



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Special Council

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife will hold a special meeting of Council at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider:

- Whether to appoint a Registrar of Enumeration for the City of Yellowknife for the 2026 Municipal General Election;
- The Minutes of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness meeting of February 19, 2026;
- Whether to approve recommendations to allocate the Veterans Homelessness Program funding for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; and
- Whether to appoint Moriah Harris and Riel Brouillette as Development Officers for the City of Yellowknife

This Special Meeting has been called by the City Manager of the City of Yellowknife pursuant to Section 27 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* of the Northwest Territories and Section 9 of By-law No. 5119, the Council Procedures By-law.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2026.

<Original Signed by the City Manager>

Stephen Van Dine
City Manager



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

DATE: February 26, 2026

File: 260-P2

TO: Stephen Van Dine
City Manager

FROM: Ben Hendriksen
Mayor

RE: Special Council Meeting

Pursuant to Section 9 of the Council Procedures By-law, I hereby request that you schedule a Special Council Meeting on March 4, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

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Thank you,

<Original Signed by the Mayor>

Ben Hendriksen
Mayor

cc. City Council
Office of the City Clerk
Senior Management Committee



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Council Agenda

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Welcome to the

SPECIAL 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. 5119, 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 Warburton 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.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. A presentation and a memorandum regarding whether to appoint a Registrar of Enumeration for the City of Yellowknife for the 2026 Municipal General Election.

4. Councillor Warburton moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,

That Council appoint Stephen Dunbar as Registrar of Enumeration for the City of Yellowknife for the 2026 Municipal General Election.

Unanimous	In Favour	Opposed	Carried / Defeated
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(For Information Only)

5. A memorandum regarding Minutes of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness meeting of February 19, 2026.

6. A memorandum regarding whether to approve recommendations to allocate the Veterans Homelessness Program funding for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

7. Councillor Warburton moves,
Councillor _____ seconds,



Item No.

Description

That Council approve recommendations from the City of Yellowknife Community Advisory Board on Homelessness to allocate Veterans Homelessness Program funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year as follows:

- 1. \$85,000 to the Tree of Peace Friendship – Veteran Wellness and Healing Initiative.**
- 2. \$85,000 to Yellowknife Street Support Network – Veteran Homelessness Program.**

Unanimous	In Favour	Opposed	Carried / Defeated
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8. A memorandum regarding whether to appoint Moriah Harris and Riel Brouillette as Development Officers for the City of Yellowknife.

9. Councillor Warburton moves,
 Councillor _____ seconds,

That:

- 1. pursuant to s. 3.1 of Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended, Moriah Harris and Riel Brouillette be appointed as Development Officers for the City of Yellowknife; and**
- 2. the term of appointment shall expire upon termination of employment with the City of Yellowknife.**

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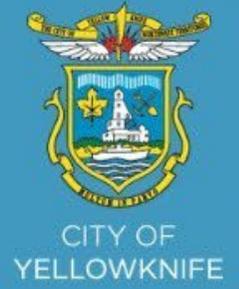
ADJOURNMENT



Election 2026: City of Yellowknife

Overview & Key Highlights

March 4, 2026



Purpose

- 2026 Municipal Election Readiness & Updates
 - Key Highlights
 - Outline pilot project with Elections NWT



Key Highlights in 2026

- Pilot Partnership with Elections NWT
 - Elections NWT leading enumeration
 - Elections NWT for Election Administration
- Voting in person and clearer guidance on mail-in ballots
- Working with school boards on potential areas of collaboration

Enumeration

- Elections NWT maintains Register of Electors across the Northwest Territories
 - NWT Elections can identify and validate Yellowknife voters
 - Proposed Pilot Registrar: Stephen Dunbar, NWT Elections
- This Approach:
 - Minimizes municipal staff workload
 - Reduces duplication between levels of government
- If approved:
 - Elections NWT, at no cost to the City, can send a household mailer before the end of March to encourage voters to check/update registration

Council Decision Required: Motion to appoint the Registrar of Enumeration

NWT Elections Pilot Project - Terms

- Draft Memorandum of Understanding
 - clarifies roles and responsibilities
 - Elections NWT will assist with:
 - Staffing and training
 - Sharing best practices and experience
 - Housing the Returning Officer
 - City responsible for election supplies and advertising

Status: MOU to be finalized post Council Decision

Proposed Returning Officer Selection

- Elections NWT provides list of qualified candidates
- Located at Elections NWT office
- Supported by Elections NWT staff and resources

Council Decision Required: Motion to appoint the Returning Officer

Budget

Approved 2026 Election Budget:

\$150,000

Includes:

- Tabulator and related software/hardware
- Returning Officer + election staffing
- Supplies and signage
- Communications



Next Steps

- Council Approval
 - Appoint Registrar of Enumeration – March 4, 2026
 - Appoint Returning Officer
 - Finalize MOU with Elections NWT





CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: Council

DATE: March 4, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Governance and Legal Services

ISSUE: Whether to appoint a Registrar of Enumeration for the City of Yellowknife for the 2026 Municipal General Election.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint Stephen Dunbar as Registrar of Enumeration for the City of Yellowknife for the 2026 Municipal General Election.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Yellowknife and Elections NWT are working towards a pilot project in which Elections NWT will assist in the conduct of the 2026 Municipal General Election (the “Election”). Pursuant to the *Local Authorities Elections Act* a local authority must appoint a person to act as the Registrar of Enumeration for municipal elections and any vote on a question put to the voters. The Election has been scheduled for October 19, 2026 and a Registrar of Enumeration is required. The Registrar of Enumeration is responsible for the preparation of the list of voters.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION/RESOLUTION/POLICY:

Strategic Direction #1: People First

Strategic Direction #2: Service Excellence

Key Initiative 2.2.2 Aligning organizational service capacity with service levels.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

1. *Cities, Towns & Villages Act*;
2. *Local Authorities Elections Act*; and
3. *Elections and Plebiscites Act*.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Legislative

Section 23(1) and (4) of the *Local Authorities Elections Act* states that a Registrar of Enumeration shall be appointed not later than 49 days before Election Day. If a Registrar is not appointed, the City Manager shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Registrar.

Section 77.(2)(c) of the *Elections and Plebiscites Act* states that the Chief Electoral Officer may disclose information derived from the register of electors to... (c) a local authority as defined in section 1 of the *Local Authorities Elections Act*.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint another person as Registrar of Enumeration for the City of Yellowknife.

RATIONALE:

Elections NWT maintains the Register of Territorial Electors, which derives information from various federal and territorial sources to keep a list of eligible electors for every electoral district in the Northwest Territories. The Register allows for extracts by community. Stephen Dunbar is the Chief Electoral Officer for Elections NWT who would oversee the enumeration process to ensure compliance with legislation and to ensure that the register of electors (list of voters) is as thorough and complete as possible. Having Stephen Dunbar as Registrar of Enumeration would greatly minimize use of City staff time in this process and minimize duplication of work by multiple levels of government.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

Prepared: January 30, 2026 DMG

Revised: February 4, 2026 DMG



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE
(For Information Only)

COMMITTEE: Council

DATE: March 4, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

ISSUE: Minutes of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness meeting of February 19, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Attached for the information of the Committee are the minutes of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness meeting of February 19, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes February 19, 2026. (DM# 816761)

Prepared: February 19, 2026, BL



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness
February 19, 2026 at 10:06 a.m.
City Hall Council Chamber

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 10:06 a.m. in City Hall Council Chamber.
The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: Councillor G. Cochrane, Chair,
T. Brushett,
W. Cook, (via teleconference)
S. Dean,
H. Dumbuya-Sesay,
M. Heyck, and
M. Johnson.

The following advisory members were in attendance:

J. Tolley, (via teleconference) and
R. Tordiff. (via teleconference)

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

N. Dissanayake,
J. Elliot,
C. Saunders, and
B. Ly.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Opening Statement

2. Councillor G. Cochrane read the Opening Statement.

Approval of Agenda

3. Committee approved the Agenda as amended to include an expression of interest for the Veterans Homelessness program from the Legion.



Approval of Minutes

4. Councillor Cochrane moved,
T. Brushett seconded,

That the Minutes of January 15, 2026 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

5. There were no disclosures of interest.

Update Wilfried Laurier University- Screening Event

6. Committee was informed of an upcoming event hosted by Wilfried Laurier University on March 7, 2026. This free event will feature a film highlighting voices and visions on homelessness in urban centres. The organizers are currently looking for a panelist – either a representative from the city, an NGO or a representative with lived experience.

Action Item: Administration will follow up with committee members regarding their interest and potential representation for a panelist at the event.

Discussion regarding Veterans Homelessness Program Expression of Interest:

7. Committee heard a presentation from Stacey Sundberg, a representative from Yellowknife Street Support Network regarding their Expression of Interest.
8. Committee heard a presentation from Byrne Richards, a representative from the Tree of Peace regarding their Expression of Interest.
9. Committee heard a presentation from Horatio Sam-Aggrey, a representative from Northwest Territories Integration and Community Services (NWT-ICS) regarding their Expression of Interest.
10. Committee accepted for information an Expression of Interest from the Legion.

Action Item: Administration will send the additional Expression of Interest from the Legion and pictures of the lift to Committee Members.

11. H. Dumbuya-Sesay moved,
W. Cook seconded,

That funding for Veterans Homelessness Program of \$170, 000 be allocated as follows:

1. \$85,000 to Yellowknife Street Support Network; and
2. 85,000 to Tree of Peace.

12. T. Brushett moved,
S. Dean seconded,

That the motion be amended as follows:

That funding for Veterans Homelessness Program of \$170, 000 be allocated as follows:

1. \$85,000 to Yellowknife Street Support Network; and
2. \$85,000 to Tree of Peace.



With a provision put in place that if one organization is not willing or able to take upon the split of the \$170, 000, that the rest be reverted to the other.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Scheduled Meeting

13. The next meeting will be scheduled for March 19, 2026.

Adjournment

14. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Prepared: February 19, 2026; BL



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE
MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: Council

DATE: March 4, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

ISSUE: Whether to approve recommendations to allocate the Veterans Homelessness Program funding for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve recommendations from the City of Yellowknife Community Advisory Board on Homelessness to allocate Veterans Homelessness Program funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year as follows:

1. \$85,000 to the Tree of Peace Friendship – Veteran Wellness and Healing Initiative.
2. \$85,000 to Yellowknife Street Support Network – Veteran Homelessness Program.

BACKGROUND:

Reaching Home – Canada’s Strategy to End Homelessness is a federal program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to designated communities (urban centres), Indigenous communities, territorial communities and rural and remote communities across Canada.

As a Community Entity for this program, the City of Yellowknife holds a four-year funding agreement with Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada and has received the following amounts in funding for this four-year agreement.

Reaching Home Funding by Year

2024-2025	\$3,366,269
2025-2026	\$3,366,269
2026-2027	\$3,366,269
2027-2028	\$3,366,269

Veterans have served our country courageously and they deserve a safe and affordable place to call home. The Government of Canada is committed to preventing and reducing Veteran homelessness in Canada.

The Veteran Homelessness Program supports this commitment by delivering contribution funding through:

- The Services and Supports focused on the delivery of rent supplements and wrap-around services (such as housing placement services, counselling and treatment of substance use) to Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Veterans Homelessness Project funding by Year

2025-2026	\$200,000
2026-2027	\$200,000
2027-2028	\$200,000

COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION/RESOLUTION/POLICY:

Strategic Direction#1: People First

Focus Area 1.2 Housing for All

Doing our part to create the context for diverse housing and accommodation options.

Key Initiative 1.2.1 Setting the context and foundation for a fulsome continuum of housing options, from social to market to workforce accommodation.

Key Initiative 1.3.6 Working with all partners towards a safe, supportive and compassionate community for all.

Strategic Direction #2: Service Excellence

Focus Area 2.2 Capacity

Balancing service levels with human and fiscal resources.

Key Initiative 2.2.1 Advocating for a City Act to address community needs.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

Community Homelessness Report: 2024-2025

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Existing Programs/Services
Under Reaching Home: Canada’s Strategy to End Homelessness, the City of Yellowknife has allocated funding to the services identified for the previous seven years of the nine-year funding agreement.
- Multi-year Funding
The City of Yellowknife’s Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) has most recently allocated \$3,366,269 of the 2024/2025 funding and \$3,366,269 of the 2025/2026 funding.
- There should be a consideration to view each allocated project (with the exception of Capital Projects) as multi year. Whereas each awarded project contract would continue from the fiscal year 2026 – 2027 into 2027 – 2028.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

That Council send the motion back to CAB for reconsideration.

RATIONALE:

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Support for the recommendation of the CAB will provide the opportunity for various organizations to provide key services and programs to Veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Approving these listed recommendations will provide stability for those serving people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

Prepared: February 20, 2026; CS



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: Council

DATE: March 4, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development

ISSUE: Whether to appoint Moriah Harris and Riel Brouillette as Development Officers for the City of Yellowknife.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. pursuant to s. 3.1 of Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended, Moriah Harris and Riel Brouillette be appointed as Development Officers for the City of Yellowknife; and
2. the term of appointment shall expire upon termination of employment with the City of Yellowknife.

BACKGROUND:

Under Section 3.1 of Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended, the office of the Development Officer is established in accordance with Section 52 of the *Community Planning and Development Act*, S.N.W.T. 2001, c.22. (the “Act”). Section 52 of the Act states that Council may appoint one or more development officers for the administration and enforcement of the Act, the zoning by-law and if applicable, the subdivision by-law.

Moriah Harris and Riel Brouillette are Planners for the City of Yellowknife, thus necessitating a resolution to appoint them as Development Officers.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION/RESOLUTION/POLICY:

Strategic Direction #1: People First

Focus Area 1.2 Housing for All
Doing our part to create the context for diverse housing and accommodation options.

Strategic Direction #2: Service Excellence

Focus Area 2.2 Capacity
Balancing service levels with human and fiscal resources.

Strategic Direction #3: Sustainable Future

Focus Area 3.2 Growth Readiness
Ensuring land development supports economic readiness and community priorities.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:

1. *Community Planning and Development Act*; and
2. Zoning By-law No. 5045, as amended.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Legislation

Pursuant to the Section 52 of the Act Development Officers must be appointed by resolution of Council.

Public Service

The timely appointment of Development Officers helps ensure that proper levels of staffing and resources are achieved.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

No viable alternative has been identified.

RATIONALE:

The timely appointment of Development Officers helps ensure that proper levels of staffing and resources are achieved.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

Prepared: February 20, 2026; DL/sj