



# PLAN IT WHITEHORSE

## Official Community Plan

Are you interested in planning and land use issues in the City?  
**If so, the City of Whitehorse needs you!**

The City is undertaking a review and update of the **2002 Official Community Plan (OCP)**. As part of the OCP review, the City will be hosting several workshops and open houses with residents of Whitehorse starting in **early 2009**. If you, your neighbourhood association or community group would like to participate please contact Planning and Development Services to schedule a meeting.

The OCP will help guide the growth of the City over the next 10 to 20 years. It reflects the overall vision for the City and provides community goals and objectives as a framework for all subsequent land use planning decisions. The OCP review will also integrate the vision, principles and strategies of the **Integrated Community Sustainability Plan** to help make Whitehorse a more sustainable community.

If you would like more information on the OCP review or would like to attend a workshop or open house please contact Ben Campbell, Planner II, at 668-8338 or email him at [ben.campbell@whitehorse.ca](mailto:ben.campbell@whitehorse.ca).

For more information please visit:

**[www.whitehorse.ca/ocp](http://www.whitehorse.ca/ocp)**



## Whistle Bend Community Café



On October 29<sup>th</sup>, the City of Whitehorse held an Open House and Community Café at the Old Fire Hall. Over 30 members of the public visited the Open House to review and comment on the 3 Master Plan concepts developed for Whistle Bend. During the

Community Café the Old Fire Hall was transformed into an informal café, complete with checkered table cloths, candles, food, and hot & cold refreshments. An additional 33 individuals were in attendance to discuss aspects of the Master Plan options. The atmosphere was very relaxed as participants were able to openly discuss different topics throughout the evening.

Participants were encouraged and facilitated to move fluidly between tables, discussing different elements of the Master Plans including land use, design and layout, infrastructure, parks and greenspace, and community. At the end of the night, members of the public were able to vote on which elements they liked or disliked.

The City thanks those in attendance for making the Community Café a huge success and invites all citizens to stay involved in this innovative and dynamic process.

The next step in the Whistle Bend planning process is to develop a final Master Plan concept. This concept will be the basis for phasing and subdivision design. The feedback received at both the Open House and Community Café is crucial to the development of Whistle Bend and will be incorporated into the final Master Plan along with technical advice received from the Working Groups.

The amalgamated plan will be presented at an open house in late January 2009. Check out the website for more information. **[www.city.whitehorse/whistlebend](http://www.city.whitehorse/whistlebend)**. Public involvement is a key component in all City planning processes and the City encourages you to stay involved in this process.

The City is also using Google Groups and YouTube (keyword: Whistle Bend) websites to foster discussion and provide information on this project.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Kinden Kosick at 668-8348 or by email [kinden.kosick@whitehorse.ca](mailto:kinden.kosick@whitehorse.ca).



## Takhini North

The City and its consultants are working hard to make sure that reconstruction of infrastructure in Takhini North is still on track for this summer. Construction is scheduled to take place from May to October 2009, at the end of which the services for all existing development will be upgraded. This will create 77 new dwelling units developed this year. A final phase of new lot development will occur in 2010 with another 133 units.

The Engineering team is presently working on the detailed design for new services including an innovative narrow road layout that is pedestrian oriented with less focus on the automobile.

New zoning for Takhini North was introduced to Council in December, 2008. Takhini North-specific zoning is needed to enhance the qualities found in Takhini North, such as dense forested areas, and the character of the existing duplexes. The new zoning also contains a number of initiatives to promote environmentally sustainable building practices.

New development in Takhini North will also be reviewed by the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) in spring 2009.

For more information, visit [www.whitehorse.ca/takhininorth](http://www.whitehorse.ca/takhininorth), or contact Mike Ellis, Senior Planner, at 668-8337 or email [mike.ellis@whitehorse.ca](mailto:mike.ellis@whitehorse.ca).



## Downtown Planning

### Shipyards Park Update

Planning and Development Services is pleased to announce that the exterior restorations of the heritage buildings is almost completed! In 2008, the foundations and exterior facades of the buildings were repaired and restored by Grey Wolf Builders Ltd. In addition, power has already been connected to all buildings.



The City now plans to complete the interior renovation work for the three buildings. Once the interiors have been restored they will be part of the programming space available in Shipyards Park. The interior renovation work is scheduled to be completed in 2009.

Other work planned in 2009 for the Shipyards Park and waterfront area includes landscaping around the Shipyards skating loop and warming hut as well as landscaping around the riverfront trail between Ogilvie Street and Strickland Street. All waterfront projects are funded through the Canadian Strategic Infrastructure Fund.

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## Talk of the Town

### Coming and Going

The Planning and Development Services Department is now at full capacity and has an exciting and enthusiastic team to bring us into the New Year.

Mark Browning was the successful candidate for the Planner 2 position. Mark worked for Inukshuk Planning & Development for four years and has already been involved with a number of local projects.

Adam Fitch is the City's new Development Officer.

Adam started doing planning work in 1989 and has since worked for a number of consulting companies and municipalities including the District of Mission and the City of Campbell River. Welcome to the North Adam!

### More Information

If you would like more information about any aspect of planning and development in the City of Whitehorse call us at 668-8346. You can also sign up to receive email notices about opportunities to get involved by going to [www.whitehorse.ca/subscribe](http://www.whitehorse.ca/subscribe).

