

Whitehorse

CITY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

In focus

Short-Term Rentals

New regulations for Short-Term Rentals (STRs) come into effect on October 1.

These include rules around where STRs are allowed in the city and what is required to operate an STR.

A Business License will be required to operate a Short-Term Rental, as well as a one-time Development Permit.

Operators will also be required to provide a fire safety plan, emergency escape plan, and a fire safety self-attestation for each STR.

The date on which STR operators will be required to hold a Business License is still to be determined by City Council. An update is expected before October 1.

Find more information, and how to apply for permits and licenses at whitehorse.ca/str.



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Annual Grey Mountain Cemetery Maintenance

City crews will be cleaning up grave sites at Grey Mountain Cemetery starting on Wednesday, September 23. Visitors are kindly asked to remove any personal items for safekeeping ahead of this annual maintenance. Learn more at whitehorse.ca/cemetery.

FireSmart Contest

Fall is a great time to FireSmart your property and maybe even win a prize. Book a free FireSmart Home Assessment to learn what you can do to protect your property next summer. All home assessment participants will be entered into a fall draw for a cordless pruning saw or home defence sprinkler system. Visit whitehorse.ca/firesmart to book a free home assessment.

Outdoor Skating Rinks

Do you love to skate? In partnership with local residents, the City installs and maintains outdoor skating rinks. Every fall, neighbourhood representatives submit applications to have the rink in their area activated for the upcoming winter. Visit whitehorse.ca/rinks or contact parks@whitehorse.ca to learn more or volunteer.

Flowers

Residents are invited to cut flowers from City planters before heavy frost overnight begins. Flowers can be snipped from any of the raised planter boxes around Whitehorse, including spots along Main Street, Shipyards Park and Rotary Park. Take home a cheerful bouquet and let the summer colours brighten your space a little longer.

Berry Harvesting

If you have berries in your yard, be sure to harvest them as soon as they are ripe to avoid attracting wildlife. Ripe berries can attract bears, especially as they build up energy for the winter. Learn more at whitehorse.ca/wildlife.

Next City Council meeting

The next City Council meeting is Monday, September 21 at 5:30 pm at City Hall Council Chambers. Please use the Steele Street entrance. Find more info at whitehorse.ca/meetings.