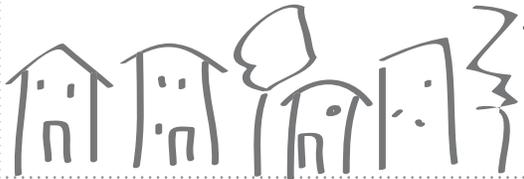




Downtown South Update

A Master Plan to guide development and other improvements in “Downtown South” (the area south of Lambert St, between the escarpment and 2nd Ave) was adopted by City Council in July 2011. Guiding principles are to enrich the urban fabric, maximize natural space, enhance connectivity, and create a distinct neighbourhood character.

Implementation of the Plan is underway and a number of initiatives have already been completed! These include:



- New zoning to provide more development opportunities for properties, such as a wider range of uses, increased lot coverage, and taller heights;
- New requirements for landscaping in parking lots and recessed upper storeys on buildings;
- An escarpment study that shows where development can safely proceed and recommends a berm for slope protection;
- Investigation of a lower escarpment trail that would incorporate the proposed berm (funding for both will be considered by Council in the

next budget cycle);

- Work to determine the location and configuration of potential new lots;
- Adoption of a Development Incentives Policy for rental and other needed housing forms (one private development is already in the works); and
- Minor improvements, such as the removal of the dilapidated fence along Robert Service Way and new basketball nets at Eagle Park.

For information contact Ben Campbell, *Planner*, or visit www.whitehorse.ca/downtownsouth.

Winter Storage: Recreation Vehicles and Equipment

As winter approaches, many residents will be getting ready to store their summer “toys”. Between October 31st and May 1st, recreation vehicles, trailers, and boats can be stored in front yards, provided they do not project further than 2 meters into a required front yard setback.

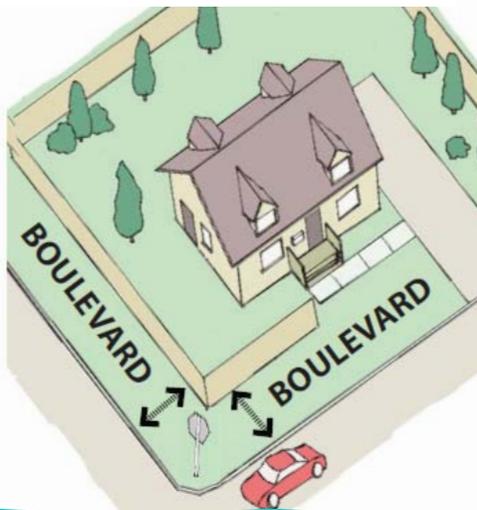
Check Zoning Bylaw 2012-20 to find out which zone your residence is located in. Front yard setbacks for common residential zones include:

RS: 6 meters	RCT: 4 meters
RD: 2 meters	RCS: 4 meters
RR: 6 meters	RCS2: 3 meters

Storage of vehicles and equipment is *not permitted in boulevard areas*. “Boulevard” generally means the land between the front property line and

the curb. Where there is no curb, then it is to the edge of the road.

Storage in boulevard areas is an infraction of Maintenance Bylaw. Penalties for misuse include fines and towing. To report unauthorized storage contact **Bylaw Services** at **667-2111**.



Whistle Bend Update

The first batch of Whistle Bend lots went to Lottery on September 26th. Whistle Bend is our City’s newest neighbourhood, located north-east of Porter Creek.

The draw was for 90 single-family lots and 7 duplex sites (with 2 lots per site). Two multiple housing lots also went to tender. To find out if any remain, contact Yukon Government, Land Management Branch at **667-5215** or land.disposition@gov.yk.ca.

A Land Lottery for Phase 2 of the neighbourhood is anticipated for Fall 2013. The City is currently wrapping up consultation and planning of Phases 3 to 8.

For information contact Kinden Kosick, *Planner*, or visit www.whitehorse.ca/whistlebend.

Roundabouts: Do you know how to use them?

Roundabouts have been used for decades in Europe and are increasingly being constructed in Canadian cities. You may be wondering: *What's so great about them? And why are they popping up at intersections across Whitehorse?*

Roundabouts slow traffic to make streets safer for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. They improve traffic flow without using signals that cause for stopping and waiting. They also reduce the occurrence of accidents, and eliminate the chance of a head-on collision.

When using a roundabout, be sure to follow these simple rules:

- Wait for a gap in traffic before slowly entering the roundabout in a counter clockwise direction;
- Yield to traffic in the roundabout coming from the left;
- Use your right turn signal to slowly exit the roundabout;
- Yield to pedestrians that are using crosswalks (be ready to stop); and
- If you miss your exit, keep going around until you reach it again.

Roundabouts provide a great opportunity for greening city streets. Check out the edible landscaping on roundabouts in Takhini North!

For information visit www.whitehorse.ca/roundabouts.

Heritage Funding



Funding is available through the City's Heritage Fund for projects geared at:

- Restoring and enhancing heritage properties;
- Upgrading heritage properties to meet Building Code requirements;
- Increasing public awareness of heritage issues; and
- Other purposes as specified by City Council.

This year, the City is pleased to provide partial funding to author Erin McMullan for a biography titled *The Unsinkable Babe Richards*. The book focuses on the life of Evelyn May ("Babe") Richards, and the contributions of the Richards family to the Whitehorse area.

The City is also pleased to provide partial funding to the Old Log Church, Yukon Transportation, and Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museums for a joint strategic planning initiative.

In recent years, the fund has supported projects including the interpretive signage of the Miles Canyon Historic Railway Society, the Robert Service commemorative art piece (on Main St), and the Yukon Historical and Museums Association Annual Heritage Fair.

For information contact Erica Beasley, Planner, or visit www.whitehorse.ca/heritage.

Send us your pics!

We're always looking for great Whitehorse photos to use in our newsletters, on the City website, and at public meetings. If you have pictures you'd like to share, please send them to planning.services@whitehorse.ca.

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