



Business License Bylaw Revisions:

City Council has enacted a new *Business License Bylaw*, replacing the previous Bylaw created over a decade ago. The revision process gave an opportunity for the City to examine business trends in other municipalities, identify issues with existing regulations, and provide clarity on which businesses/activities require a license. The licensing process provides a means to collect statistics on the number of businesses providing goods and services within the municipality.

The new Bylaw facilitates compliance with other City Bylaws and government regulations related to health, safety, and land use. Additionally, the Bylaw:

- establishes a seasonal license for businesses operating less

than 6 months per year;

- requires non-profit organizations that are engaged in commercial activities typically provided by businesses to obtain a business license;
- distinguishes between mobile vendors and door-to-door enterprises; and
- clearly sets out the responsibilities of City staff for conducting inspections, as well as the responsibilities of business licensees.

For information on the revision process visit www.whitehorse.ca/businesslicensebylaw or contact ben.campbell@whitehorse.ca. For all other business license enquiries call 668-8346.

Mobile Food Vendors:

The City has designated seven sites to be used by the mobile food industry. Mobile vendors include food trucks, trailers, and stands, which provide convenient food options and contribute to downtown vitality.

The sites are located in prominent, pedestrian-oriented areas. **Look for vendors in Rotary Park, along Third Avenue, and at the corner of First Avenue/Black Street!** Sites are assigned through a lottery system that is repeated annually to provide fair access to vendors and

to diversify food at the approved locations. Additional sites may be added to future lotteries.

For information contact **ben.campbell@whitehorse.ca**, 668-8338.



Compadres Burritos in Rotary Park.

Transportation:

“How can the City help residents use their cars less?” This question is the focus of a new planning process that will result in a *Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan* for Whitehorse.

A consulting contract for the Plan was awarded this spring to Boulevard Transportation Group. The Victoria-based firm developed the City’s *Downtown Parking Management Plan* which was adopted by Council in 2011.

The Plan will recommend policies, programs, infrastructure changes, and incentives to help change travel behavior. The goal is to reduce single-occupant vehicle trips, and in doing so:

- reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- increase active transportation and transit use; and
- reduce the need for vehicle infrastructure.

The planning process will include several public consultation opportunities. Individuals representing interested or affected sectors can join the TDM Project Advisory Committee.

For information contact **glenda.koh@whitehorse.ca**, 668-8652.



Heritage Restoration Incentive Policy:



This spring, Council amended the City's incentive policy that provides funds for the restoration, enhancement, and renovation of heritage buildings.

The incentive was created in 2002 to encourage owners of heritage properties to pursue Municipal Historic Site Designation. Changes to the policy include:

- increase of the incentive cap from \$10,000 to \$20,000 (up to 50% of project total); and

- eligibility to the incentive every ten years (formerly a one-time award).

The City also provides funding for awareness, education, and other heritage purposes specified

by Council. These categories are administered through the City's *Heritage Fund Bylaw*. For information visit www.whitehorse.ca/heritage or contact erica.beasley@whitehorse.ca, 668-8600.

Hulland House
on Wood Street
– incentive
awarded in
2003.



Backyard Hens:

Bylaw changes made in 2012 are helping to promote urban agriculture and local food access in Whitehorse. Up to six hens are now allowed on properties in the following urban zones: CM1, RD, RCS, RCS2, RCS3, and RS. Hens are also allowed in three non-urban zones: AG, RC1, and RC2.

A permit is required to keep hens which can be obtained through

Bylaw Services. The application process requires that neighbours within 3 metres of the subject property provide consent for the activity. Once a coop is constructed and inspected, a certificate is placed on the coop's exterior and must remain in view to be valid.

The City's permitting process helps to ensure that hens are kept in a safe and healthy environment, and helps to minimize disturbance to neighbouring residents.

View section 6.5 of *Zoning Bylaw 2012-20* for coop specifications or contact Bylaw Services at bylaw.services@whitehorse.ca, 668-8317, located at 305 Range Road.

New Way to Watch:

Don't have cable, but want to stay current? City Council meetings can now be streamed in real-time at www.whitehorse.ca/councilmeetingslive. Meetings occur regularly on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Housing Symposium:

The Yukon Housing Corporation will be hosting a *Housing Symposium* on **September 26th, 2013**. The event is a follow-up to the March 2013 *Northern Housing Conference*, and will be used to help set the strategic direction for the Yukon Government *Housing Action Plan*. For information on the symposium contact mary.cameron@gov.yk.ca, 667-3773.

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Hens in Whitehorse.