

Whitehorse

CITY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 21, 2026

In focus

Short-Term Rental Regulations

New regulations for short-term rentals in Whitehorse come into effect October 1.

The regulations are included in the City's new Zoning Bylaw, adopted in May.

As part of the implementation of the new regulations, the City is updating the Business License Bylaw to establish requirements for short-term rental operators to have a business license, and making associated changes to the Fees and Charges Bylaw, and the Housing Development Incentives Policy.

A proposed set of amendments outlining requirements, fees and rules was presented to City Council on August 18.

Visit whitehorse.ca/meetings to read the Administrative Report on the Implementation of Short-Term Rental Regulations.



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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.

Beats & Bites

Join us for Beats & Bites in Rotary Park on Friday, August 28, 12 - 8 pm. Local food vendors will be dishing up tasty flavours with free performances also happening throughout the day. There's sure to be something for everyone with lawn games, bouncy castles and complimentary fitness classes also underway.

FireSmart Neighbourhood Recognition Program

Become a FireSmart Neighbourhood Champion with the FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program. Neighbours work together to reduce wildfire risk and build resilient communities. A neighbourhood champion helps organize local FireSmart activities, guides their neighbourhood through the recognition program, and more. Learn how to become a champion: firesmart@whitehorse.ca.

Next City Council meeting

The next City Council meeting is Monday, August 24 at 5:30 pm at City Hall Council Chambers. This meeting will be focused on the Public Hearing for the proposed Official Community Plan currently before Council (see above). Please use the Steele Street entrance. The Public Hearing is expected to have a large attendance, and seating is limited in Council Chambers.

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 City Hall.

All other business currently before Council will be postponed until Monday, August 31. Find more info at whitehorse.ca/meetings.

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