Whitehorse

CITY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS JULY 25, 2025

In Focus

Welcome to our Ushiku Visitors!

The City is pleased to welcome 14 visitors from our Sister City, Ushiku, Japan.

Youth delegates and chaperones arrived on Thursday, July 24 for our annual Sister City Exchange. 2025 marks the 40th anniversary of the exchange.

Over the 10-day program, the City is looking forward to sharing Whitehorse history and culture with our guests. Activities such as voyageur canoeing, Arctic sports, hiking, campfire cooking and local museum visits are all part of the itinerary.

Thank you to the host families welcoming our visitors into their home.

For more information about our Sister City programs visit: whitehorse.ca/sister-cities



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Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Changes to how certain types of Household Hazardous Waste is dealt with begin Friday, August 1 under the Extended Producer Responsibility Program. Bring your waste oil, antifreeze, Diesel Exhaust Fluid, automotive containers and oil filters to a new collection facility at the Waste Management Facility. Find out more at whitehorse.ca/hhw.

FireSmart Bylaw and Policy Changes

The City is seeking public input on proposed bylaw and policy changes to help reduce the wildfire risk to Whitehorse properties. Find a full list of proposed amendments, additional information and fill out a survey at engagewhitehorse.ca/firesmart-bylaw.

Festivals and Special Event Grants

Festival and Special Event Grants and in-kind support are available to Whitehorse non-profit registered societies in good standing and community organizations with a not-for-profit mandate hosting an event in Whitehorse. August 31 is the annual deadline for the Festival and Special Event Grant intake for all events scheduled from January to December of the following year. Learn more at whitehorse.ca/grants.

Book a free FireSmart Property Assessment

Take steps to FireSmart your property and increase your home or businesses resilience to wildfire. Book a free one-hour FireSmart Property Assessment at whitehorse.ca/firesmart.

Recreation Grants

Our Recreation Grants support community organizations and reflect the City's belief that these organizations play a crucial role in delivering active living opportunities to residents. We allocate approximately \$200,000 each year in Recreation Grants and the next deadline is September 15. See if your project is a good fit at whitehorse.ca/grants.

Summer Recess

City Council is now taking its summer recess. Meetings will resume Monday, August 4 at 5:30 pm in City Hall Council Chambers. For more info visit whitehorse.ca/meetings.