

Whitehorse

CITY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 14, 2026

In focus

Building Permits

The City has issued more than 900 building permits so far this construction season, an increase over previous years.

Between Jan. 1 and July 31, the City issued:

- 913 permits in 2026
- 735 permits in 2025
- 656 permits in 2024

The City's new e-permitting system launched in 2025 and continues to be updated based on feedback from users. Other options have been introduced to facilitate construction, bolstered by greater capacity to issue permits and conduct building inspections.

As Whitehorse continues to grow, the City continues to take steps to support development.

Learn more and apply for a building permit at:
whitehorse.ca/building.



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Discovery Day

Most City facilities and services will be closed on Monday, August 17, including the Canada Games Centre, City Hall, and the Whitehorse Operations Building. The Frank Slim Building in Shipyards Park will be open 11 am - 4 pm. Weekend service will be in effect for Transit, the Waste Management Facility will be open and Curbside Collection will continue for Logan, Copper Ridge, and Whistle Bend.

Fridays in the Park

Join us for our final Fridays in the Park of the season on August 21. We'll be at Crestview Park with games, entertainment and snacks. Learn more at whitehorse.ca/events.

Public Hearing for proposed OCP amendment

A Public Hearing on a proposed amendment to the City's Official Community Plan to enable limited forms of Mineral Exploration within select areas currently designated as Greenspace is scheduled for Monday, August 24 at City Hall. Residents can provide input at any time up until the Public Hearing is closed on August 24 by emailing publicinput@whitehorse.ca. Learn more about the proposed amendment at: whitehorse.ca/amendments.

A Place to Be

City Council has strongly endorsed A Place to Be: Framework for Community Action to End Homelessness 2025-2030. The plan aims to reduce homelessness by 50 per cent by bringing together governments, stakeholders and community organizations. Learn more at yapc.ca.

Next City Council meeting

The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, August 18 at 5:30 pm at City Hall Council Chambers. Please use the Steele Street entrance. Find more info at whitehorse.ca/meetings.

The new elevator to Council Chambers is not yet operational. Residents with limited mobility that would like to attend or participate will continue to be accommodated in the Heritage Boardroom. Staff are available to help guide attendees at the 2nd Ave entrance to City Hall. Visit: whitehorse.ca/meetings.