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Range Road North: Neighbourhood Plan

The City of Whitehorse initiated a process this past fall to develop a neighbourhood plan for the “Range Road North” area. The area encompasses: the Takhini and Northland Mobile Home Parks; Mountain View Place; Mountain Air Estates; Stone Ridge; several Kwanlin Dün First Nation parcels; and the surrounding green space.

The purpose of the planning process is to generate recommendations for neighbourhood improvements that will help to guide the area’s future growth and development.

Following a neighbourhood walk in September (attended by over 30 people!) and on-going stakeholder/landowner interviews, the City is preparing for the project’s main event: a 3-day professional design workshop that will be held from January 21st to 23rd at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. The workshop will feature several feedback loops between the public and design professionals. A

similar process was used to develop the *Downtown South Master Plan* in 2011.

For information visit www.whitehorse.ca/rangeroad. A background document will be released online prior to the workshop. A draft of the Plan will be released in the spring for public comment.

RANGE ROAD NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Secondary Suites: Have you thought about one for your property?

Winter is the perfect time to start thinking about spring construction projects. *Have you considered building a secondary suite on your property?* Building a suite is now easier than ever. Home owners can choose between two types of suite to build in conjunction with a single-detached home:



A **living suite** is a self-contained accessory dwelling, located within the principal home;



A **garden suite** is a detached self-contained dwelling, located on the same lot as a single detached home.

One suite is allowed per property in the following zones, subject to applicable zoning regulations: CM1, RC1, RC2, RCS, RCS2, RD, and RS. Development and building permits are required.

Secondary suites can offer direct benefits to home owners by:

- **Providing a ‘mortgage-helper’:** with rising housing costs, purchasing a new house with a suite or adding a suite to your current property can make it easier to pay off a mortgage by generating income;
- **Allowing for aging-in-place:** home owners that are on a fixed income and seniors can remain in their homes longer by renting out a secondary suite to supplement their income. In addition, having someone living close-by can provide added security;

- **Helping families to stay together:** a home owner can provide a secondary suite as an affordable first home for their adult-children or can provide accommodation for a relative in need of assistance, while still providing a level of independence.

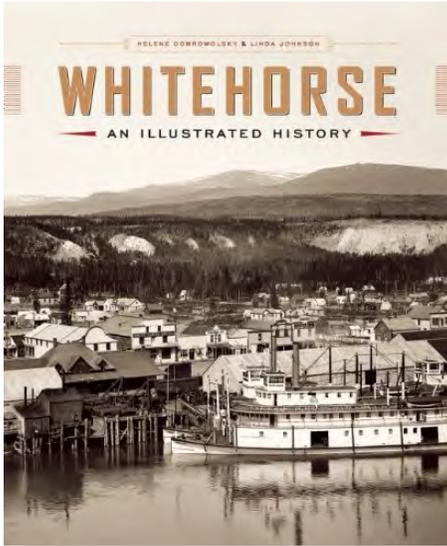
Allowing for secondary suites helps to increase the supply of rental housing, which is an important part of the City’s work with private and government partners for creating affordable and sustainable housing solutions.

For information visit www.whitehorse.ca/suites. To inquire about legitimizing an existing suite, call **668-8340** or visit the Development Services office at **4210 Fourth Avenue**.

Whitehorse: An Illustrated History



A new book was released in November which celebrates the colourful history of Whitehorse through stories, anecdotes, and an array of contemporary and archival photos. *Whitehorse – An Illustrated History* follows the city's evolution



from its early years into the bustling regional centre that it is today. The project was led by long-time resident, Ione Christensen, who first moved to Whitehorse in 1949. Amongst her many accomplishments, Ione was elected as our City's first female mayor in 1975 and was appointed to the Order of Canada in 1994. Local authors, Helene Dobrowolsky and Linda Johnson, were hired to compile the work of seven theme-writers along with the stories of the book's many other contributors. A dedicated standing committee provided guidance to the 2-year project.

Funding was provided in part through the City's Heritage Fund. Approximately 1,500 copies of the book have been published which are available at Mac's Fireweed Books. A portion of proceeds will be donated back to the Heritage Fund to be used to update the book in the future. The City hosted a book-launch reception at the Old Fire Hall to celebrate the book's release, its authors, and our city's rich history.

Lot Sales: Motorways, Mixed-use

The City has several Motorways lots available for sale, ranging in size and price from 651 m² (\$208,000) to 1,900 m² (\$788,000). The Motorways area is envisioned as a thriving, pedestrian-oriented, mixed use (residential/commercial) location that has a unique urban-waterfront identity. The area overlooks the Yukon River and is next to the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre.

The lots available along Second Avenue have the potential to accommodate 6-storey buildings (20 m height restriction); lots along the pedestrian portion of Front Street have an allowable height of 15 m.

For information visit www.whitehorse.ca/motorways, call 668-8346 or email land@whitehorse.ca.



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Waste Reduction:

The City has joined 12 other organizations and governments to kick-off a three year education program to support the City's Solid Waste Action Plan (SWAP). With a goal of Zero Waste by 2040, the SWAP sets an initial target of 50% reduction in the amount of waste that is sent to the landfill by 2015.

To meet this ambitious target, we're all going to have to do our part to *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Compost, and Rethink!* The City's efforts will focus on:

- Getting the big stuff out of the landfill first;
- Growing partnerships to grow services; and
- Informing, educating, and motivating the public for *real change!*

To highlight the importance of reusing resources, a city-wide **Indoor Garage Sale** will be held on Saturday, **February 15th** at the **Canada Games Centre** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is an opportunity to do an early spring cleaning and shop for lightly used items, rather than buying them new!

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