



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

August 25, 2020

Ed Lippert
Yellowknife Education District No. 1
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Dear Mr. Lippert,

RE: TEMPORARY FACE COVERINGS ON PUBLIC TRANSIT

On August 24, 2020, Yellowknife City Council passed By-Law No. 5028 requiring all users and operators of Yellowknife's conventional and accessible transit systems to wear face masks.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, physical distancing restrictions were put in place on transit buses, thus reducing the onboard capacity to approximately nine (9) passengers to adhere to Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) orders. The City of Yellowknife recently received direction from CPHO that capacity can be increased to twenty-five (25) by mandating the requirement for face masks, which effectively reduces capacity by 50% when standing room was permitted. These changes will impact capacity limits for all routes, express buses included. Students should plan accordingly in the event that buses are full upon reaching their stop.

While this is less than ideal, it is a necessary step to ensure that the City of Yellowknife and transit services provided are in compliance with CPHO orders. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Mitchell Abbott at mabbott@yellowknife.ca.

Sincerely,

Chris Greencorn, P.Eng.
Director, Public Works & Engineering

Enclosure(s) (DM#) – By-law No. 5028

cc: Sheila Bassi-Kellett, City Administrator

(DM#623104)