



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

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These last few weeks have been some of the most challenging our community has ever faced. Whether we've been forced from our homes, separated from family or working around the clock, it's been a time of worry and sacrifice.

But in times of crisis, there are always bright lights that remind us of who we are and what we can do together. During this time of need, our volunteer team has been one of the brightest lights of all. From establishing our fire breaks to working in the kitchen, you have pitched in wherever needed to help keep our city safe.

All of us - from our first responders to Administration to City Council - are incredibly grateful for your service. You represent the best of Yellowknife's spirit, and we could not have managed the last few weeks without you.

Now that we have completed the fire protection work and the situation has stabilized, we have reviewed the number of people required to assist with any remaining tasks. As a result of this assessment, we have determined that we no longer require the same level of support and will be reducing the size of the team. This also means that the City will be scaling back support and will no longer be providing meals or other supports to you as a volunteer. This change will let us make the most of our limited resources to continue with the first responder effort. We thank you for your contributions to our efforts and encourage you to take this time to get some well-deserved rest.

As you prepare to leave the city, please make sure you follow the latest guidance from the Government of Northwest Territories on road conditions and evacuating safely. Updates can be found on the public safety page of www.gov.nt.ca.

Again, I would like to thank you for all you've done for Yellowknife. Please be proud of what you've accomplished, take some time for yourself if you can, and most importantly, stay safe.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sheila Bassi-Kellett'.

Sheila Bassi-Kellett
City Manager