

PLAN IT WHITEHORSE



Arkell Expansion

The City of Whitehorse is planning a residential development between Arkell and McIntyre. Following a “yes” majority vote in the May referendum, the City has been working on a schedule for the next year and has begun the primary stages of the planning process. On September 12th 2007, the Planning and Development Services Department hosted a Neighbourhood Planning Walk where local residents were invited to express their particular values and interests regarding the expansion area. A group of about 20 residents attended the walk. Two groups walked the 13 hectare site mapping information with the help of a handheld Global Positioning System (GPS).

The specific design of the neighbourhood has yet to be determined. At this point, the development will be residential, but the shape, type and density will be determined through a Public Design Workshop that will be held on November 3rd. The City of Whitehorse will be hiring a consultant to help with the planning and preliminary engineering.

The City would like the final design to maintain and improve circulation routes, maintain vegetated buffering, provide vegetated pedestrian greenbelts through the new development, and provide a range of housing options.

For more information please call Max Kerrigan at 668-8347.

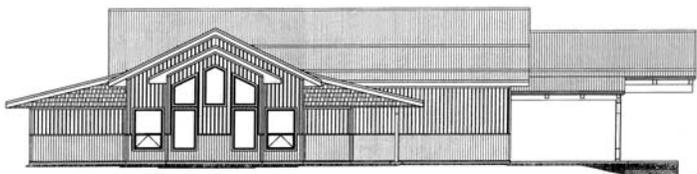
Shipyards Park Building

Construction of a parks service building is underway in Shipyards Park. This new addition to the park will house a warm-up area for winter use, washrooms serving the park, an outdoor stage for performances, and a kitchen and concession area. This building is a key component of the Riverfront Plan and will provide facilities that will make a wide range of summer and winter activities possible in Shipyards Park.

The building was designed by Charles McLaren Architects Ltd. and is being built by Cardinal Contracting. This project is funded by the Yukon Government and the Government of Canada through the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund and will cost \$1,200,000. Construction will be completed by late October 2007.

This building will be an exciting addition to Shipyards Park. In the winter, families can use the warm-up room while enjoying the skating loop and tobogganing hill and in the summer, concerts can be enjoyed in the outdoor amphitheatre. The City is currently in the process of finding a name for the building. Suggestions can be submitted to planning.services@whitehorse.ca.

Shipyards Park Building - North Elevation





**Join in Planning
Your Community!**

Sustainability Charrette

October 22 to 25th, 2007
Mt. McIntyre Recreation Centre

**Sustainability Charrette: A 4 day Planning
Process where you get to plan your
Community!**

This four-day event will bring together technical professionals, politicians, residents and stakeholders to develop a set of sustainability principles and to come up with goals and an implementation strategy with measurable indicators for years 2015, 2030 and 2060.

Get Involved!

- 1) Be a Charrette Team Member participating in a 4 day workshop
- 2) Visit Mt Mac to see the Charrette Team's progress
- 3) Attend the Evening Open Houses from 7 to 9 pm through Oct 22-25th



For more information or if you want to be a Charrette Team member, please email sustainability@whitehorse.ca or phone Lesley Cabott at 668-8600



Takhini North Update

A temporary street closure was recently carried out in Takhini North. Cassino Street and Arnhem Road were closed from August 22nd until August 24th. The street closure was done as a test, in anticipation of potentially permanently closing these streets as part of the reconstruction of neighbourhood infrastructure. Streets were closed with wooden barricades, to allow emergency vehicle access. Overall, this test went well and useful feedback was received.

The temporary closure of Arnhem Road received almost all positive feedback. Residents reported that they like the peaceful streets, and felt safe sending their children out to play.

Residents on Cassino Street had more difficulty with the street closure. Odd-numbered houses on Cassino Street have little room to park in their rear lane, and also expressed concerns about large vehicle access, home-based business access, and traffic calming. An alternative to full street closure, such as a “shared street”, could be examined for Cassino in the next design. This input will be used to help the City and the community to make a final decision regarding street closures as a possibility for the neighbourhood. For more information please call Mike Ellis at 668-8337.



Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The 2007 City of Whitehorse Parks and Recreation Master Plan was approved by City Council on Monday, September 10th, 2007. The City of Whitehorse Parks and Recreation Department is also in the process of bringing forward the Trail Plan to Council. The City is pleased to have these new plans to use as guiding documents for the next decade.

Preparation of these plans included significant public consultation which was key in determining overall public satisfaction with Parks and Recreation services and identifying future priorities. The Master Plan includes an inventory of current areas of department responsibility, a confirmation of the vision and guiding principles for decision making, a review of trends in recreation, and identifies areas for improvement.

There has been a lot of change in the area of Parks and Recreation in Whitehorse in the last 10 years. This new Plan responds to these changes and will help the city to continue to provide high quality recreational opportunities for our community in years to come.

You can pick up a copy of this plan at the Parks and Recreation office in the Sport Yukon Building at 4061 4th Avenue, or online at www.whitehorse.ca.

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Talk of the Town

Whistle Bend

Planning for the new sustainable neighbourhood on the Porter Creek Bench is underway. The City has applied to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for funding to carry out a feasibility study to research the options for innovative residential heating methods. This study will focus on the potential for waste heat collection and geexchange techniques for the new neighbourhood.

The City will also be hiring consultants to complete a traffic study and the planning and preliminary engineering design. Both

of these projects will be getting underway this fall.

Coming and Going

Greg Bartle has returned to school after working as the planning summer student from June through to the end of August.

More Information

If you would like more information about any aspect of planning and development in the city of Whitehorse call us at 668-8335. You can also sign up to receive email notices about opportunities to get involved in the future our city by going to www.whitehorse.ca/subscribe.

