

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Dawson Mayor and Council invite all residents to make written submissions or to take part in discussions regarding Bylaw #08-15 being the "Zoning & Historical Control Bylaw" Amendment No. 7

This amendment allows for the changing of fees charged to those persons who obtain a development permit **AFTER** commencing the work.

This Public Hearing will be held October 21, 2008 at 7:00 pmin the City of Dawson Council Chambers during the regular Council meeting.

All interested persons may inspect the proposed amendment between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday at the City of Dawson Office located at 1336 Front Street.

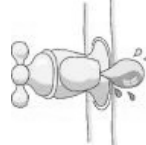
Any person wishing to make a written or verbal submission respecting the proposed amendment may do so. All written submissions must be submitted to City Hall or P.O.Box 308, Dawson City, Y0B 1G0, no later than 5:00 p.m. October 16, 2008.

For further information, please contact Jay Armitage, CDO, at the City Administration Office between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday.

Public Works Notice

Water Bleeders:

Fall is here. Its time to ensure the water bleeders are turned on to the full **ON** position.



The City of Dawson offices will be closed on Monday October 13, 2008 for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Tuesday October 14 at 9AM.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

The Fire that Sparked a Tradition - Chicago, 1871

On a balmy evening in October 1871, Daniel "Pegleg" Sullivan was sitting outside his house enjoying the unusually warm weather. His contentment was suddenly shattered by the sight of flames inside the barn of his friends, Patrick and Catherine O'Leary, who lived across the street. Daniel rushed to the barn to help but the fire was already too far advanced and not much could be saved.

The fire, aided by a strong, restless wind, spread at lightning speed through the predominantly wooden structures of greater Chicago. By the following day-- October 9--when the fire was finally brought under control by the use of explosives, much of Chicago had been devastated. At least 300 people had perished and some 18,000 buildings were destroyed. Almost one third of Chicago's population of 300,000 was left homeless.

Understandably, the cause of the fire became the focus of much speculation. The popular theory revolved around Mrs. O'Leary's much-maligned cow, which was thought to have kicked over a lamp and set the barn on fire. Ironically, the O'Leary house survived the disaster with only minor damage.

Thereafter, on each October 9th, the people of Chicago commemorated the fire with parades and ceremonies. In 1911, The Fire Marshals Association of North America officially declared that date as Fire Prevention Day. Ontario became the first jurisdiction to observe Fire Prevention Week during the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls.

This practice continues to this day in communities throughout North America as a constant reminder that prevention is the ultimate cure.

Cable notices

Channel 18 is now BRAVO

Just a reminder – cable payments are due on the 1st of each month for that month. If your payment has not been received by the 15th of the month you may be cut off without notice.

Bylaws before Council

- 08-16 Animal Control Bylaw amendment
No. 1 **2nd Reading on Oct 7th**
- 08-17 Zoning & Historical Control Bylaw amendment No. 7 **Public Hearing & 3rd Reading October 21st**

National Fire Prevention Week will be celebrated October 5-11. This year's theme "**Prevent Home Fires**", focuses on preventing the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating, electrical and smoking materials. Nearly 75% of building fires and two-thirds of fire deaths occur in the home – the place we feel safest. This year's theme "Prevent Home Fires" reminds us to find and fix fire hazards in the home. The place where we spend the most of our time should be a sanctuary of safety and not a cause of concern.

Despite the fact that fewer fire losses are reported in Canada, still on average, eight Canadians die from fire every week. Most of these fires are preventable and caused by careless behavior, which is why it is critical to educate residents and motivate them to act.

Fire Chief Jim Regimbal says, "This year's theme underscores the importance of making residents aware of the simple preventative measures they can take to prevent disaster from occurring. Statistics reveal that most fires are caused by careless behaviour. An ounce of prevention in this case will save lives, homes and everything that we hold dear. It is the responsibility of every Canadian to educate themselves on the simple fire prevention measures they can take."

Important Dates

- Oct 7 Council Meeting
7PM Council Chambers
- Oct 8 YTG Open House re: Front Street
Resurfacing 7PM TH Community Hall
- Oct 10 **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct 13 Thanksgiving **NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 14 Federal Election Day
Polling Station- YOOP Hall
Cast you vote between 8AM & 8PM
- Oct 21 Council Meeting 7PM
Council Chambers
- Oct 27 Planning Board Meeting
7PM Council Chambers

**The City of Dawson would like to acknowledge
KIAG**

**-Klondike Improvement Action Committee-
for all the volunteer hours they have provided to
seasonal business owners.**

**The KIAG volunteers have assisted these
business operators in meeting Bylaw
Requirements while boarding up their buildings.
The "windows" are a great improvement.
Thank you for all your effort!**

If you would like to become involved with KIAG please contact Nancy Schmidt.

Fall is here and along with that snow will arrive soon as well. Yes, that's right, snow is again on its way, even if it didn't feel like we had much summer. All property owners or occupiers are reminded that Subject to Bylaw 07-03

**Snow Removal
Section 6. "Roof"**

Every owner/occupier of any real property shall remove snow, ice or rubbish from the roof or other part of any structure thereon, adjacent to or abutting any portion of any highway, sidewalk or footpath, immediately after such accumulation occurs or when requested to do so by a Bylaw Officer of the City of Dawson.

Section 7. "Sidewalk"

(1) Every owner/occupier of any real property shall remove snow, ice or rubbish from:

- (G) from all sidewalk which abuts any side of their property;
- (b) from any path leading from a sidewalk abutting their property to the roadway; and
- (c) between any sidewalk abutting their property and a crosswalk;

(2) No owner/occupier shall permit icicles to accumulate on the eaves or gutters of any building so as to become dangerous to persons passing on a sidewalk, street or pathway.

(3) No owner/occupier shall deposit snow and ice upon any street or sidewalk in such a way as to create a safety hazard.

Planning Board and Recreation Board are seeking interested parties to sit on their boards. If you are interested or would like further information please contact the City Office at 993-7400.

BRING YOUR OWN BAG

3500 reusable shopping bags were distributed to Dawsonites during the 'Bag Blitz' held the last week of September. Hopefully every household in Dawson now owns several.

Reusable shopping bags are strong and durable. One reusable bag can carry the groceries of two to three plastic shopping bags.

The challenge is to remember to take them with you when you go shopping. Hang them on your doorknob. Stash some in your car. Keep a few at your workplace.

Why bother shopping with reusable shopping bags?

In North America 100 million plastic bags go to the landfill every week. A family of four uses about 1000 plastic shopping bags per year.

Plastic is made from petroleum. There is enough petroleum in 9 plastic shopping bags to drive a car 1 km. Why waste oil on disposable plastic bags!

Plastic bags take 400-1000 years to breakdown.

Every bit of non-degradable plastic ever produced is still present on our planet. There is an average of 46,000 pieces of plastic debris floating on or near the surface of every square mile of ocean (United Nations Environmental Program report, June 2006). There are now more ingestible plastic particles deep in the oceans than there is plankton.

Many people use their plastic shopping bags as garbage bags. So what do you put your garbage in if you stop accumulating plastic shopping bags? Use degradable garbage bags.

Degradable garbage bags will break down in the landfill within 1-3 years, as opposed to 400-1000 years for traditional plastic bags. Degradable garbage bags are strong. They come in many different sizes and are available at several local retailers. Store degradable garbage bags in a cool, dry location or in your freezer.

Your reusable shopping bag is made of polypropylene. If it ever wears out, please recycle it along with other plastic bags. It saves 70% in energy to make products from recycled plastic rather than from raw petroleum.

Reusable shopping bags – don't leave home without them!



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Happy Thanksgiving