block and a nature preservation block on a portion of Block 77A Plan 512, a portion of Lot 2 Block 201 Plan 2396 and a portion of Road (School Draw Avenue), Plan 2396, and a portion of Road (Lundquist Road), Plan 2396.**

MOVE APPROVAL

#0177-25 17. Mayor Hendriksen moved,
Councillor McGurk seconded,

That the motion be split into parts.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#0178-25 18. Mayor Hendriksen moved,
Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

1. **That Council TABLE a motion to direct Administration to develop a plan of subdivision to create seven multi-unit lots on a portion of Lot 13 Block 81 Plan 4623, a portion of Lot 15 Block 78 Plan 4059, and a portion of Road (School Draw Avenue), Plan 2396, until such time as Third Reading of By-law is complete.**

MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



#0179-25 19. Councillor Hendriksen moved,
 Councillor Fequet seconded,

2. **That Council direct Administration to develop a plan of subdivision to create a multi-unit block and a nature preservation block on a portion of Block 77A Plan 512, a portion of Lot 2 Block 201 Plan 2396 and a portion of Road (School Draw Avenue), Plan 2396, and a portion of Road (Lundquist Road), Plan 2396.**

MOTION DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

Governance and Priorities Committee Report for September 15, 2025

20. Councillor McGurk read a report of a meeting held on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.

#0180-25 21. Councillor McGurk moved,
 Councillor Arden-Smith seconded,

That Council authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contribution agreement with the Government of Canada's Canada Housing and Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) where Canada agrees to pay a contribution of not more than seventy-five percent (75%) of total eligible expenditures for the project, but only up to a maximum of \$41,025,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

22. There was no New Business for the Agenda.

ENACTMENT OF BY-LAWS

23. There was no by-laws for the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

24. There was no old business.

NOTICES OF MOTION

25. There were no notices of motion.



DELEGATIONS PERTAINING TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

26. Council heard a presentation from Kevin Hodgins regarding Water Rate Considerations. Mr. Hodgins suggested that the City take a homogenized approach so that costs are bourn across the city.

#0181-25 27. Councillor McGurk moved,
Councillor seconded,

That pursuant to s. 53(3) of Council Procedure By-law No. 4975, as amended, the time allowed for the presenter be extended by up to two minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

28. Mr. Hodgins continued his presentation regarding Water Rate considerations.

#0182-25 29. Councillor Fequet moved,
Councillor Foote seconded,

That Council direct Administration to consider the recommendation from Mr. Hodgins in its considerations and preparations of the forthcoming options for the water rate review.

**MOTION CARRIED
(Councillor Cochrane and Mayor Hendriksen opposed)**

ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

30. There were no administrative enquiries for the agenda.



ADJOURNMENT

- #0183-25 31. Councillor Arden-Smith moved,
 Councillor McGurk seconded,

That the Meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

City Manager

Bethany Ly

From: Lois Little
Sent: October 3, 2025 10:21 AM
To: City Clerk Division
Subject: Rezoning West Block School Draw

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal to rezone the West Block of School Draw from parks and recreation to residential intensification (R1-I). This rocky zone is not appropriate for housing of any kind as any development will require extensive blasting to alter the Shield-Boreal landscape. This intrusive approach to development will be costly and negatively impact surrounding residential and parks and recreation areas, and the removal of buffer zones between neighbourhoods. It is disturbing that proposed development areas in the City seem to be based on the premise of irrevocably altering the Shield

- Boreal landscape that is intrinsic to our city. Leave the rocks and natural Shield and Boreal alone. Redevelop already under-used areas in the city instead.

Lois Little

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October 8, 2025

Mayor and Council
City of Yellowknife

Rezoning: Lot 13, Block 81, Plan 4623 and Lot 15, Block 78, Plan 4059

It had been my intention to attend the October 14, 2026 Council meeting to comment on the rezoning of Lot 13, Block 81, Plan 4623 and Lot 15, Block 78, Plan 4059. Debbie Gillard has kindly provided me with call-in instructions and placed me on the list of contributors.

I've decided there is no benefit in my taking meeting time to express my views as they already on record, so will not be in attendance. Rather, I'm providing this note with an excerpt from my June 26, 2025 submission to the Planning Department in which I went on record in support of the inclusion of the two lots in a rezoning and infill initiative.

1. Zoning and Development Options Option 1: Rezone Lot 15, Block 78, Plan 4059 and put it on the market for development as soon as possible.

Discussion

Lot 15, Block 78 (west side of School Draw) has been available for disposal since the mid 1990's when the trailer court was removed. Rezoning to RI-1 would have no appreciable impact on the residential neighbourhood, nor on existing parks and recreation lands, save increased use. Development would not result in any barriers to lake views for any existing residences, apartments or single family. Further, the land is likely not impacted by water table issues, although the writer is not aware that any site testing has ever been done. The same comments apply to the proposed rezoning of Lot 13, Block 81 (west side of School Draw), although this lot backs on a steep rock incline very close to School Draw and appears very unlikely suitable for development, notwithstanding the undoubtedly high cost of developing the site.

Additionally, I appreciate Council's responsiveness to public input on the larger rezoning issues for this area of the City. You've demonstrated that community input is important in the ongoing reshaping of our community.

Respectfully

David Gilday



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Monday, September 22, 2025 at 12:05 p.m.

Report of a meeting held on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 12:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chair: Councillor R. Warburton,
Councillor S. Arden-Smith,
Councillor G. Cochrane,
Councillor R. Fequet,
Councillor R. Foote,
Councillor C. McGurk,
Councillor T. McLennan, and
Councillor S. Payne.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

C. White,
M. Alam,
C. Caljouw,
D. Gillard,
W. Newton,
K. Pandoo,
K. Thistle,
E. Thompson,
G. White, and
S. Jovic.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	(For Information Only) Deputy Mayor Warburton read the Opening Statement.
2.	(For Information Only) There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.



(For Information Only)

3. Committee heard a presentation from Zoe Morrison and John Heseltine, representatives from Stantec, regarding the Community Plan Phase 1 Consultation - Population-economic Projection and Land Assessment.

(For Information Only)

4. Committee heard a presentation from Jessica Hum and Terrilyn Kunopasky, representatives from Tante Inc., regarding Community Engagement Phase 1.

(For Information Only)

5. Committee heard a presentation from Mark Lewis and Peter Houweling, representatives of Det'on Cho, regarding waste solutions in the north. As part of their presentation, they requested City Council's support to successfully advance Phase I operations of the North Slave Regional Waste Resource Centre and collaborate with the City of Yellowknife to develop a comprehensive waste management master plan aimed at promoting waste segregation and diversion from the landfill.

(For Information Only)

6. Committee recessed at 2:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2:12 p.m.

(For Information Only)

7. Councillors Arden-Smith and McGurk left the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

8. **Committee read a memorandum regarding whether to cancel Amnesty Days at the Solid Waste Facility or to transition to a voucher system.**

Committee noted that the City of Yellowknife's Solid Waste Facility (SWF) has hosted Amnesty Days in its current format since 2005. Amnesty Days are held to offer residents an opportunity to dispose of household waste free of charge. Surcharge items (as written in Fees and Charges By-law No. 4436, as amended) are still charged the associated surcharge fee, but the residential light waste load fee (\$16.50 in 2025) is waived.

Historically, Amnesty Days served as a convenient way for residents to dispose of additional household waste that accumulated throughout the year. As the SWF continues to assess its operational priorities and its ability to meet expected levels of service, decisions need to be made that are in line with effective waste and cost management. Note that the SWF coordinates the following waste diversion programs for the public:

- Blue Bin Recycling Collection
- Leaf & Yard Waste
- Source Separated Organics Processing
- Concrete/Asphalt Recycling
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Scrap Metal
- Tire Shredding



- Clean Wood
- Honey Buckets

Where the above programs support the City's diversion goals by targeting specific materials and waiving or subsidizing associated fees to incentivize the public, Amnesty Day does not align with diversion efforts that are set forth in the adopted Strategic Waste Management Plan. Amnesty Day instead does the opposite by contributing to the devaluation of the landfill's airspace and increasing processing challenges.

A decision needs to be made to either cancel Amnesty Days altogether or implement a different system that is safer, less costly and more manageable. The division's preference is to end the event.

If Council chooses not to end Amnesty Days, the SWF has prepared an alternative that will provide the majority of residents with an opportunity to access the service while making it safer, more cost-effective and manageable to staff.

This memorandum outlines:

1. The reasons behind the division's push to cancel Amnesty; and
2. A summary of how an alternative voucher system would work if Amnesty is not cancelled.

Note that the proposed voucher system is ready for implementation.

Council Strategic Direction/Resolution/Policy include:

Strategic Direction #3 Sustainable Future

Key Initiative 3.1.2 Implementing the Solid Waste Management Plan

Applicable legislation, by-laws, studies, plans include:

1. Solid Waste Management By-law No. 4376, as amended;
2. Fees and Charges By-law No. 4436, as amended; and
3. City of Yellowknife Strategic Waste Management Plan Update, 2025.

Spring 2023 Amnesty Day Overall Cost

The Spring 2023 Amnesty Day was held for a total of 7 hours on May 20, 2023 with an overall cost of \$33,483.29. For each hour of Amnesty, it cost the City approximately \$4,783.33. The overall cost takes into consideration administration costs, lost revenue, staffing costs, equipment costs, landfilling costs, and clean up costs – which are summarized in the below considerations.

In addition to the staffing costs noted above, there is also the costs associated with depleting landfill space with no cost recovery. In 2017, the City estimated the cost of landfill space at \$200.00 per tonne. The costs associated with landfilling municipal waste have significantly increased due to regulatory requirements, contracted costs, landfill



closure activities, and fire prevention activities. In 2025, Administration estimates that the cost of landfilling has increased to at least \$275 per tonne and the facility is only recovering \$163.00 per tonne. This represents significant undervaluing of one of the City's most important assets.

Continuing to take waste for free further compounds this deficit which the general tax base must account for.

Safety Concerns

The Solid Waste Facility is a continuous construction site. The safety concerns are a result of the high number of residents attempting to access free disposal and the significant quantity of waste that comes in. Spring 2023 Amnesty Day was held over 7 hours and saw 672 vehicles enter the SWF, an average of 96 vehicles per hour in the Public Drop off Area.

Visit Purpose	Vehicle Count
Salvage	138
Amnesty	534
Total Visit Count	672
Avg Count per Hour (7hr period)	96

SWF personnel directions are often ignored and waste is disposed of where it is unsafe to do so, even with staff supervision in the Public Drop-off Area, as a result of the surplus of vehicles. Operators have to maneuver heavy duty equipment around residents and vehicle traffic to ensure that there is sufficient space for waste to be placed. Operators find resident visibility difficult, and residents are not aware of how to operate a vehicle around heavy equipment, adding more responsibility on the Operator to ensure no accidents occur.

Percentage of Residents Reached

The Spring Amnesty Day had 672 vehicles cross the scale, accounting for a small portion of the City's population. Essentially, despite the optics of long line-ups, this additional level of service is provided only to the benefit of few residents, while the majority of taxpayers opt to pay the \$16.50 fee to dispose of their additional waste.

Staff Requirements

Given that public safety, waste diversion, and regulatory compliance are SWF priorities, Amnesty Days require the majority of SWF staff to supervise the public, and MED officers have been necessary on site to direct traffic flow. Amnesty requires more resources and does not bring in any revenue to compensate. For the following reasons, SWF personnel are required to supervise the public:

- To inspect vehicles for surcharge or hazardous waste items that are concealed with the acceptable waste load for regulatory purposes;



- To decrease the potential of injury or harm of visitors seeking to salvage in prohibited areas;
- To monitor and educate visitors on site safety expectations (no smoking, children supervision);
- To direct visitors to dispose of material in designated areas; and
- To remind visitors that there is heavy duty equipment working on site and to mitigate risk through traffic control.

Regulatory Consideration

When the waste fee is waived, there is no incentive to sort or divert waste, which results in an undervaluing of airspace, increased risk of non-compliance with regulatory expectations and an unsustainable use of the landfill's workers and resources.

Public Reaction

There have been several complaints from the public about Amnesty Days, including but not limited to:

- The length of the line ups;
- Frustration that the City is wasting money supervising people to provide free dumping, which in turn costs taxpayers;
- That commercial vehicles are not included;
- That surcharge items must be paid for regardless of Amnesty; and
- The Spring 2020 Amnesty Event resulted in two articles (CBC & Cabin Radio), numerous complaints on Facebook pages, and attention on a National Radio show (CBC Radio).

Ending Amnesty would be the easiest, least expensive way to address the issues above. Amnesty is not a critical or essential service and steers the division away from dealing with more important services.

New Amnesty Voucher Program

If Council would rather not cancel Amnesty, the SWF is ready to implement a new voucher system to replace Amnesty Days for residents who participate in the Curbside Cart Program. Each voucher would waive the residential fee for one visit to the SWF.

How it works

Residents who participate in the Curbside Cart Program and pay the monthly solid waste levy on their utility bill are eligible to receive two amnesty vouchers per year, which will expire at the end of each calendar year. Each amnesty voucher will waive the residential vehicle charge for one trip to the Solid Waste Facility. Amnesty vouchers can be used at any time during regular public hours.

Household eligibility

- Residents who participate in the Curbside Cart Program and pay the monthly solid waste levy on their utility bill are eligible to receive two amnesty vouchers per



year. Vouchers can be accessed online and emailed to the recipient, or they can be issued at the Solid Waste Facility.

- The number of vouchers per household is determined by how many sets of carts each household pays for. For example, a multi-family unit with two sets of approved carts are eligible to receive two sets of vouchers each year (4 vouchers total).
- Residents who do not participate in the Curbside Cart Program are not eligible for amnesty vouchers.

Waste guidelines

- Amnesty vouchers can be used for the disposal of household garbage and anything else that is covered by the standard residential vehicle rate (\$16.50 in 2025).
- Residents can dispose of up to 150 kg of waste per voucher. The gatehouse reserves the right to have a voucher holder weigh in and weight out in order to assess eligibility.
- If the voucher holder's load exceeds 150 kg, both vouchers can be used provided the weight does not exceed 300 kg.
- Commercial entities are not eligible to receive amnesty vouchers. The Solid Waste Facility retains the right to turn away loads that are deemed to be commercial (e.g.: vehicles with c-plates and/or company decals).
- Amnesty vouchers do not cover surcharge items, such as appliances, mattresses, empty barrels, oil or propane tanks, car batteries, electronic devices, or tires. A reminder to residents that many electronic devices can be recycled for free at the Bottle Depot. Appliances, such as a fridge or washing machine, may also be brought to local metal recycling companies. Please refer to the Fees and Charges page for a full list of surcharge items.
- Vouchers can only be used during regular public hours (Tuesday-Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.).

Benefits

The amnesty voucher system comes with the following benefits:

- Residents can dispose of household waste at their convenience and avoid line ups;
- Staff can better support residents with proper waste sorting and diversion;
- This system promotes a safer site for both residents and staff; and
- Staff can more effectively and efficiently measure and manage waste.

Council Request for Additional Information

At the July 28, Governance and Priorities Committee meeting, Council advanced the option to end Amnesty Days to the next City Council meeting on August 25, 2025. During the scheduled Council meeting on August 25, 2025, Council requested additional information summarizing all the options available in regard to Amnesty Days. The table below summarizes these options:



	Option 1 - No Amnesty	Option 2 - Vouchers (1 voucher per household)	Option 3 - Status Quo (Amnesty)
Operational Requirements	No additional staff needed. No additional equipment needed.	Occasional IT/front desk support. Scanner for admin.	Overtime staff; MED support when required. Roll-off trucks, excavator, dozer and skid steer need to be manned and ready. Working face of landfill needs to be expanded in order accommodate influx of waste.
Annual Cost	\$0	\$65K to \$100K per year	\$80k to \$120k/ per year (assuming two events per year) *does not include the future costs of landfill fire response/safety incidents that can result from unavoidable mismanagement of Amnesty waste.
Considerations	Perception that illegal dumping will increase. Less “undervaluing” of landfill space. More staff time to landfill operational tasks. Better site/resource management. No safety implications associated with Amnesty	Only available to households that pay the monthly waste levy. Limited to a max net weight of 150 kg per voucher. Dependent on weigh out scale and scalehouse installation (end of 2025). Perception that illegal dumping will increase. Safety risk reduced by spreading intake	Safety risk continues. No incentive to sort problematic material out of the waste stream which exacerbates site safety issues and reduces diversion objectives. Negatively affects regular service delivery (delay in blue-bin pick-up, inefficient compaction). Impacts city operations for days/weeks after event.

Committee noted that Amnesty Days puts significant pressures on site operations. These pressures result in the inability to process waste effectively, serious safety concerns, and frustrations from both staff and the public. No revenue is generated from this activity and so the cost to manage waste is unfairly placed on the taxpaying community as opposed to the individual waste generators. Amnesty is often exploited, with excessive waste coming in and concealed surcharged/hazardous items being smuggled in at no cost to the waste generator. Waiving the fee for household waste diminishes any incentive to properly sort material, which goes against the ongoing work the City is doing to divert waste and optimize airspace utilization. The division strongly recommends cancelling the event.

Committee recommends that Council direct Administration to implement a new voucher system to replace “Amnesty Days” that would waive the Residential Vehicle Charge for one visit to the Solid Waste Facility per calendar year, for residents who participate in the Curbside Cart Program.

MOVE APPROVAL

- The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

BY-LAW NO. 5115

BZ 382

A BY-LAW of the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, to amend Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended.

PURSUANT TO

- a) Sections 12, 14, 15, 18 of the *Community Planning and Development Act* S.N. W. T. 2011, c.22;
- b) Due notice to the public, provision for inspection of this by-law and due opportunity for objections thereto to be heard, considered and determined.

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife has enacted Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife wishes to amend Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE, in regular sessions duly assembled, enacts as follows:

APPLICATION

1. That Zoning By-law No. 5045 be amended as follows:
 - a. Rezoning a portion of Lot 13 Block 81 Plan 4623, a portion of Lot 15 Block 78 Plan 4059, and a portion of Road (School Draw Avenue), Plan 2396, from PR to RI-1.
 - b. Amending Schedule No. 1 to Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended, in accordance with Schedule A attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.

EFFECT

2. That this by-law shall come into effect upon receiving Third Reading and otherwise meets the requirements of Section 75 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*.

Read a First time this 8 day of September , A.D. 2025.

<Original Signed by the Mayor>

Mayor

<Original Signed by the City Manager>

City Manager

Read a Second Time this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2025.

Mayor

City Manager

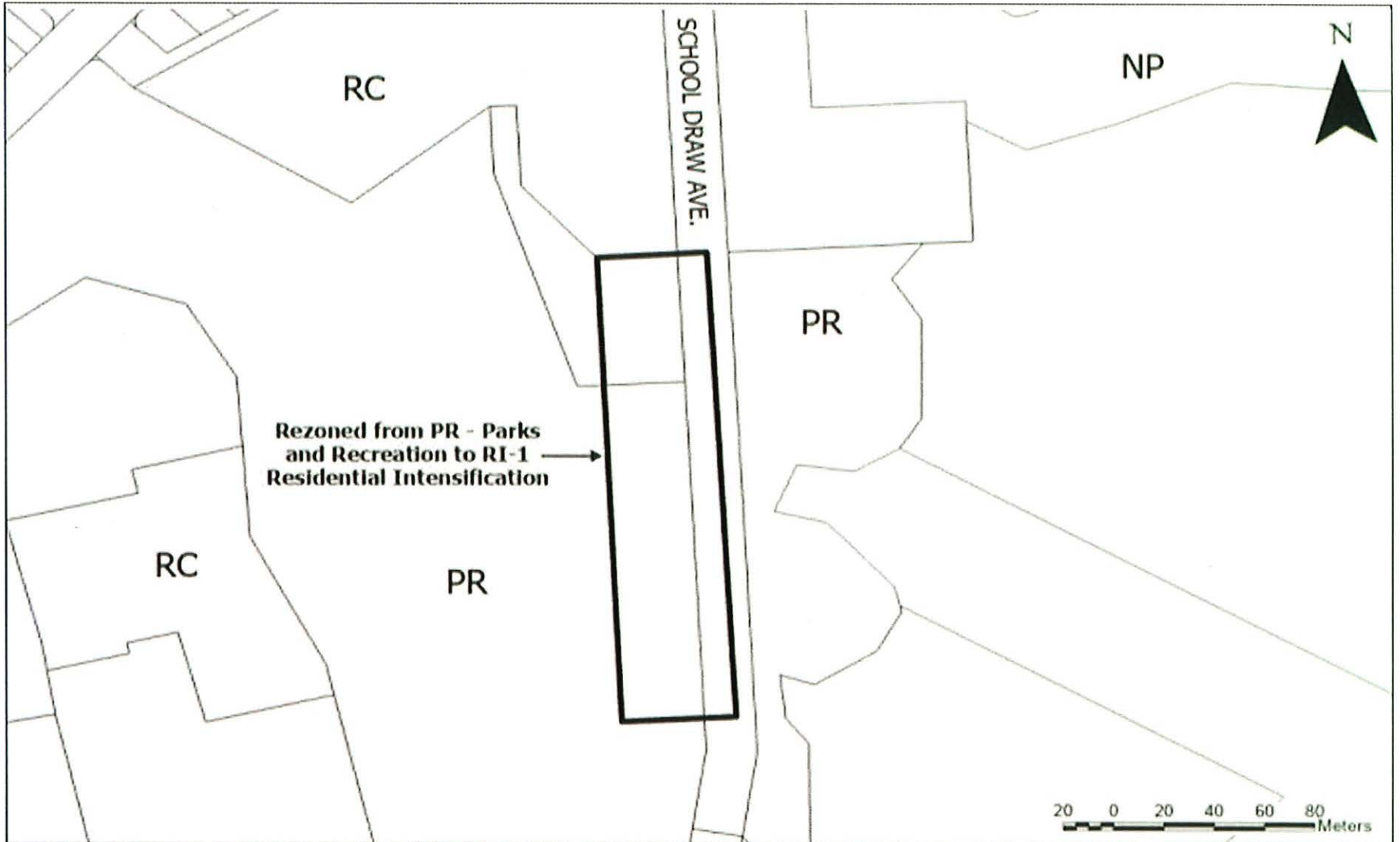
Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2025.


Mayor

City Manager

I hereby certify that this by-law has been made in accordance with the requirements of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* and the by-laws of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife.

City Manager



 <p>CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE Planning & Development</p>	<p>Project: By-Law No. 5115 (School Draw - Western Block)</p>	<p>File: PL-2025-0046 Scale: 1:1000</p>
	<p>Title: Schedule - A</p>	<p>Created By: AT August 18, 2025</p>



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

BY-LAW NO. 5117

BP 124

A BY-LAW of the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, to authorize the Collective Agreement between the City of Yellowknife and the Public Service Alliance of Canada Municipal Enforcement Officers Local X0345 expiring December 31, 2027.

PURSUANT TO section 48 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, S.N.W.T. 2003, c.22 which provides that Council may by by-law establish terms and conditions of employees of the City of Yellowknife, including remuneration, benefits, hours of work, and manner of appointment, promotion, discipline and dismissal.

WHEREAS Memorandum of Settlement with the Public Service Alliance of Canada Municipal Enforcement Officers Local X0345 was reached on October 3, 2025 and endorsed by the negotiating teams for the City and the Union.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE, in regular sessions duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This by-law may be cited as the “PSAC Municipal Enforcement Officers Local X0345 Collective Agreement Adopting By-law”.
2. The Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Public Service Alliance of Canada Municipal Enforcement Officers Local X0345 for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027 is hereby adopted by this by-law. This Agreement is based on the 2020-2023 Collective Agreement as modified by the October 3, 2025 Memorandum of Settlement attached as Schedule “A” and forming part of this by-law.

REPEALS

3. By-law No. 5031 is hereby repealed.

EFFECT

4. That this by-law shall come into effect upon receiving Third Reading and otherwise meets the requirements of Section 75 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*.

Read a First time this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2025.

Mayor

City Manager

Read a Second Time this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2025.

Mayor

City Manager

Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2025.

Mayor

City Manager

I hereby certify that this by-law has been made in accordance with the requirements of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* and the by-laws of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife.

City Manager



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

BY-LAW NO. 5117

Schedule A

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE AND
THE PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE OF CANADA
MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
LOCAL X0345

EXPIRY DATE:
DECEMBER 31, 2027

MEMORANDUM OF SETTLEMENT

Between:

THE CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

(the "Employer")

- and -

THE PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE OF CANADA
(as represented by the Union of Northern Workers)

Re: Municipal Enforcement Officers

(the "Union")

The Bargaining Committees of the Employer and the Union have reached a tentative Collective Agreement.

The Bargaining Committees of each of the Employer and the Union agree to unanimously recommend the tentative Collective Agreement to their principals for acceptance.

The tentative Collective Agreement is the Collective Agreement between the Employer and the Union expiring December 31, 2023 with the changes set out in this Memorandum of Settlement, as well as the changes signed off between the parties on **January 18, 2024** and **March 12, 2025**.

The Bargaining Committees agree that all changes take effect as of the date of ratification of the Collective Agreement, unless another date is specified.

DATED in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, October 3, 2025

For the Union

For the Employer

AGREED ARTICLES FOR RENEWAL OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Shift Premium

25.01 Effective **[date of ratification]** ~~January 1, 2016~~ a shift premium of **\$2.50** ~~\$1.75~~ per hour shall be paid for actual regular hours worked between **6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.** ~~5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.~~

Indigenous Cultural Leave - agree

31.06 **Subject to operational requirements, employees who are First Nations, Métis or Inuit, shall be granted time off with pay up to a maximum of one (1) day per year to participate in traditional Indigenous harvesting, hunting, fishing, cultural activities or Treaty Day. Employees will provide as much notice as reasonably possible.**

Parental Leave - agree

32.04 (i) Parental leave allowance payments will consist of:

- (i) Where there is a waiting period under Employment Insurance benefits for the first week, ninety-three (93%) percent of the employee's weekly rate of pay. Following that, the employee will receive for up to an additional **fifteen (15)** ~~ten (10)~~ weeks, a payment equal to the difference between ninety-three (93%) percent of the employee's weekly rate of pay and the amount of Employment Insurance Parental Benefits the employee is entitled to under Standard Parental Benefits. For the last week, where the employee has received the full **fifteen (15)** ~~ten (10)~~ weeks of Employment Insurance Parental Benefits and thereafter remains on leave without pay, a payment equal to ninety-three (93%) of the employee's weekly rate of pay, less any monies earned during that period, unless the employee has already received the one (1) week of allowance in Article 32.03(f)(iii) for the same child. During this period the employee shall also be entitled to the monthly housing and vacation travel allowances.
- (ii) Where there is no waiting period under Employment Insurance benefits, the Employee will receive for up to **seventeen (17)** ~~twelve (12)~~ weeks, a payment equal to the difference between ninety-three (93%) percent of the employee's weekly rate of pay and the amount of Employment Insurance benefits the employee is entitled to under Standard Parental Benefits. During this period, the Employee shall also be entitled to the monthly housing and vacation travel allowances.
- (iii) Where an employee becomes eligible for a pay increase or an economic increase in the period in which the employee was in receipt of parental leave allowance, the payments shall be adjusted accordingly.

- (iv) Where the employee elects to receive Extended Parental Employment Insurance Benefits, there shall be no increase in the amount of parental leave allowance payments. The employee shall be entitled to the same Standard Parental Leave allowance payments that the employee would be entitled to had the employee received Standard Parental Employment Insurance Benefits set out in Clauses 32.04(i)(i).
- (j) An employee receiving parental leave allowance payments shall sign a certificate stating that they will return to work and remain in the Employer's employ for a period of at least six (6) months after the expiry of their parental leave, and that they will return to work immediately following the expiry of their parental leave, unless this date is modified with the Employer's consent.
- (k) Should the employee fail to return to work in accordance with Article 32.04 (j), except by reason of death, disability or lay off, the employee recognizes that they are indebted to the Employer for the total amount of parental leave allowance. Should the employee not remain in the Employer's employ for a period of at least six (6) months following the expiry of the parental leave, the employee recognizes that they are indebted to the Employer for a prorated portion of their parental leave allowance, based upon the number of months they remained in the Employer's employ.

32.06 Casual Leave

Employees shall be granted casual leave with pay to a maximum of **six (6)** ~~four (4)~~ hours per month, with each occurrence not to exceed two (2) hours, and no more than four occurrences per month, for the following purposes:

(a) Health Care, Dental and School Appointments

Whenever it is necessary for an employee to attend upon a medical practitioner for the employee or the employee's dependant, or attend appointments with school authorities, which cannot be scheduled outside of working hours, they shall be granted casual leave with pay for these purposes.

The Employer may request confirmation of the appointment in advance.

Where an appointment with a medical practitioner exceeds the limits set out above, an Employee may utilize sick leave for the excess.

(b) Paramedical Practitioner Appointments

Subject to operational requirements, up to two (2) of the six (6) hours of casual leave with pay available under this clause may be used when it is necessary for employees to attend an appointment with a registered paramedical practitioner covered under the Extended Health Care Plan, which cannot be scheduled outside of working hours.

The Employee shall provide the Employer at least 72 hours' notice in advance of an appointment under this clause. If an emergency or unusual circumstances make it impossible to provide 72 hours' notice, the Employee shall provide as much notice as possible under the circumstances. At the request of the Employer, the Employee shall provide documentation confirming attendance at the appointment.

40.01 – Footwear Expenses

An Employee who has completed 12 months of continuous employment shall receive reimbursement to a maximum of \$500 per ~~annum calendar year~~ for an MED Officer I and \$500 ~~every 18 months~~ ~~\$425 per calendar year~~ for an MED Officer II and MED Officer III for footwear purchased that meets the Employer's uniform standards. This shall be reimbursed to the maximum amount annually upon submission of receipts. An employee may submit receipts for reimbursement on up to two separate occasions per calendar year. The Employer will continue to provide snowmobile boots as determined by the Employer.

Appendix A – General Economic Increases

Jan 1, 2024 – 5%

Jan 1, 2025 – 4%

Jan 1, 2026 – 4%

Jan 1, 2027 – 3.5%

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

RE: CLASSIFICATION

The parties agree that the establishment and maintenance of job classifications are the sole responsibility of the Employer.

During the life of the collective agreement, the Employer shall undertake a reclassification process for positions within the bargaining unit.

The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to advise the Union of the new classification plan selected one (1) month prior to the expiry of this collective agreement. The parties agree that the

implementation of the selected classification plan shall be discussed during the next round of collective bargaining.

This LOU will expire and be removed from the collective agreement on December 31, 2027.