



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

## GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 12:05 p.m.

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

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<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
1.	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.
2.	Approval of the agenda.
3.	Disclosure of conflict of interest and the general nature thereof.
ANNEX A	
4.	A presentation regarding Giant Mine Remediation Project Annual Update.
ANNEX B	
5.	A memorandum regarding whether to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement to renew the electricity distribution franchise agreement with Naka Power Utilities (NWT) Ltd. until December 31, 2035.
ANNEX C	
6.	A memorandum regarding whether to select properties to auction for tax arrears, when to hold the auction, and what minimum price to establish for each property.



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ANNEX D	
7.	A memorandum regarding whether to adopt the recommendations set forth by the Grant Review Committee for the awarding of the 2026 Grant Funding and consideration for the 2026 - 2028 Multi-Year Funding Recipients.
ANNEX E	(For Information Only)
8.	A memorandum regarding minutes of the Heritage Committee meeting of March 3, 2026.
ANNEX F	(For Information Only)
9.	A memorandum regarding a report regarding Mayor Hendriksen's travel to the Arctic Summit, Whitehorse, YK, from February 22 – February 25, 2026 and Northwest Territories Association of Communities (NWTAC), Yellowknife, NT from February 26 – February 28, 2026.
<b><u>IN CAMERA</u></b>	
ANNEX G	
10.	A memorandum regarding whether to appoint members to serve on the City of Yellowknife Development Appeal Board.
ANNEX H	
11.	A memorandum regarding whether to appoint members to serve on the City of Yellowknife Board of Revision.
12.	A matter still under consideration.
13.	Business arising from In Camera Session.

# City Council Update

March 18, 2026

**GIANT MINE**  
**REMEDIATION PROJECT**



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# Agenda

- Completed and upcoming work
- Perpetual Care Plan
- Procurement, employment and training



# Completed and Upcoming Work

What we have accomplished and what is planned next.

# Remediation Schedule

	'23	'24	'25	'26	'27	'28	'29	'30	'31	'32	'33	'34	'35	'36	'37	'38
Tailings Containment Areas					Blue	Teal	Teal									
Contaminated Soils				Dark Blue												
Water Treatment Plant	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple
Baker Creek					Light Blue											
Underground Mine Workings		Brown	Brown	Brown												
Demolition and Debris	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green											
Open Pits				Yellow												
Freeze/Frozen Shell				Orange												
Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey
Borrow Material				Dark Green												
Site Services	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	

# Active Remediation Overview

## Completed

- Roaster Deconstruction (2014)
- Freeze Optimization Study (2014)
- Townsite Deconstruction (2024)
- AR1 Freeze Pad Construction (2023)
- Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill (2023)
- Paste Backfill (2024)
- Bulkhead Stabilization (2023)
- Closure of Underground (2024)
- Legacy Debris (2025)

## Underway

- Water Treatment Plant Construction
- Contaminated Soils Design
- Core Area Building Deconstruction
- Opening to Surface Closure
- Power Line Construction
- All Remaining Building Deconstruction

## Upcoming

- Baker Creek Remediation and Realignment
- Boat Launch and Nearshore/Foreshore Cover
- Pits Fill and Covers
- Tailings Consolidate and Cover
- Soils Remediation
- Decommissioning Effluent Treatment Plant
- Water Treatment Plant Operation
- Freeze Program
- Onsite borrow Development

# Closure of Underground

## Work Completed

- Conclusion of underground stabilization
- Hazardous materials removed and disposed
- Access portals secured
- Underground care and maintenance activities ceased (Nov. 2024)

## Future Work & Monitoring

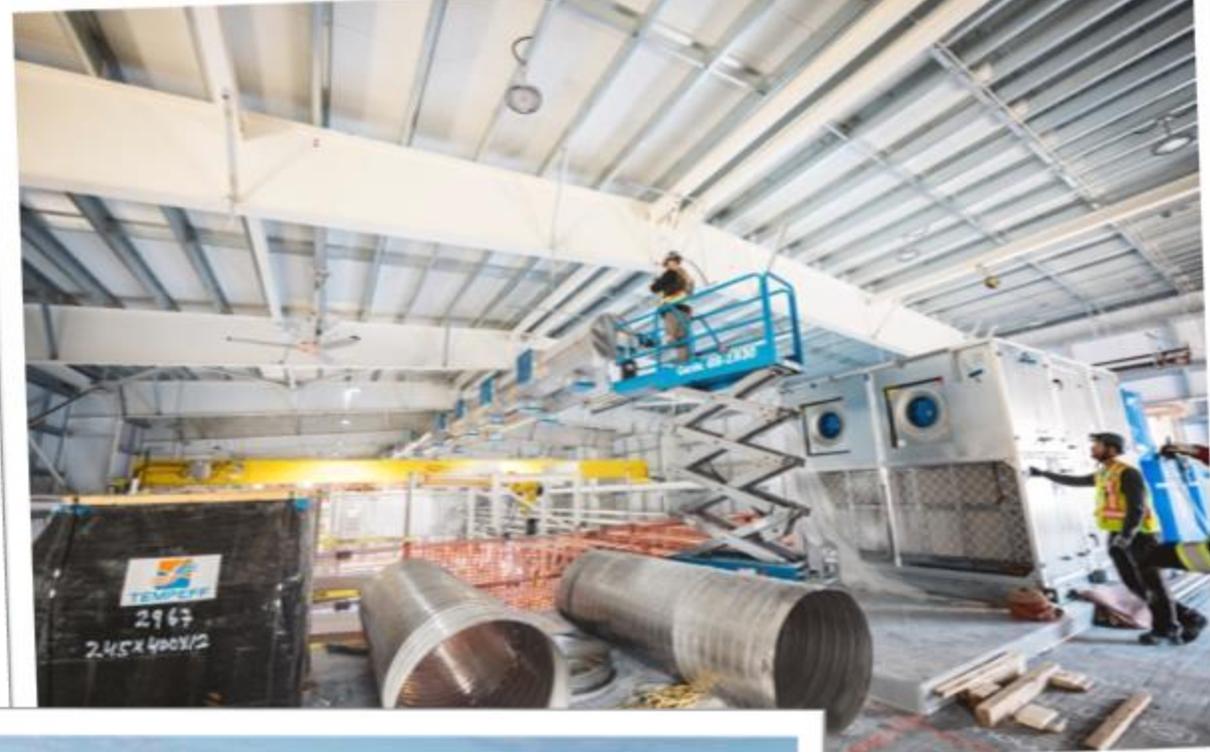
- Long-term monitoring from surface:
  - Thermal
  - Water Quality
  - Geotechnical Stability



# Water Treatment Plant

## Work Completed in 2025

- Blasting and aggregate production
- WTP and Biomass building foundations, concrete slab and structural steel erection
- Enclosure of Biomass and WTP building
- Outfall corridor and in-water work
- Installation of mine water intake wells and well pads
- Began building internal work: heating, ventilation, electrical, process



# Water Treatment Plant

## Upcoming Work in 2026

- Completion of remaining building internal work
- Commissioning activities starting Fall 2026

## WTP Operation and Maintenance

- Procurement of contracted operator to occur in 2025-26 to support commissioning in late 2026, with full operation 2027



# Highway #4 – Intersection Upgrades

## Upcoming Work in 2026

### Where

- Highway #4 Main Site Access (Brock Gate)
- Highway #4 Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) Crossing

### Why

- To handle volume of trucks hauling material across Highway #4
- Introduce turning lanes to minimize disruption

### When

- Construction is expected from May to July 2026



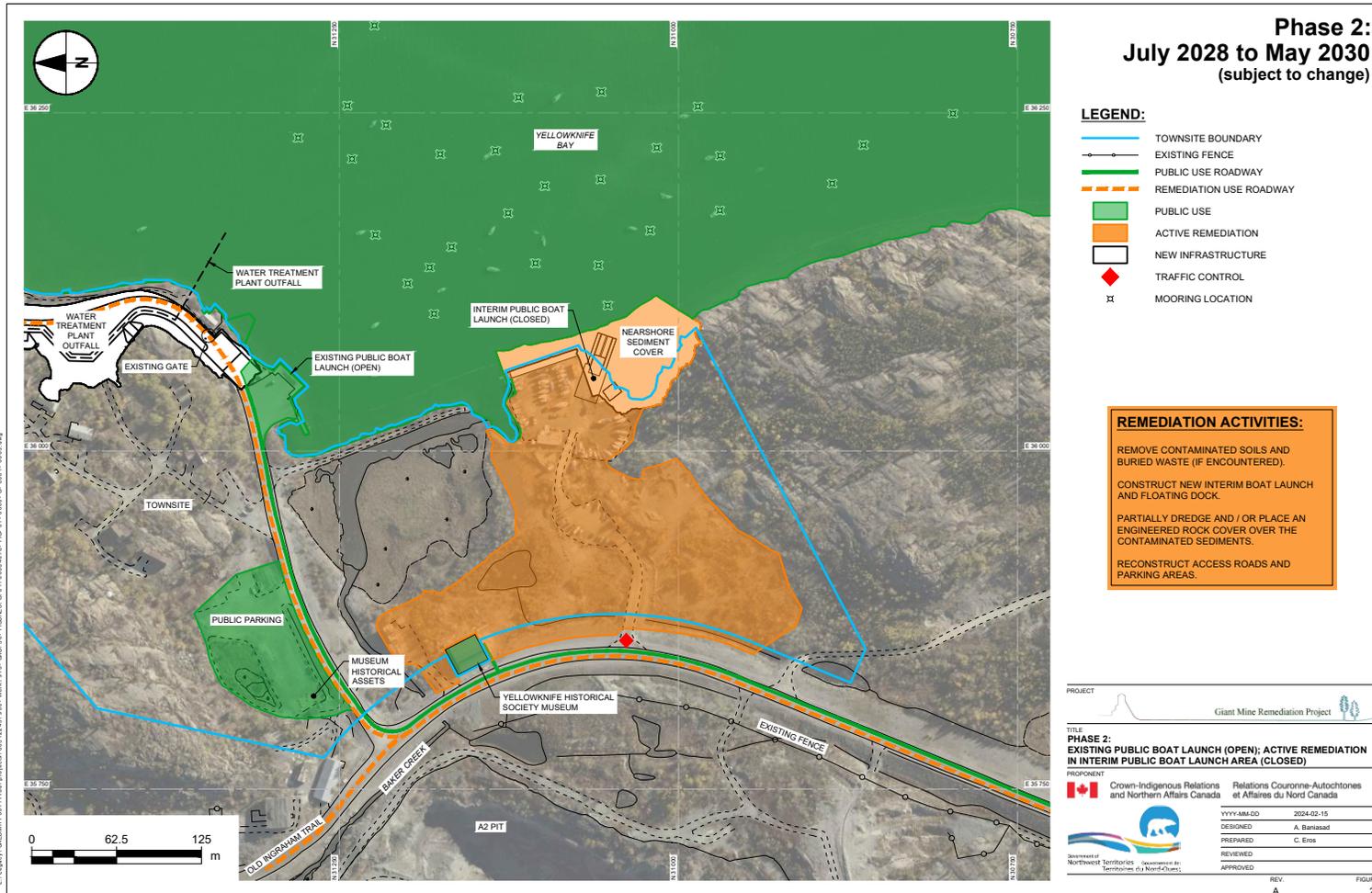
# Freeze



- AR1 thermosyphon installation will start in 2026

# Boat Launch Area 2029–2031

## Great Slave Sailing Club (GSSC) and Yellowknife Historical Society (YHS)



Green: Public Accessible, Orange: Construction, Not public accessible

- Public Boat Launch status quo
- No access for GSSC users within their former lease area
- Soil remediation activities begin
- Near shore sediment riprap cover activities, including dredging
- Debris removal
- All soil removed and replaced with clean fill
- New Marina Boat Launch to be constructed for public use ~2030-38
- GNWT contracting annual inspections on existing boat launch
- Working with GSSC for recommendations on design

# Perpetual Care Plan

The Project is developing a long-term plan for Perpetual Care

# Why are we developing a Perpetual Care Plan (PCP)?

Long-term features at the site require on-going monitoring and maintenance

*Freeze System*



*Water Treatment Plant*



# What is the Giant Mine Perpetual Care Plan (PCP)?

A manual that holds all the information for Perpetual Care of the site.

The long-term goals for the Perpetual Care Plan are to ensure:

1. Future caretakers have the necessary knowledge and resources to manage the site
2. Consistent, uninterrupted management of the site
3. Public awareness of the Perpetual Care Plan
4. On-going review of the Perpetual Care Plan
5. Monitoring and maintenance evolves to meet the environmental conditions of the site

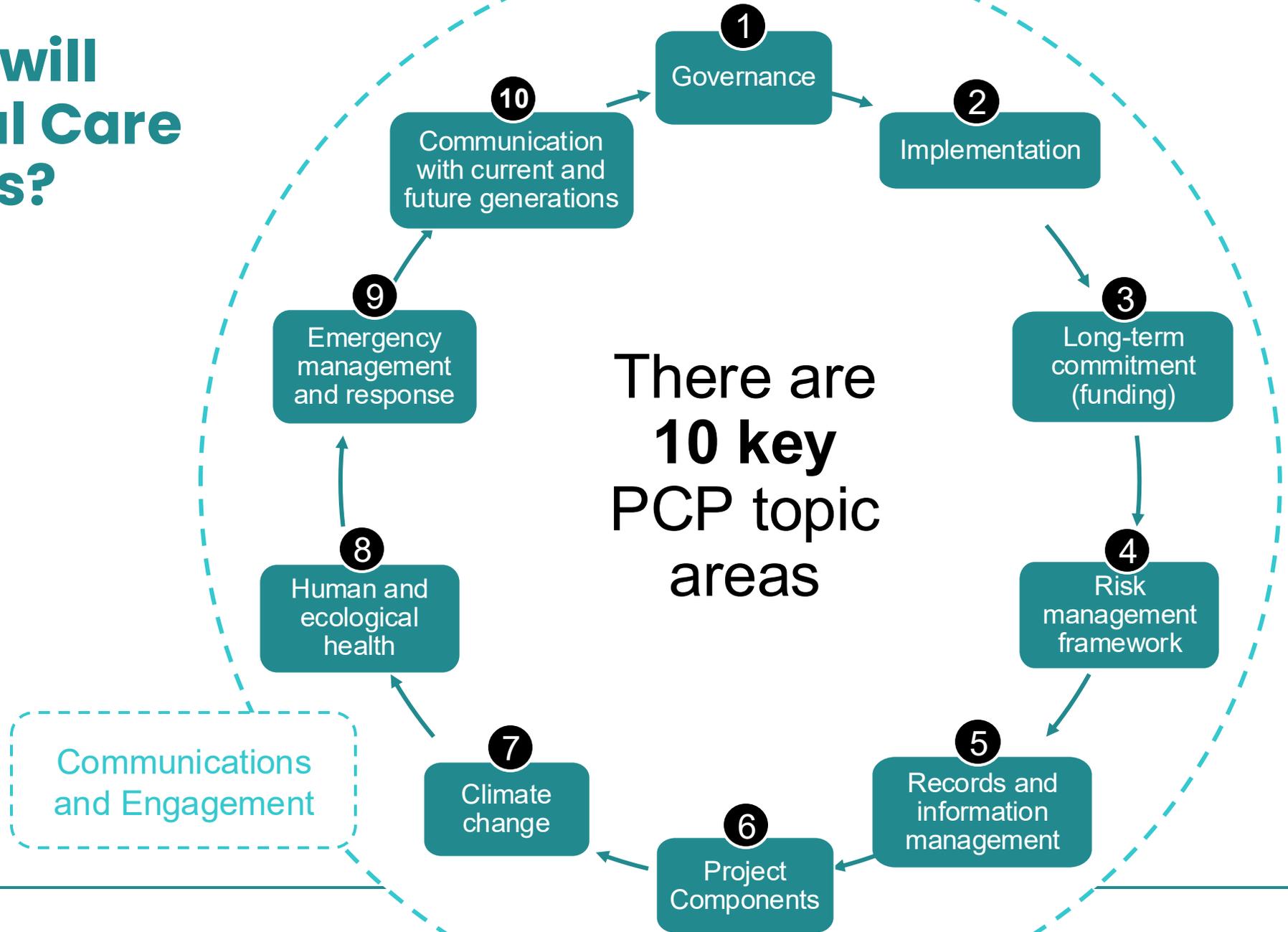


# How are we developing the Perpetual Care Plan (PCP)?

- Currently developing first version of the PCP
- Starting early to identify gaps
- Collaboration with PCP Task Force in developing scope of the plan and review
  - GNWT
  - YKDFN
  - NSMA
  - City of Yellowknife
  - Alternatives North
  - Giant Mine Oversight Board



# What topics will the Perpetual Care Plan address?



# Upcoming Perpetual Care Plan engagement

## Perpetual Care Plan focused engagement

GMRP is planning a public engagement session in the spring.

Distribution list – [geneva.irwin@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:geneva.irwin@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca)



# Procurement, Employment and Training

How the Project is benefitting Northern and Indigenous businesses and residents.

# Capacity Building – Funding Agreements

**\$7.01M** in funding provided via contribution agreements in the 2024-2025 fiscal year

## Funding Agreements Signed

- YKDFN Community Benefits Agreement: signed August 2021 for \$2M annually
- NSMA Community Benefits Agreement: signed March 2023 for \$381K annually
- Tłıchǫ Government Economic Benefits Agreement: signed March 2025 for \$2M annually

## Other Recipients

- Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation, City of Yellowknife, and Alternatives North

# Capacity Building – Training

**Apprenticeship Target:** a minimum of 1 Northern apprentice supported per year.



**Supported for 1 electrical apprentice**

**Scholarship Target:** 1 scholarship issued per year.

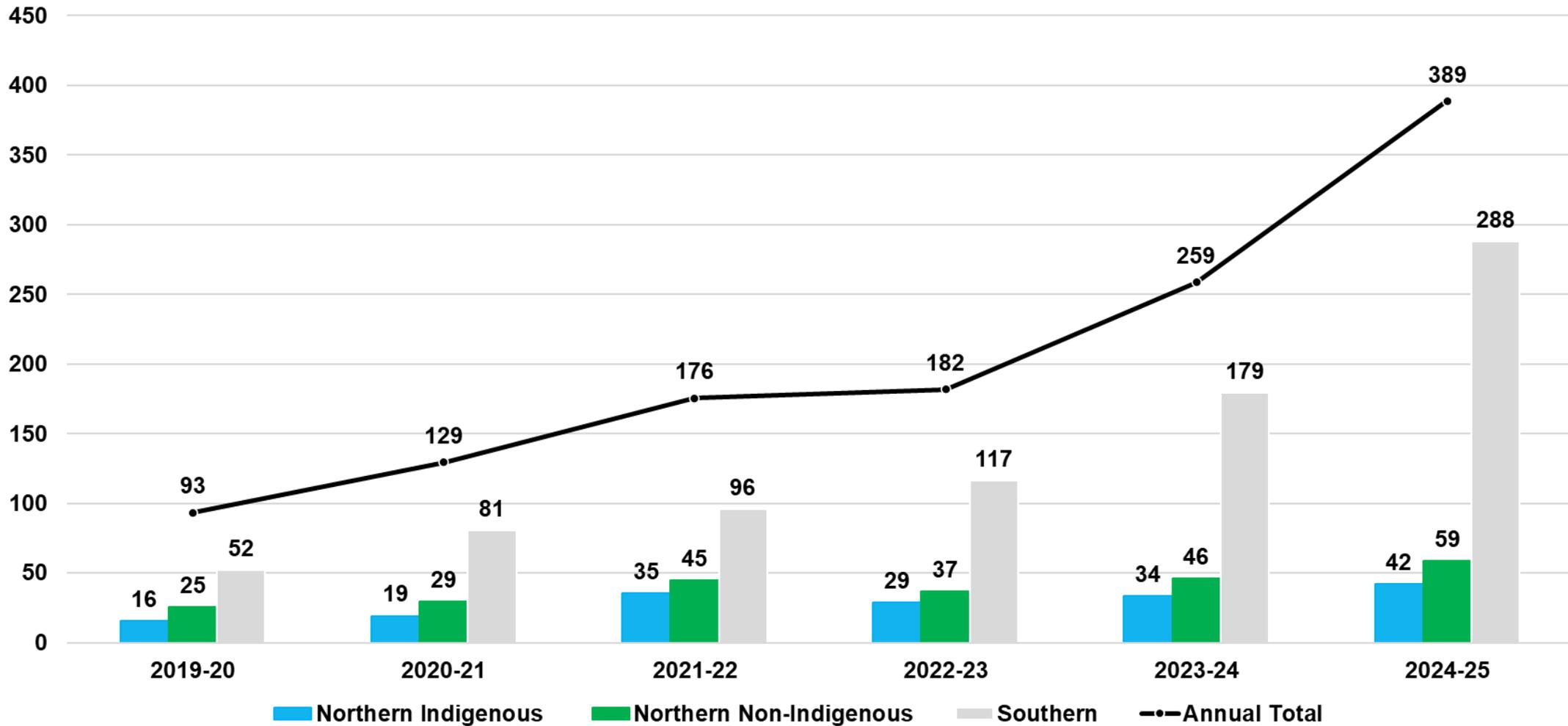


**\$15,000** issued for 3 scholarships by CIRNAC

**\$15,000** issued for 5 scholarships by Parsons

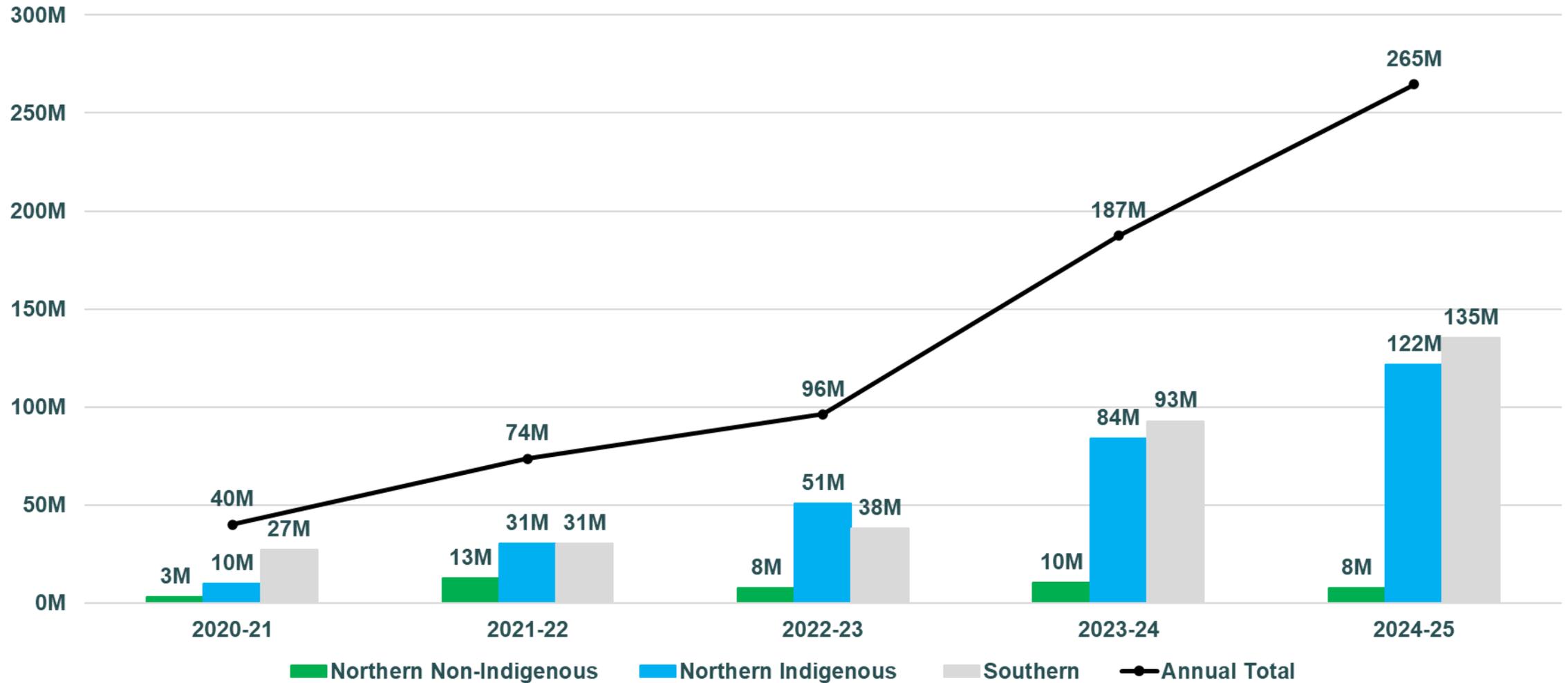
# Employment – Trends

## 5-Year Employment Trends (FTE)



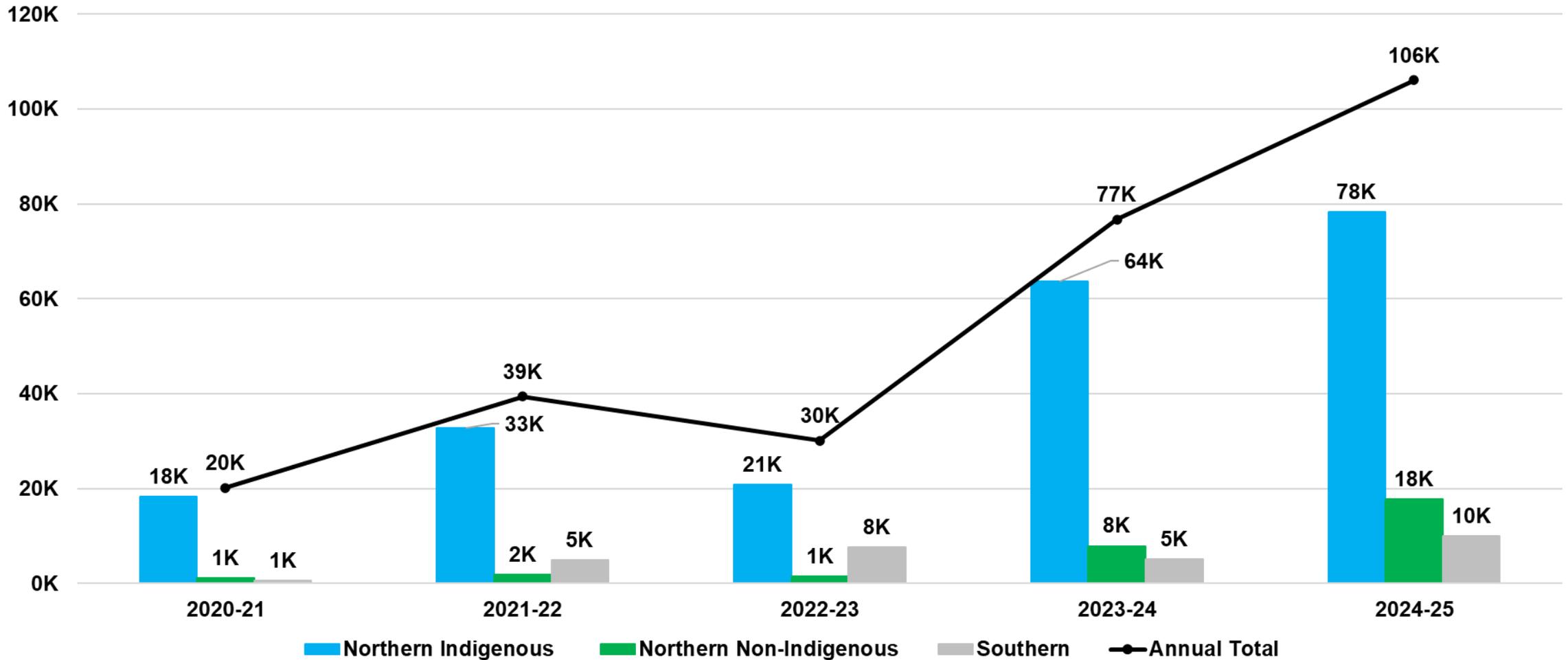
# Procurement – Trends

## 5-Year Procurement Trends (\$)



# Training – Trends

## 5-Year Training Trends (hrs)



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CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE:** Governance and Priorities

**DATE:** March 18, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** Governance and Legal Services

**ISSUE:** Whether to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement to renew the electricity distribution franchise agreement with Naka Power Utilities (NWT) Ltd. until December 31, 2035.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That By-law No. XXXX to renew the existing electricity distribution franchise agreement with Naka Power Utilities (NWT) Ltd. until December 31, 2035 be presented for adoption.

**BACKGROUND:**

The current franchise agreement for electrical energy distribution within the City of Yellowknife expired on December 31, 2025 but continues to operate while City Administration explored options for Council’s consideration.

**Brief History of Electricity Distribution in Yellowknife**

The four key components to electricity in Yellowknife and the Northwest Territories (NWT) are generation, transmission, distribution, and pricing. The Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) is the primary generator of electricity in the NWT and also the primary operator of electricity transmission infrastructure and services throughout the territory. In Yellowknife, electricity is distributed by Naka Power Utilities (NWT) Ltd. (Naka)<sup>1</sup>, under the terms of the current electricity distribution franchise agreement. Finally, pricing is determined by the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board (PUB), an independent, quasi-judicial body that sets rates in the absence of competition.

An electricity distribution franchise agreement does not prescribe the costs of electricity for customers served by the agreement because electricity rates throughout the NWT are determined by the PUB.

<sup>1</sup> Previously, Northland Utilities (Yellowknife) Limited (NUL).

The City has entered into franchise agreements since at least 1941, when By-law No. 15 authorized the City to enter into an agreement with Harry Ingraham for light and power. The agreement has been transferred to several companies as ownerships and operating arrangements changed, including a ten-year renewal of the electricity distribution franchise agreement with NUL in 2010. That agreement expired December 31, 2020, when a further 5-year renewal continued NUL's exclusive right to distribute electricity within the City and granted the company access to City lands to construct, maintain, and operate related electricity distribution assets, in return for an annual franchise fee; that agreement expired December 31, 2025. Thus, a new by-law is required to authorize the recommended renewal with Naka.

### **Options for Electricity Distribution in Yellowknife & Previous Agreement Extension**

The City has three options relating to electricity distribution within the City: renew the existing agreement, enter into a new agreement, and solicit competitive proposals.

The previous renewal of the franchise agreement was informed by an external consultant that evaluated these options from both a short-term and a long-term perspective, and taking into consideration overall benefits, cost of living, City revenues, effective production and transmission, and productive relationships. The conclusion of that analysis was that the most prudent approach for the City was a two-phased approach, the first phase being a five-year renewal of the current electricity distribution franchise and the second being a review and re-evaluation of the electricity distribution franchise as that renewal neared its expiry date.

That strategy provided continuity and certainty while awaiting resolution to electricity distribution situations in other NWT municipalities, and possibly time for more clarity around the potential of the Taltson project and other innovative approaches to electricity generation and distribution. It also intended to provide time for proper budgeting for the significant administrative and legal resources required for a competitive franchise opportunity, should one be required in the future.

### **Approach to Current Proposed Agreement Renewal**

Since the previous agreement extension, the territorial and municipal context for considerations relating to electricity distribution has changed in several ways. Impacts to community and residents with respect to electricity distribution situations in other NWT municipalities are still being assessed. In addition, PUB proceedings continue regarding the 2025 GNWT policy direction for power utility providers to develop an Integrated Power Systems Plan (IPSP), which is intended serve as the basis for long-term electricity systems goals of achieving reliability, affordability, and decarbonization.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, the GNWT's Taltson Expansion project with a vision of providing access to cleaner, affordable, and reliable energy sources for NWT residents is in design phase, with construction anticipated in the next 5-8 years.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board Letter Dated July 7, 2025 Re. Proceeding 2025-04.

<https://nwtpublicutilitiesboard.ca:81/Documents/Board%20Letter%20dated%20Jul%207,%202025%20Proceeding%202025-04.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Building the North: Unlocking Canada's Future Through the NWT's Major Projects (GNWT) January 2026.

<https://events.yellowknife.ca/meetings/Detail/2026-01-19-1205-Governance-and-Priorities-Committee/038a7c44-7432-48b9-be11-b3d40118412f>.

In this context, and in anticipation of a proposed renewal, Administration worked with Naka to review and negotiate the terms of the existing electricity distribution franchise agreement and identified the opportunity for some improvements and clarifications. These include: flat fee franchise fee to help improve rate and revenue certainty (replacing the declining franchise fee per increasing gross revenue rate); regular quarterly franchise revenue payments (instead of the one annual payment in previous agreements); clarifications of the notice provisions for franchise renewal, extension, or termination; additional annual reporting from Naka with respect to emergency management; commitment for the City and Naka to meet regularly to facilitate increased coordination and collaboration; and minor edits for consistency.

The new agreement will be executed immediately following third reading of the By-law and thereafter submitted to the PUB for approval.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION/RESOLUTION/POLICY:**

**Strategic Direction #3: Sustainable Future**

Focus Area 3.1                      Resilient Future  
Enhancing Yellowknife as a great place to live, visit, work and play now and into the future.

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

Key Initiative 3.2.4                Sustaining infrastructure capacity for future growth.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:**

1. *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* SNWT 2003,c.22;
2. *Public Utilities Act* SNWT 1988,c.24(Supp.);
3. City of Yellowknife Franchise By-law No. 5029; and
4. City of Yellowknife Franchise By-law No. XXXX.

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

Legislative

Section 91 of the *Cities, Towns, and Villages Act* (CTV Act) addresses public utilities, including electric power. It enables the City to grant a public utility franchise for term of up to 20 years, and to renew a franchise for further terms not exceeding 10 years each. The section further provides that if the City does not renew the franchise it may seek to purchase the related assets and retain them, or sell them to a new franchise holder.

The *Public Utilities Act* applies to any public utility involved in the supply and sale of energy in the Northwest Territories, where energy includes electricity. It establishes the PUB to administer the Act and regulate public utilities. As such, the PUB has regulatory jurisdiction over electricity rates in Yellowknife.

## Financial Considerations

The Northwest Territories Power Corporation is the primary generator and transporter of electricity in the Northwest Territories. Naka buys power from NTPC and distributes it to customers in Yellowknife. Power generation costs represent about 79.6% of a Yellowknife consumer's power bill, while distribution costs account for the remaining 20.4%;<sup>4</sup> the City's franchise agreement relates to this distribution component.

Under the terms of the current franchise agreement, the City charges Naka franchise fees for the exclusive right to provide electricity within the city and for access to City lands to construct, maintain, and operate related assets. Naka in turn charges these costs to their customers; they appear as a line item on monthly bills.

The fees received by the City under the terms of the previous and current electricity distribution franchise agreements are shown in the table below:

<i>Franchise Agreement By-law</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Franchise Fees</i>
No. 4579	2011	\$865,382
	2012	\$904,383
	2013	\$955,451
	2014	\$1,066,881
	2015	\$1,106,321
	2016	\$1,023,681
	2017	\$1,047,634
	2018	\$1,054,742
	2019	\$1,130,966
	2020	\$1,129,743
No. 5029	2021	\$1,130,226
	2022	\$1,091,640
	2023	\$1,085,989
	2024	\$1,208,634
	2025	\$1,374,723

### **ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council not authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into an agreement to renew the existing electricity distribution franchise agreement with Naka until December 31, 2035.

### **RATIONALE:**

The recommended extension is within the parameters established in the *CTV Act*. It will provide continuity and certainty, and allow time for proper planning and budgeting for the significant

<sup>4</sup> NAKA Power Utility's (YK) presentation to the Governance and Priorities Committee February 24, 2025. [Feb 24, 2025 Governance & Priorities Committee - Yellowknife, NT.](#)

administrative and legal resources required should a competitive opportunity be undertaken at the conclusion of the new term.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

City of Yellowknife Franchise Agreement By-law No. XXXX (DM #815711)

Prepared: February 1, 2026; CC

Revised:



## CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

### **BY-LAW NO. XXXX**

**BF XXX**

A BY-LAW of the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories, providing for the extension of an agreement between the City of Yellowknife and Naka Power Utilities (NWT) Ltd., whereby the franchise for the distribution of electrical energy within the municipality is renewed for a period of ten years.

PURSUANT TO Section 91 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, S.N.W.T., 2003 c.22.

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife wishes to renew the franchise with Naka Power Utilities (NWT) Ltd. for the distribution of electrical energy for a period of ten years ending December 31, 2035;

AND WHEREAS the City and Naka Power Utilities (NWT) Ltd. have reached agreement on terms and conditions under which the renewal will be carried out and the contract operated.

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

#### **SHORT TITLE**

1. This By-law may be cited as the Naka Power Utilities Electrical Distribution Franchise By-law.

#### **APPLICATION**

2. The City of Yellowknife hereby renews the franchise with Naka Power Utilities (NWT) Ltd. for the distribution of electrical energy within the municipality of Yellowknife for a period of ten years, ending December 31, 2035.
3. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to endorse the Franchise Agreement on behalf of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Yellowknife.

#### **EFFECT**

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

Read a First time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

Read a Second Time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

Read a Third Time and Finally Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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.

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City Manager



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE:** Governance and Priorities

**DATE:** March 18, 2026

**DEPARTMENT** Corporate Services

**ISSUE:** Whether to select properties to auction for tax arrears, when to hold the auction, and what minimum price to establish for each property.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That, in accordance with the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act*, Council direct Administration to auction the properties listed in Appendix A at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. (MST) on Friday, June 5, 2026, and to set the minimum price for each property at 50% of the assessed value listed for that property.

**BACKGROUND:**

The *Property Assessment and Taxation Act (PATA)* states that properties on the Tax Arrears List may be offered for sale at a public auction, and that the auction date and minimum sale prices must be set by Council.

Council Motions #0091-00, #0039-02, and #0161-02 established the City’s Tax Auction policy, which further stipulates that the City will sell property at public auction when taxes are two years in arrears and if auctioning maximizes the amount of taxes the City is able to collect, and that the City will bid the minimum price on property offered at a tax auction if the property remains unsold after a previous auction.

When property taxes are in arrears, the assessed owners of these properties are notified of the balance of taxes owing on the Interim Tax Notices sent each January, the Final Tax Notices sent each June, and Statements of Account sent throughout the year.

Based on the *PATA* provisions and City policy, properties with tax arrears for the 2024 taxation year are now subject to auction.

The City followed the notification procedures specified in *PATA* to ensure assessed owners of these properties are advised of the arrears status and tax sale provisions by:

- Posting the 2024 tax arrears list at City Hall on March 31, 2025;
- Sending a registered letter notifying the assessed owner(s) of the arrears and tax sale provisions on May 9, 2025;
- Posting the tax arrears list at City Hall, Yellowknife Community Arena, Multiplex, Fieldhouse and Pool on May 31, 2025;
- Publishing the tax arrears list in the *Yellowknifer* on July 25, 2025; and
- Notifying parties with an interest registered against the property on July 31, 2025.

Assessed owners who remained in arrears were offered installment payment plans on April 5, 2025, and reminded of the offer on subsequent notices. If they did not enter into a payment plan, the property was added to the Tax Auction List in Appendix A.

A property can be removed from the Tax Auction List if the City receives payment of the property tax arrears and related expenses or if the assessed owner enters into a payment plan with the City before the public auction.

**COUNCIL POLICY / RESOLUTION OR GOAL:**

On March 27, 2000, Council adopted the following policy:

Motion #0091-00 That the City sell property at public auction, in accordance with the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act*, when taxes are two years in arrears.

On January 28, 2002, Council adopted the following policy:

Motion #0039-02 That the City bid the minimum price on property offered at a tax auction if the property remained unsold after a previous auction.

On April 8, 2002, Council amended the above policy to state:

Motion #0161-02 That the City sells property at the public auction, in accordance with the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act*, when the taxes are two years in arrears and if auctioning of the property maximizes the amount of taxes the City is able to collect.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:**

1. *Property Assessment and Taxation Act*, R.S.N.W.T. 1988, cP-10; and
2. *Cities, Towns, and Villages Act*, S.N.W.T. 2003, c22.

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

Legislative

The *Property Assessment and Taxation Act* prescribes the tax auction process, including notification, conduct of the auction, and transfer of the property. The City has followed the notice requirements and the City’s solicitor conducts the auction and property transfers.

Council decides, by resolution, which properties, if any, it wishes to offer for sale at public auction. Council sets, by resolution, the date of the auction and the minimum sale price of each property.

Procedural Considerations

It is Council policy to sell property at public auction, in accordance with the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act*, when the taxes are two years in arrears. Taxpayers with arrears less than \$100 have not been included.

Under section 97.3(3) and (4) of the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act*, after entering into an installment payment agreement, the City is authorized to proceed with the sale of the taxable property if the assessed owner fails to comply with the terms of the agreement.

As part of the tax auction process, the taxpayer can redeem the property within 30 days of the auction by paying the tax arrears.

The City may bid on and purchase a property that is offered for sale so long as the purchase falls within the circumstances that the City is able to acquire property under the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*.

No municipal council member, officer, or employee may purchase taxable property offered for sale on their own behalf unless approval is (1) given by council to the purchase through a resolution, and (2) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the approval was made pursuant to Section 97.81. (1) of the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act*

**ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council approve an amended list of properties to auction.
2. That Council not approve a public auction date and the minimum sale price.

**RATIONALE:**

The City adheres strictly to *PATA* provisions in respect to all taxation practices, including the tax arrears collection process. This helps minimize tax arrears, reduces the City’s provision for bad debts, and works towards ensuring the tax burden is borne as equitably as possible.

The recommendation follows the same principles as applied in previous years: when taxpayers know the exact conditions under which a tax auction will be held, property taxes are more likely to be paid and/or arrears payment plans to be signed before the tax auction process starts. This is evident in the numbers from the last five years:

<i>Tax Year</i>	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
# of Properties on the Initial Tax Auction List	37	16	22	22	19
# of Properties on the Tax Auction List on the Auction Date	10	2	1	1	6
# of Properties Auctioned and Sold	7	1	0	0	3

**ATTACHMENTS:**

2026 Tax Auction List (Appendix A).

Prepared: February 17, 2026; MT  
Reviewed: March 04, 2026; KP

## Appendix A Tax Auction List

Municipal Address	Legal Description			Tax Arrears as of Dec 31, 2024	2026 Assessment Value	Minimum Auction Price
	Lot	Block	Plan			
308 BELLANCA AVE	UNIT 201		4729	\$ 1,825.29	\$ 176,560	\$ 88,280
206 GRACE LAKE BLVD	25	534	4452	\$ 612.21	\$ 521,070	\$ 260,535
3 LAROCQUE CRES	4	566	3735	\$ 1,344.01	\$ 293,400	\$ 146,700
222 NIVEN DR	18	308	2732	\$ 5,047.87	\$ 1,208,290	\$ 604,145
180 NIVEN DR #101	UNIT 101		4609	\$ 950.52	\$ 214,050	\$ 107,025
184 NIVEN DR #100	UNIT 106		4609	\$ 950.52	\$ 214,050	\$ 107,025
15 CORONATION DR	40	502	4016	\$ 47,363.27	\$ 2,475,020	\$ 1,237,510
150 DEMELT CRES	53	566	3826	\$ 3,503.39	\$ 313,760	\$ 156,880
5076 FINLAYSON DR	43	523	1704	\$ 1,017.22	\$ 376,050	\$ 188,025
452 NORSEMAN DR	UNIT 130		4729	\$ 6,932.84	\$ 207,690	\$ 103,845
4 LAMOUREUX RD	2	545	1665	\$ 593.40	\$ 294,250	\$ 147,125
5056 FORREST DR	11	132	717	\$ 421.29	\$ 465,390	\$ 232,695
549 CATALINA DR	UNIT 69		4729	\$ 380.71	\$ 196,430	\$ 98,215
45 MANDEVILLE DR	26	527	1978	\$ 2,401.13	\$ 315,420	\$ 157,710
106 TALTHEILEI DR	6	537	2094	\$ 10,666.11	\$ 928,690	\$ 464,345
5009R 44 ST #201	UNIT 99		4762	\$ 4,106.29	\$ 261,280	\$ 130,640
5016 50 AVE #A	27	24	1850	\$ 37,007.05	\$ 1,326,950	\$ 663,475
5009 48 ST	20 TO 22	28	65	\$ 42,636.75	\$ 1,767,540	\$ 883,770
5004 50 AVE	25	24	1850	\$ 93,124.64	\$ 3,502,080	\$ 1,751,040
19 WARD CRES	UNIT 30		2581	\$ 1,751.62	\$ 475,400	\$ 237,700
558 CATALINA DR	UNIT 92		4729	\$ 8,461.22	\$ 324,730	\$ 162,365
5105 54 ST	23	41	65	\$ 753.55	\$ 531,270	\$ 265,635
38 HORDAL RD	20	547	1852	\$ 1,140.21	\$ 333,590	\$ 166,795
417 NORSEMAN DR	UNIT 60		4729	\$ 7,202.62	\$ 210,350	\$ 105,175
5120 53 ST	10	41	65	\$ 16,904.55	\$ 1,398,390	\$ 699,195



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE:** Governance and Priorities

**DATE:** March 18, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**ISSUE:** Whether to adopt the recommendations set forth by the Grant Review Committee for the awarding of the 2026 Grant Funding and consideration for the 2026 - 2028 Multi-Year Funding Recipients.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the following recommendations presented by the Grant Review Committee to award the 2026 Grant Funding as follows:

Multi Year	Purpose of Funding	2026	2027	2028
Aurora Fiddle Society	Programs and Workshops	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Folk On The Rocks	Folk on the Rocks Music Festival	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Hockey NWT	Operational and Program Delivery	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Makerspace YK	Operational and Program Delivery	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Multicultural Community of Yellowknife	Multicultural Day and Gala	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
NorthWords NWT	Programming	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
NWT SPCA	Operational and Program Delivery	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Ragged Riders Snowsports Society	Operational and Program Delivery	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
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YK Seniors Society	Programs for Seniors	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
<b>Previous Funding Groups</b>		\$187,000.00	\$131,000.00	\$-
<b>Subtotal A</b>		\$361,000.00	\$275,000.00	\$144,000.00

<b>Sponsorship</b>	<b>Purpose of Funding</b>	<b>2026</b>
Old Town Community Association	Old Town Ramble & Ride Festival	\$15,000.00
Ptarmicon	Ptarmicon 2026	\$10,000.00
Steadily Deadly Society	Steadily Deadly Fest	\$5,400.00
Territorial Agrifood Association	Culinary Festival	\$12,500.00
Yellowknife Community Festivals Organization (formerly Yellowknife Munch Sip & Paint Carnival)	Yellowknife Color Run and Colour Festival	\$7,500.00
Yellowknife Fastball Association	Northern Invitational Fastball Championships	\$7,225.00
YWCA NWT	Community Celebration & Family Picnic for YWCA NWT's 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	\$5,000.00
<b>Subtotal B</b>		\$62,625.00

<b>Community Service</b>	<b>Purpose of Funding</b>	<b>2026</b>
Black Advocacy Coalition upNorth (BACupNorth)	Black History Month Programs	\$8,000.00
Chickadee NEST	Programming	\$5,000.00
Ecology North	Public Environmental Events	\$4,000.00
Food Rescue Yellowknife	Food Rescue Program	\$10,000.00
MakeWay Charitable Society - Northern Birthwork Collective	Workshop	\$4,150.00
Music NWT	2026 Programming	\$4,000.00
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NWT Literacy Council	Newcomer Programming	\$9,000.00
Yellowknife Choral Society	Multiple Concerts	\$7,500.00
Yellowknife Climbing Club	Outdoor Climbing Program	\$1,000.00
Yellowknife Community Foundation	Yellowknife Small Grants Program	\$5,000.00
Yellowknife Polar Bear Swim Club	Aquatic Programming	\$5,000.00
Yellowknife Search and Rescue	Training for Volunteers	\$5,000.00
Yellowknife Street Support Network	Food Support to Homeless	\$5,000.00
Yellowknife Ultimate Club	Annual Programming	\$2,500.00
<b>Subtotal C</b>		\$90,375.00

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 20, 2004, Council established the Grant Review Committee with a mandate to review and make recommendations to Council regarding the annual distribution of the Grant Funding.

The purpose of the Grant Review Committee is to assist the City of Yellowknife in an advisory capacity by making recommendations annually to Council through the Governance and Priorities Committee on which groups will receive Grant Funding and the amount of funding each group should receive.

The closing balance of the Community Grant Reserve for 2025 was \$0 .

2026	Budget
Budget	<b>\$514,000.00</b>
Multi Year Grant	\$361,000.00
Sponsorship Grant	\$62,625.00
Community Service Grant	\$90,375.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$514,000.00</b>

If funding is approved as recommended by the Grant Review Committee, there will be \$361,000.00 committed to Multi-Year Funding and \$153,000.00 committed to one-time funding.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION / RESOLUTION / POLICY:**

Grant Funding Policy.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:**

*Cities, Towns and Villages Act.*

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

Procedural Considerations

The Community Services Department prepares written notices for the submission of applications sixty days prior to the deadline. These notices are advertised in on the City of Yellowknife’s webpage, social media and on the electronic billboards located by the Multiplex and the intersection of Range Lake Road and Old Airport Road. In January of 2026, Administration reviewed each application to ensure that criteria were met and provided that information to the Grant Review Committee.

Legislative

Section 123 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* S.N.W.T., 2003 c.22 allows Council to authorize grants for purposes it considers will benefit residents of the municipality, this allocation cannot exceed 2% of total annual expenditures as set out in its annual budget.

**ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council award funding to applicants in a manner other than the recommendation brought forth by the Grant Review Committee.

**RATIONALE:**

During the 2026 budget deliberations, Council identified \$514,000.00 in funding for the Community Grant process. The Grant Review Committee received thirty four (34) applications with a total funding request of \$656,032.41. The Grant Review Committee met March 4, 2026 to review and deliberate on the applications and arrived at the recommendation presented to Council for considerations.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Grant Review Committee Minutes March 4, 2026 (DM#817864).

Prepared: March 5, 2025; CS



## CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Grant Review Committee  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**  
City Hall Main Boardroom

### MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Main Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: Councillor R. Foote, Chair,  
Mayor, B. Hendriksen, ex-officio,  
Councillor T. McLennan,  
L. Bardak, and  
K. Macdonald.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

C. Saunders, and  
S. Jovic.

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#### **Call to Order**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. Mayor Hendriksen moved,  
L. Bardak seconded,

**That Councillor Rob Foote be appointed as Chairperson.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Opening Statement**

3. Councillor Foote read the Opening Statement.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

4. K. Macdonald moved,  
Mayor Hendriksen seconded,

**That the Agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

5. There were no disclosures of conflict of interest.



**Deliberation of Funding Applicants**

6. Committee deliberated the 2026 Funding Applications separately.
7. Committee recommends that Council award funding as follows:

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8. K. Macdonald moved,  
 Mayor Hendriksen seconded,

**That Council adopt the funding allocations presented by the Grant Review Committee.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Debriefing**

9. Committee discussed the Grant Review Policy and the idea of moving application deadlines earlier. This change would allow funding decisions to be made in January, giving groups more time to plan their projects.

***Action Item: Administration will bring forward an updated Grant Review Policy to Council with a revised application deadline of November 15.***



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**Adjournment**

10. Mayor Hendriksen moved,

**That the meeting be adjourned at 7:26 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Prepared: March 5, 2026; SJ



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE**  
**(For Information Only)**

**COMMITTEE:** Governance and Priorities

**DATE:** March 18, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Development

**ISSUE:** Minutes of the Heritage Committee meeting of March 3, 2026

**BACKGROUND:**

Attached for the information of Committee are the minutes of the Heritage Committee meetings of March 3, 2026.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Heritage Committee Minutes, March 3, 2026 (DM#817535).

Prepared: March 5, 2026; BL



## CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Heritage Committee  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.**  
City Hall Council Chamber

### **MINUTES**

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Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, March 3, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: Mayor B. Hendriksen,  
M. Buckland,  
L. Meinert,  
L. Larocque,  
J. Reid, (via teleconference) and  
P. Wigglesworth.

The following members of Administration were in attendance:

T. Setta, and  
B. Ly.

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#### **Call to Order**

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m.

#### **Opening Statement**

2. Mayor Hendriksen read the Opening Statement.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

3. Committee approved the agenda as amended to include a discussion regarding updating the Heritage Committee Policy.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

4. P. Wigglesworth moved,  
L. Larocque seconded,

**That the Minutes of June 26, 2026 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

5. J. Reid declared a conflict of interest regarding the applicant Northern Quill Publishing, as she has ongoing projects with the applicant.



**2026 Heritage Committee Funding**

6. Committee discussed applicants for the 2026 Heritage Committee Funding and allocation.
7. P. Wigglesworth moved,  
L. Meinert seconded,

**Allocate 2026 Heritage Committee Funding to Applicants who met criteria for a total of \$13,450:**

- **Yellowknife Historical Society**                      **\$5,000**
- **North Slave Metis Alliance**                      **\$3,450**
- **Bushkids**    **\$5,000**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Policy Discussion**

8. Committee discussed revising the Heritage Committee Funding Policy to require applicants to provide a follow-up report outlining how funds were spent and the progress achieved. Future screening will also take into account whether applicants have previously received funding and how those funds were used.

***Action Item: Administration will bring forth an updated policy reflecting committee’s recommendation regarding follow-up reporting and consideration of past funding.***

***City of Yellowknife Historical Sites Inventory***

9. Committee discussed reviewing the current list of City of Yellowknife Historical Sites (the Designated Heritage Resource Inventory) to confirm whether each site meets requirements and criteria.

***Action Item: Administration will bring forward the City of Yellowknife Historical Sites Inventory to an upcoming meeting.***

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

10. The next meeting is to be determined, suggestions made for early June 2026.

**Adjournment**

11. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Prepared: March 3, 2026; BL



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE**  
**(For Information Only)**

**COMMITTEE:** Governance and Priorities

**DATE:** March 18, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** Mayor's Office

**ISSUE:** A report regarding Mayor Hendriksen's travel to the Arctic Summit, Whitehorse, YT, from February 22 – February 25, 2026 and attendance at the Northwest Territories Association of Communities (NWTAC) Annual General Meeting, Yellowknife, NT from February 26 – February 28, 2026.

**BACKGROUND:**

Attached for the information of Council is the Travel Report from Mayor Hendriksen's travel to the Arctic Summit, Whitehorse, YT, from February 22 – February 25, 2026 and attendance at the Northwest Territories Association of Communities (NWTAC) Annual General Meeting, Yellowknife, NT from February 26 – February 28, 2026.

**COUNCIL STATEGIC DIRECTION/RESOLUTION/POLICY:**

Motion #0223-25 It is the policy of the City of Yellowknife that Members of Council submit a written travel expense claim together with a travel report of activities while on City sponsored travel upon their return. Council must approve all City-sponsored travel and attendance at conferences, workshops, and seminars by a formal resolution of Council either prior to the commencement of travel or at the first regular Council meeting following the start of travel. Members will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred for approved travel while representing the City in an official capacity.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Travel Report (DM#817872).

Prepared: March 5, 2026 PM

**Mayor Ben Hendriksen**  
**Travel and Conference Report for the Arctic Summit – Whitehorse**

**Conference Report**  
**February 22 to February 25**

Day by day highlights are outlined below. Conference Agenda is attached for reference.

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22**

- Travel from Yellowknife to Whitehorse

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 23**

- Attendance at Arctic Summit conference main stage sessions. (see agenda)

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24**

- Attendance at Arctic Summit conference main stage sessions. (see agenda)
- Participation on panel with Mayors of Whitehorse, Iqaluit, and Inuvik speaking about the needs of municipalities in this time of discussion on Arctic security and sovereignty.
- Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with the Mayor of Iqaluit and Whitehorse as previously unanimously approved by Yellowknife City Council.

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25**

- Meeting and discussion with fellow Mayors from Iqaluit, Inuvik, and Whitehorse.
- Meeting with fellow Mayors and Department of National Defence regarding the Federal Government's new Defence Industrial Strategy and the potential opportunities for cold weather testing, education, etc. within our communities.
- Flight from Whitehorse to Yellowknife

**Travel Expense Summary**

The following travel expenses applied to this travel to Whitehorse.

1	Conference Pass	\$ 740.11
2	Return flight to Whitehorse	\$ 978.45
3	Hotel	\$ 592.20
4	Meals	\$ 164.31
5	Ground Transportation	\$ 75.50
		<u>\$ 2,550.57</u>

The original estimated amount approved by Council for this travel was \$3,745.25.

# AGENDA ARCTIC SUMMIT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | HYATT PLACE WHITEHORSE AND BEST WESTERN GOLD RUSH INN

5:00 - 8:00PM

Conference Check in Opens and Networking Reception

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DAY 1

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 | YUKON ARTS CENTRE (MAIN STAGE)

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7:15 AM

Shuttles from hotels begin

8:30 AM

Cultural Performance: Dakwakada Dancers

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8:40 AM

Opening Prayer: Elder Betsy Jackson, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

Welcome Remarks:

Anne Lewis, Co-Chair Arctic Summit

Minister Jen Gehmair, Government of Yukon

Hon. Robert Oliphant, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Grand Chief Math'ieya Alatini, Council of Yukon First Nations

Hon. Brendan Hanley, MP Yukon, Parliamentary Secretary

9:30 AM

Why the World Cares About the Arctic

Mads Fredriksen, Executive Director – Arctic Economic Council (VIRTUAL REMARKS)

9:40 AM

Keynote

The Arctic Moment: Sovereignty, Security and the Business Case For the North

Hannah Thibedeau, Executive Communications Officer, Global Public Affairs, Award Winning Journalist

9:50 AM

Keynote

Guardians of the North: Indigenous Perspective on Sovereignty, Security and Investment

Harlan Schilling, Combat Engineer, Department of Nation Defence, Deputy Chief Daylu Dena Council and CEO, Centre of Excellence for Economic Development

10:05 AM

Unlocking Canada's Arctic Economic Potential

Candace Laing, President & CEO of Canadian Chamber of Commerce

10:20 AM

Arctic Security in a Disordered World

General (Ret'd) Wayne Eyre, Canadian Armed Forces - Chief of Defence Staff 2021-2024

10:35 AM

PANEL: Securing Sovereignty through Investment for Economic Resilience

Harlan Schilling, Candace Laing, General (ret.) Wayne Eyre, Hon. Brendan Hanley, MP

Moderated by Hannah Thibedeau

11:25AM

Morning Session Closing: Tosh Southwick

11:30AM

Dine-Out Whitehorse



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Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce  
The Voice of Whitehorse Business



CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR  
ARCTIC SECURITY

<b>DAY 1</b>	
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026   YUKON ARTS CENTRE (MAIN STAGE)</b> Canadian Institute for Arctic Security - <b>Conference ØNE</b> PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN AND ARCTIC DEFENCE AND SECURITY NETWORK (NAADSN)	
1:30 PM	<b>Remarks: Chief Sean Smith</b> , Kwanlin Dün First Nation
1:35 PM	<b>Funding Announcement</b> <b>Hon. Brendan Hanley</b> , MP Yukon, Parliamentary Secretary <b>Grand Chief Math'ieya Alatini</b> , Council of Yukon First Nations
1:45 PM	<b>Remarks: Andrew G. Smith</b> , Canadian Institute for Arctic Security, Co-Chair - Arctic Summit
1:50 PM	<b>Ellesmere Island - A Photographic Journey: Catherine Welsh</b> - Canadian Rangers
2:00 PM	<b>Canadian Defence and Arctic Sovereignty: Risk, Resilience, and Response</b> <b>Dr. P. Whitney Lackenbauer</b> , Canada Research Chair, Trent University, Network Co-Lead North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN)
2:10 PM	<b>Defending Canada's Digital Borders</b> <b>Daniel Couillard</b> , Director General, Cyber Partnerships, Canadian Centre for Cyber Security
2:35 PM	<b>360 Degree Threats to Government, Business and Society</b> <b>Calvin Chrustie</b> , Senior Partner, Critical Risk Team/Security Disruptors
3:00 PM	<b>PANEL: Northern Yukon First Nations - Security and Sovereignty</b> <b>Chief Pauline Frost</b> - Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (VGFN) <b>Hähkè Darren Taylor</b> , Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government <b>Chief Dawna Hope</b> - First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (FNNND) Moderated by <b>Stephen Mills</b>
3:34 PM	<b>Concluding Remarks for Conference ØNE</b> <b>Andrew G. Smith</b> , Canadian Institute for Arctic Security, Co-Chair - Arctic Summit
3:35 PM	<b>Arctic Economic Resilience and Investment: Hon. Jen Gehmair</b> , Minister of Economic Development
3:45 PM	<b>Experiencing the Expo: An Arctic Security Scenario: Arjun Grewal</b> , Co-Founder, Arctic Training Centre
3:55 PM	<b>DOMINION DYNAMICS PRESENTS:</b> <b>Built for the North: Scaling Arctic Capability &amp; Awards Announcement</b> Join us for a fast-paced pitch session showcasing northern-ready, dual-purpose innovations that strengthen both Arctic security and community resilience. 
4:45 PM	<b>Day 1 - Closing Remarks</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Shuttles to Hotels</b>
<b>HEADLINER EVENT WITH ARLENE DICKINSON   YUKON ARTS CENTRE (MAIN STAGE)</b>	
6:00 PM	<b>Doors Open:</b> Join us for delicious appetizers, a northern inspired cocktail courtesy of Yukon Brewing, and networking with Summit guests and Whitehorse's business community. 

7:00 PM	<b>Headliner Fireside Chat: Arlene Dickinson &amp; Candace Laing</b>
7:45 PM	<b>Networking</b> Networking and refreshments continue
9:30 PM	<b>Final Shuttle</b>

<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026   YUKON ARTS CENTRE (MAIN STAGE)</b>	SPONSORED BY:  SYNTAX
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7:15 AM	<b>Shuttles from hotels begin</b>	
8:30 AM	<b>Cultural Performance:</b> Yellowknives Dene Drummers	
8:45 AM	<b>Welcome:</b> Tosh Southwick	
8:50 AM	<b>Defence Readiness: Canada–U.S. Relations and Building Capacity in a Geopolitical Era</b> <b>Dr. Christopher Sands</b> - Johns Hopkins University <b>Ravi Singh</b> - Director General, Defence Industrial Strategy, Department of National Defence	
9:55 AM	<b>Critical Minerals, Markets and Arctic Security</b> <b>Dr. Paul West-Sells</b> , Mining Industry Leader	
10:10 AM	<b>Critical Minerals and Mining, Markets and the Path to Arctic Security</b> <b>Ian Ponsford</b> , Fireweed Metals <b>Hon. Ted Laking</b> , Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Moderated by <b>Paul West-Sells</b>	
11:05 AM	<b>Disinformation and Influencing the Arctic, Part 1</b> <b>Marcus Kolga</b> , DisinfoWatch.org, Macdonald Laurier Institute	
11:25 AM	<b>Kaska Dena Fashion Show</b> 	SPONSORED BY: 
11:30 PM	<b>Dine-Out Whitehorse</b> 	
1:30 PM	<b>Keynote Remarks</b> <b>Hon. Robert Oliphant</b> , Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs	
1:40 PM	<b>Strengthening Canada Partnerships for a Resilient Arctic Economy</b> <b>Ambassador Virginia Mearns, Hon. Robert Oliphant, Hon. George Hickes</b> , Moderated by <b>Anne Lewis</b>	
2:35 PM	<b>Northwest Territories' Economic Landscape: Arctic Security, Infrastructure and Critical Minerals</b> <b>Hon. Caroline Wawzonek</b> , Deputy Premier, Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation Minister Responsible for Strategic Infrastructure, Energy and Supply Chains <b>Hon. Caitlin Cleveland</b> , Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment Minister of Education, Culture and Employment	
2:45 PM	<b>VIDEO: Investing in Arctic Security</b>	SPONSORED BY: 
2:50 PM	<b>Investing in Northern Infrastructure</b> <b>Hillary Thatcher</b> , Managing Director of Investments, Canada Infrastructure Bank	

3:10 PM	<b>The Cost of Cold: How Energy Shapes a Government's Budget: Hon. Ted Laking</b> , Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation
3:20 PM	<b>Investing in Dual-Use Infrastructure, Innovation and Economic Resilience:</b> <b>Hon. Ted Laking</b> , Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation <b>Harry Flaherty</b> , President & CEO, Qikiqtaaluk Corporation <b>Paul Gruner</b> , CEO, Tlicho Investment Corporation <b>Hillary Thatcher</b> , Managing Director of Investments, Canada Infrastructure Bank <b>Moderated by Kenny Ruptash</b> , President - Nahanni Construction & Arctic Summit Task Force 2026
4:00 PM	<b>From Our Communities: Municipal Perspectives on Arctic Security &amp; Enabling Defence Infrastructure</b> <b>Mayor Peter Clarkson</b> , Town of Inuvik <b>Mayor Solomon Awa</b> , City of Iqaluit <b>Mayor Kirk Cameron</b> , City of Whitehorse <b>Mayor Ben Hendriksen</b> , City of Yellowknife <b>Moderated by Stephen VanDine</b>
4:45 PM	<b>Day 2 Closing Remarks: Marcos Castillo</b> , Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce Chair
5:00 PM	<b>Final Shuttle</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Arctic Expo: Check out the Arctic Expo at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre until 6:00 pm!</b>
6:00 PM - Late	<b>Arctic Summit Mixer: Sheep Camp / Coopers / Dirty Northern</b> (103 Main street - walking distance to all downtown hotels)
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<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026   SECOND STAGE (TOWN HALL AT BEST WESTERN GOLD RUSH INN)</b> <b>CIAS CONFERENCE ØNE</b> • Hybrid Threats, Foreign Interference and Enabling Infrastructure
1:30 PM	<b>Opening remarks: Andrew G. Smith</b> , CIAS
1:35 PM	<b>Disinformation and Influencing the Arctic, Part 2:</b> <b>Marcus Kolga</b> , - DisinfoWatch.org, Macdonald Laurier Institute
2:00 PM	<b>China in the Arctic</b> <b>Eric Bertram</b> and <b>Andrew Bresnhan</b> - Centre of China Policy, Global Affairs Canada
2:25 PM	<b>CIAS Report: Safeguarding Democracy in the Arctic and North</b> <b>Christopher O'Brien</b> - Polar Coordinates
2:50 PM	<b>CIAS Report: Too Much Geography? Evaluating the Locations of Canadian Armed Forces Infrastructure in the North and Arctic</b> <b>Zachary Zimmermann</b> , Masters Student, Trent University
3:15 PM	<b>NORAD Continental Defence Modernization Program</b> <b>Maj. Cameron 'Divot' Lowdon</b> , Director General Integrated Air and Missile Defence, Royal Canadian Air Force
3:40 PM	<b>Dual-Use Benefits of Cooperative Research and Development</b> <b>Shaye Friesen</b> and <b>Michael Hosken</b> , Defence Research and Development Canada, Department of National Defence

4:05 PM	<b>Ideologically Motivated Violence and Extremism</b> <b>Royal Canadian Mounted Police</b>
4:30 PM	<b>Concluding Remarks, evening instructions</b> <b>Andrew Smith, CIAS</b>
<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026   YUKON ARTS CENTRE (MAIN STAGE)</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Welcome: Tosh Southwick</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Cultural Performance: Paunnakuluit</b>
8:40 AM	<b>Indigenous Economic Sovereignty</b> <b>Grand Chief Math'ieya Alatini, Council of Yukon First Nations</b>
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9:30 AM	<b>To be Announced</b>
9:55 AM	<b>The Digital Arctic: Connectivity, Cyber Resilience, and Intelligent Operations</b> <b>Lindsay E. MacDonald – Senior Director, Partnerships, Canadian Centre for Cyber Security</b> <b>Elliott Pence – Dominion Dynamics</b> <b>Samer Bishay – IrisTel</b> Moderated by <b>Shazza Riaz</b>
10:30 AM	<b>Canadian Defence Procurement – Why do we wear complexity as a badge of honour?</b> <b>Marc Tomlinson, President, K'Prime Technologies</b>  <b>Fireside Chat: Marc Tomlinson, President, K'Prime Technologies, Arjun Grewal, Co-Founder and President – Arctic Training Centre, Mark Hacking, IMT Corporation</b>
10:55 AM	<b>To be Announced</b> <b>Ben Power, Founder &amp; CEO - Solvest Inc</b>
11:05 AM	<b>Electrifying the Arctic: Fuel Cells for Resilient, Off-Grid Power</b> <b>Jason Miller, Business Development – BC/Northern Canada, SFC Energy</b>
11:15 AM	<b>Northern Tails Showcase</b>
11:25 AM	<b>Remarks: Tosh Southwick, Arctic Summit 2026</b>
11:30 – 1:30	<b>Enjoy Dine-Out Whitehorse!</b>

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<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25, 2026   SECOND STAGE (TOWN HALL AT BEST WESTERN GOLD RUSH INN) CIAS CONFERENCE ØNE • IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YUKON UNIVERSITY</b>
8:20 AM	<b>Doors Open</b>
8:30 AM	<b>Facilitator's Remarks</b> <b>Andrew G. Smith</b> , Canadian Institute for Arctic Security
8:35 AM	<b>Welcome Remarks - Dr. Shelagh Rowles</b> - Interim President, Yukon University
8:40 AM	<b>Northern knowledge and capacity as critical infrastructure - A panel with Yukon University</b> <b>Dr. Shelagh Rowles</b> - Interim President, Yukon University <b>Elder Norma Kassi</b> - Professor, Indigenous Knowledge Systems, School of Indigenous Governance <b>Dr. Norma Shorty</b> - Professor, School of Health, Education and Human Services <b>Dr. Sara McPhee - Knowles</b> - Associate Professor, School of Business and Leadership <b>Dr. Fabrice Calmels</b> - Research Chair, Permafrost and Geoscience <b>Moderated by Dr. Bronwyn Hancock</b> - Interim Provost & Vice-President Academic, Yukon University
09:50 AM	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
10:00 AM	<b>Science for Sovereignty: Knowledge, Presence and Power in the Arctic</b> <b>Dr. Davon Callander</b> - Research & Innovation, Yukon University <b>Shaye Friesen</b> - Director General Research & Development Program, Defence Research & Development Canada <b>Aluki Kotierk</b> - Inuit Nunangat University Champion <b>Mike McNair</b> - CEO, Arctic Economic Development Corporation Moderated by <b>Dr. Pierre Bilodeau</b> - CEO & Executive Director, ArcticNet
11:00AM	<b>Concluding Remarks</b> (speaker to be announced)
11:15 AM	<b>Conference ØNE Concluding Remarks</b> <b>Andrew G. Smith</b> - Canadian Institute for Arctic Security, Arctic Summit Co-Chair

<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026   YUKON ARTS CENTRE (MAIN STAGE)</b>
1:30 PM	<b>The Arctic Experience: Tourism as a Strategic Economic Lever</b> <b>Minister Jen Gehmair</b> , YG Department Tourism and Culture <b>Donna Lee Demarcke</b> , Executive Director (Spectacular NWT) NWT Tourism <b>Ben Ryan</b> , CCO Air North - Yukon's Airline & Chair of TIAY <b>Amber Berard-Althouse</b> - Kluane First Nation, Tourism Operator, YFNCT President <b>Alex Stubbing</b> , Travel Nunavut President & CEO Moderated by <b>Allison Camenzuli</b>
2:00 PM	<b>Mbät Kų: Sewing seeds for resilient food security infrastructure in Dakwäkäda/Haines Junction</b> Kari Johnson & Lahela Reid
2:15 PM	<b>Securing North: Integrating Food Energy and Indigenous Sovereignty for Arctic Resilience</b> <b>Erika Tizya-Tramm</b> , Northern Energy Innovation, Community Partnership <b>Shaun Soonias</b> , Vice-President, Indigenous Relations, Farm Credit Canada Moderated by: <b>Jordan Peterson</b> , Founder and Principle, Affinity North, Special Advisor, Mokwateh

2:45 PM	<p><b>Geopolitics in the Arctic: Diplomacy, Security, and Strategic Allies</b>  <b>Consul General Thomas Codrington</b>, British Consulate Vancouver  <b>Consul General Marc Eichhorn</b>, German Consulate Vancouver  <b>Consul General Raphael Dang</b>, French Consulate Vancouver  Moderated by <b>Andrew G. Smith</b>, Canadian Institute for Arctic Security</p>
3:45PM	<p><b>Fireside Chat: Reflections and Actioning Arctic Sovereignty, Security and Investment</b>  <b>Anne Lewis</b>, Co-Chair Arctic Summit 2026</p>
04:25 PM	<p><b>Closing Remarks: Andrei Samson</b>, Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director  <b>Closing Ceremony: Dakwakada Dancers</b></p>
04:30 PM	<p><b>Closing Reception</b></p>
06:00 PM	<p><b>Final Shuttle</b></p>

**Mayor Ben Hendriksen**  
**Travel and Conference Report for the Northwest Territories Association of Communities**

**(NWTAC) – Yellowknife**

**Conference Report**  
**February 26 to February 28**

***THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26***

- Participation in the NWTAC Conference per the agenda.
- As a Board Member of the NWTAC I was present for all the scheduled agenda.

***FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27***

- Participation in the NWTAC Conference per the agenda.
- As a Board Member of the NWTAC I was present for the majority of the scheduled agenda. A meeting took me away for the latter part of this day from 2:30pm onward.

***SATURDY FEBRUARY 28***

- Participation in the NWTAC Conference per the agenda.
- As a Board Member of the NWTAC I was present for all the scheduled agenda.

Throughout this conference, as in most conversations at present, there is a clear understanding that the world and southern Canada are looking North. Conversations were all held through the lens of how communities and Indigenous Governments can work together to support one another and seize as many opportunities as possible.

**Travel Expense Summary**

The following travel expenses applied to this travel for AME Roundup.

1	Conference Pass	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
		<u>\$ 350.00</u>



## NWTAC Annual General Meeting 2026 AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Wednesday February 25</b>	
9 am to 5 pm	Mayor & Chief's Bootcamp (Mayors & Chiefs only)
<b>Thursday February 26</b>	
8:30 – 9 am	Registration
9am – 3 pm	Professional Development– MACA Sponsorship
3:30 – 5 pm	AGM
6 – 9 pm	Opening Reception & Auction - Sponsor - Northern Communities Insurance Program
<b>Friday February 27</b>	
7:30 am – 9 am	Women's Breakfast
9 am – 12 noon	Interactive Sessions
12 noon – 1 pm	Luncheon - Sponsor
1 – 5 pm	AGM & Keynote Speaker: Jordin Tootoo
<b>Saturday February 28</b>	
9:00 – 11 am	Interactive Sessions
11 am – 12 noon	AGM
12 noon – 1 pm	Luncheon & Healthy Living Fair – Sponsor – Health & Social Services
1:30 – 3:00	AGM
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Cabinet Session
6 pm	Closing Banquet & Awards

This agenda is provided for guidance only and may change right up to the conference. A more detailed agenda will be issued roughly 1-2 weeks before the start date.



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE:** Governance and Priorities

**DATE:** March 18, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** Governance and Corporate Services

**ISSUE:** Whether to appoint members to serve on the City of Yellowknife Development Appeal Board.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council appoint members to serve, for a three (3) year term effective March 26, 2026 until March 25, 2029, on the City of Yellowknife Development Appeal Board.

**BACKGROUND:**

There are two vacancies on the Development Appeal Board.

It is the practice of the City of Yellowknife to advertise all vacancies for boards and committees. The City has advertised the vacancy on the Development Appeal Board on the City’s website and social media sites.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION/RESOLUTION/POLICY:**

**Strategic Direction #1: People First**

Motion #0459-96, as amended by #0460-96, #0462-96 and #0273-09:

“The following policy be adopted with respect to appointments to municipal boards and committees:

- i) The maximum consecutive years that an individual may serve on any one board or committee is six.
- ii) Individuals who have served the maximum six-year period on one municipal board or committee shall be eligible to be appointed to another board or committee.
- iii) No individual shall be precluded from serving concurrent terms on more than one municipal board or committee.
- iv) Notwithstanding that an individual appointee has served less than six years on a particular board or committee, Council may, after the expiration of the first or

subsequent terms of that appointee, advertise for applicants to fill a vacancy on that board or committee.

- v) Notwithstanding clause (i.) of this policy, should the City receive no applications to fill a vacancy on any particular board or committee, the six year maximum limitation may, at the discretion of City Council, be waived.
- vi) Should the City receive no applications to fill a vacancy on any particular board or committee, City Council may appoint a member of the public at their discretion.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:**

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

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

Legislative

In accordance with the *Community Planning and Development Act*, Zoning By-law No. 5045 establishes the City of Yellowknife Development Appeal Board.

Pursuant to Section 30(1) of the *Community Planning and Development Act*, the minimum number of members that Council may appoint to the Development Appeal Board is three. Section 30(1) also states that members hold office for three year terms. Appointments must be made by resolution of Council.

Consistency

Historically, Council has appointed one member of Council and six members of the public to the Development Appeal Board.

When assigning Council Member portfolios, Councillor Rob Warburton was named as the City's representative on the Development Appeal Board.

**ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:**

That Administration be directed to re-advertise vacancies on the City of Yellowknife Development Appeal Board.

**RATIONALE:**

The appointment of members will ensure that the Development Appeal Board has a full complement of members. A full complement of Board Members will ensure that hearings can be held in a timely manner.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Expressions of interest from the candidates.

Prepared: March 2, 2026; SJ/



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

**MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE:** Governance and Priorities

**DATE:** March 18, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** Governance and Corporate Services

**ISSUE:** Whether to appoint members to serve on the City of Yellowknife Board of Revision.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council appoint members to the City of Yellowknife Board of Revision for a three (3) year term effective March 26, 2026 until March 25, 2029, and that an honorarium of \$500 per day be paid to all community board members.

**BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act*, provisions are made for assessment complaints and appeals to be heard. Under Section 30(2) of the *Act*, City Council is authorized and responsible for the appointment of the members of the municipal Board of Revision.

The 2026 Board of Revision is scheduled to hear complaints on April 13 and 14, 2026.

The City of Yellowknife (City) has advertised for members to sit on the Board of Revision on the City's website and social media sites.

**COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION/RESOLUTION/POLICY:**

**Strategic Direction #1: People First**

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Motion #0285-04 That the City amend its Appointments to Municipal Boards and Committees Policy by adding the following under the Policy heading:

- 5. Appointments to administrative tribunals (i.e. the Development Appeal Board and Board of Revision) should be based on merit, experience and expertise, rather than representation of a specific interest or organization. Advertisements for vacant positions should note the nature of the service and the appointment qualifications.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION, BY-LAWS, STUDIES, PLANS:**

*Property Assessment and Taxation Act.*

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

Legislation

Pursuant to Section 30 of the *Property Assessment and Taxation Act*, the minimum number of members that Council may appoint to the Board of Revision is three (3). Section 31 states that a member of the Municipal Board of Revision holds office for not more than three years and that a person may be reappointed in subsequent years.

Consistency

Historically, Council has appointed one (1) member of Council and four (4) members of the public to the Board. A person appointed to a Municipal Board of Revision holds office for not more than three (3) years.

In assigning Council Member portfolios, Councillor Stacie Arden-Smith was named as the City’s representative on the Board of Revision.

Procedural Considerations

City Council establishes the honoraria which would be provided for the performance of the duties of the Board chairperson and the community members of the Board of Revision. The Honorarium for 2025 was \$500 per day for community members. The Chairperson is selected by the Members of the Board of Revision.

**ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:**

No viable alternative has been identified.

**RATIONALE:**

A delay in appointing members to the Board of Revision will delay the hearing dates. The certified assessment roll (Second Revision) cannot be finalized until the Board of Revision has heard all appeals and rendered its decisions. If there is a substantial delay in finalizing the Second Revision, tax bills will be delayed, which will have a significant impact on cash flow and debt servicing cost.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Expressions of interest from the candidates.

Prepared: March 2, 2026; SJ/