

PLAN IT! Whitehorse



Planning Projects Update:

It's been a busy winter for Planning Services, with many projects on the go! Here's an update on what we've been working on and up-coming opportunities for public input – visit project websites for details:

- The **Hillcrest Neighbourhood Plan** was adopted by City Council in January, 2014. The first implementation items are to adjust speed limits to 40 km throughout the neighbourhood (with the exception of the playground area) and to amend the zoning for RS, RCT, and RM residential lots. For info, visit whitehorse.ca/hillcrest
- The draft of the **Range Road North Neighbourhood Plan** is available online for public comment until mid-April. The Plan is the result of public consultation events and a 2-day professional design workshop that occurred in January. View the Plan at whitehorse.ca/rangeroad
- The second public workshop of the **Schwatka Lake Area Plan** process was held in February. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss land use options for the lake's west shore. The next step is to draft the Plan and release it for public comment. Stay tuned at whitehorse.ca/schwatkalake
- YESAB has completed its review for **Whistle Bend, Phases 3-7 Design**, and a decision document has been issued. The project will be passed to Yukon Government for detailed design work, construction, and lot sales. For info, visit whitehorse.ca/whistlebend
- The City is doing pre-feasibility work for **Long Range Planning** areas (see *Official Community Plan*, Map 5). A consultant will be hired to prepare a report that will help to inform future decisions on potential development in these areas. For info, visit whitehorse.ca/longrange

New Project Launched: *Be part of something BIG!*



Having wilderness at our doorstep is one of the many great assets of our city. Whitehorse residents emphasized the importance of preserving green space for environmental and recreational values during public consultation for the City's 2010 *Official Community Plan*. From this process, five regional park areas were identified: Chadburn Lake, McIntyre Creek, Paddy's Pond/Ice Lake, McLean Lake, and Wolf Creek.

A "park systems" approach will be used to develop a Regional Parks Plan that will describe the vision, goals, priority actions, decision-making processes, roles, responsibilities, and partnerships

Did you know that Whitehorse has more dedicated park land than any other municipality in Canada? (percentage-wise and in total land area)

- **1/3** of our municipality is dedicated park land



for the regional parks system. Once the Plan is in place, the City will work on developing park-specific management plans.

The first public event for the Regional Parks Plan process was held in March; for a summary of the meeting and for future events visit: whitehorse.ca/regionalparks



Waste Reduction News:

New: Compost pick up!

To help achieve Zero Waste goals, the City will soon be offering compost collection for businesses and multi-housing buildings using the green cart service.

Organics (compostables) that are thrown into the landfill create harmful substances, such as methane (a greenhouse gas) and leachate, which can contaminate groundwater.

If you live or work in a building that does not currently receive compost collection, consider joining the City's pilot project!

For info, visit whitehorse.ca/compost

ZEROWASTE
STARTS NOW

Where do you throw your cardboard?

Cardboard recycling is a top priority identified in the City's *Solid Waste Action Plan*. Why? Because it's a resource that takes up valuable space in our landfill and can be easily diverted. Cardboard currently makes up about 7 % of what is sent to the landfill.

As of May 1st, 2014, cardboard will become a "controlled waste". Warnings will be issued to businesses for unsorted waste until September 1st, after which a \$250/tonne disposal fee will apply.

For info, visit whitehorse.ca/waste

Did you know that one ton of recycled paper:

- uses **64% less** energy
- uses **50% less** water
- generates **74% less** air pollution
- saves **17 trees**, and
- creates **5 times** more jobs

than one ton of paper products from virgin wood pulp?

- Environmental Protection Agency



Rendezvous ice sculptures, Shipyards Park.



Comings and Goings:

Jennifer Keiss and Carmen Wadey have left the Customer Service desk – we thank them for all their hard work and wish them the best of luck! To fill their boots, the Division welcomed Erin Steele and Shirlee Fraser as permanent members of the Customer Service team.

Erin and Shirlee, service with a smile!



A new position was also created – Jordan Stackhouse will be joining the City from Hay River to take on the new role of *Economic Development Coordinator*. Jordan will be kept busy implementing the City's *Economic Development Strategy*.

Jordan Stackhouse,
Economic Development Coordinator.



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