

Bi-monthly Newsletter

Month: January - February

## Mayor's message

Happy New Year from your Mayor, Town Council and all the Town Staff! We wish everyone a safe, enjoyable and great 2026. Inuvik has so much to offer all community members and is located in such a beautiful part of the Arctic. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season taking part in the many community activities, visiting with family and friends and welcoming in the New Year.



*Mayor Peter Clarkson*

2026 promises to be an exciting and event filled year in Inuvik - starting off with the Sunrise Festival the 9-11 January 2026. After a month of not seeing the sun it is always a welcomed sight and fills the skies with beautiful sunrises and sunsets. In 2026 the Town of Inuvik will see the completion of several building projects, road improvements, a new boat launch, festivals, and other activities to engage residents and tourists. Our tourism season and number of tourists are growing each year as people from across Canada and the world want to drive and camp at the Arctic Ocean.

We can all play an important part in making 2026 a great year for Inuvik. By working together as a community and supporting each other when needed, everyone benefits and that makes a great community.

Best wishes in 2026!



## Council Members

- Mayor Peter Clarkson
- Deputy Mayor Steve Baryluk
- Ned Day
- Melinda Gillis
- Mario Lemieux
- Kendall McDonald
- Alana Mero
- Jennifer Parrott
- Kurt Wainman



# Department of Infrastructure & Public Works

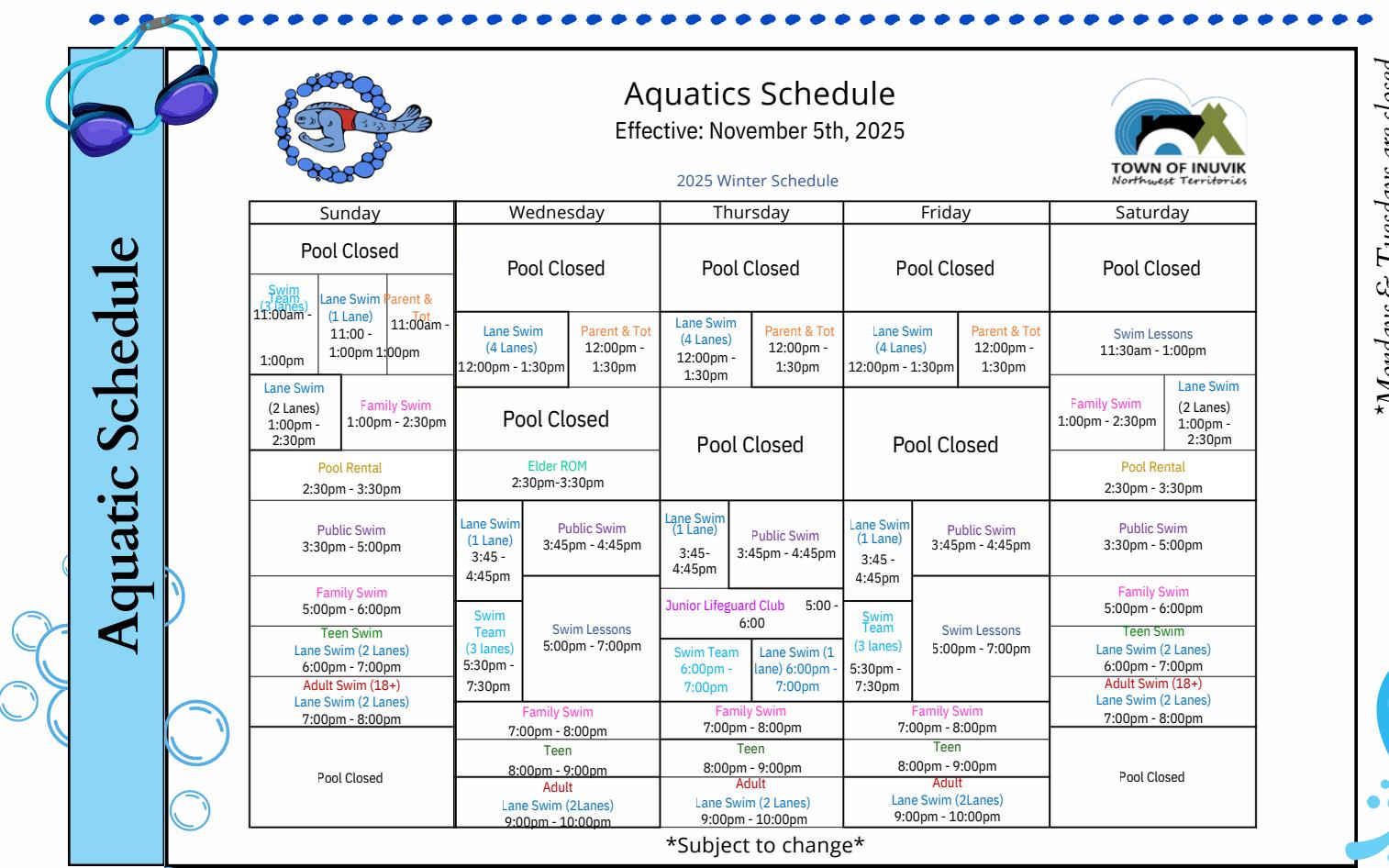


Michael Fraser has joined the Infrastructure Department in the role of Maintenance Coordinator. Michael brings 8 years of project management and supervisory experience, and he is looking forward to working with the maintenance team to tackle the unique challenges of maintaining the Midnight Sun Complex and other Town facilities. The Maintenance Coordinator position will endeavor to continue the implementation of a computerized maintenance management software for work planning and record keeping purposes.

We encourage everyone to continue using the online submission form to report maintenance items on Town infrastructure that requires attention. If you would like a follow up, please include your contact information when submitting a maintenance request.



Heating your home with a wood stove is a reliable and cost-effective option, especially for households that harvest their own wood. Using well-seasoned local firewood provides strong, steady heat and reduces smoke while keeping heating expenses low. Wood stoves do require regular cleaning and chimney maintenance to stay safe and efficient, but with proper care, they offer a dependable and sustainable way to stay warm through the winter.



Aquatics Schedule									
Effective: November 5th, 2025									
2025 Winter Schedule									
Sunday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
Pool Closed		Pool Closed		Pool Closed		Pool Closed		Pool Closed	
Swim Team (3 lanes) 11:00am - 1:00pm	Lane Swim (1 Lane) 11:00 - 1:00pm	Parent & Tot 11:00am - 1:00pm	Lane Swim (4 Lanes) 12:00pm - 1:30pm	Parent & Tot 12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lane Swim (4 Lanes) 12:00pm - 1:30pm	Parent & Tot 12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lane Swim (4 Lanes) 12:00pm - 1:30pm	Parent & Tot 12:00pm - 1:30pm	Swim Lessons 11:30am - 1:00pm
Lane Swim (2 Lanes) 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Family Swim 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Pool Closed		Pool Closed		Pool Closed		Family Swim 1:00pm - 2:30pm	Lane Swim (2 Lanes) 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Pool Rental 2:30pm - 3:30pm		Elder ROM 2:30pm-3:30pm		Pool Closed		Pool Closed		Pool Rental 2:30pm - 3:30pm	
Public Swim 3:30pm - 5:00pm		Lane Swim (1 Lane) 3:45 - 4:45pm	Public Swim 3:45pm - 4:45pm	Lane Swim (1 Lane) 3:45 - 4:45pm	Public Swim 3:45pm - 4:45pm	Lane Swim (1 Lane) 3:45 - 4:45pm	Public Swim 3:45pm - 4:45pm	Public Swim 3:30pm - 5:00pm	
Family Swim 5:00pm - 6:00pm		Swim Team (3 lanes) 5:30pm - 7:30pm	Swim Lessons 5:00pm - 7:00pm	Junior Lifeguard Club 5:00 - 6:00		Swim Team (3 lanes) 5:30pm - 7:30pm	Swim Lessons 5:00pm - 7:00pm	Family Swim 5:00pm - 6:00pm	
Teen Swim Lane Swim (2 Lanes) 6:00pm - 7:00pm				Swim Team (6:00pm - 7:00pm)	Lane Swim (1 lane) 6:00pm - 7:00pm			Teen Swim Lane Swim (2 Lanes) 6:00pm - 7:00pm	
Adult Swim (18+) Lane Swim (2 Lanes) 7:00pm - 8:00pm		Family Swim 7:00pm - 8:00pm		Family Swim 7:00pm - 8:00pm		Family Swim 7:00pm - 8:00pm		Adult Swim (18+) Lane Swim (2 Lanes) 7:00pm - 8:00pm	
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\*Subject to change\*

\*Mondays & Tuesdays are closed

## Department of Recreation, Parks

Heading into 2026, I'm excited to jump into Recreation, where supporting an active, healthy, and engaged community is the heart of what I do. I'm passionate about helping residents stay connected and get involved, and I'm looking forward to strengthening our programs and finding fun, creative ways to keep everyone moving. There will be plenty of chances to get active at the Midnight Sun Complex as we kick off the new year. Let's make this our most energized season yet.



## Department of Economic Development & Tourism

As part of the tourism team, I'm proud to welcome visitors and support our community. A big part of my role is helping vendors, youth entrepreneurs, community groups, and local organizations find their place in our events and initiatives.

You're always invited to reach out if you'd like help with any of the following:

- becoming an Arctic Market vendor
- booking our community meeting space
- promoting your business through the Inuvik Guide
- participating in community festivals
- exploring sponsorship or partnership opportunities
- sharing new ideas for programs or workshops

If you're interested in getting involved, you can reach me anytime at [tourism@inuvik.ca](mailto:tourism@inuvik.ca) or stop by the Inuvik Welcome Centre at 190 Mackenzi Rd. we are open year round Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I'm always happy to help and look forward to supporting the community in any way I can.



## Department of Finance & Corporate Services

Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Important Reminders for Business and Property Owners:



**Property Taxes:** 2025 Property Taxes were due on November 29, 2025. If you haven't had the chance to make payment yet, please do so at your earliest convenience to avoid penalties.

**Notice of Assessment:** Notices were mailed on December 12, 2025. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out before the stated deadline.

**Outstanding Utility Accounts:** Utility balances that were unpaid as of December 31, 2025 have now been transferred to your Land Tax account. If you still have an outstanding amount, please arrange payment promptly to avoid additional fees.

**Business License:** Please renew your business license to ensure compliance and avoid late fees.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact us, we're happy to help! Thank you for your attention and wishing you a fantastic year ahead!

## Inuvik Fire Department & Protective Services



The Protective Services Department is proud to announce our new Municipal Enforcement Peace Officer, Donald Gruben. Don hails from Inuvik and has been working in emergency services since 2024 as a paid-on-call member of the Inuvik Fire Department. He began working casually with Municipal Enforcement last spring and made the decision to change direction from his previous work with the Billy Moore Group Home. Don is a proud father to Kian, Tanner, and Lyla, and is enthusiastically supported in his new role by his wife Charity. Keep an eye out for Don conducting safety patrols, wrangling furry friends, and otherwise helping out our community throughout the holidays and beyond into 2026! Protective Services is proud to continue providing skilled training and career pathways for local residents: congrats Don, it's great to have you on board!

## Royal Canadian Mounted Police

The RCMP believes that Safe Homes lead to Safe Communities. To help with this, the Detachment has partnered with East Three School, Victim Services, and the Justice Co-Ordinator to deliver community messaging on a variety of topics including: addictions, road safety, family violence, suicide awareness, gang recruitment, consent, and online safety. Last fall, through planned check stops and with the public's help, four impaired drivers were charged. During investigations related to the local drug trade, two modified firearms were taken off the streets. Members continue to be involved in Community events, coaching minor hockey, attending festivals, and participating in parades. The Detachment hosted a recruitment booth at the school's career fair and participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies. Recently a local vendor was contracted to provide traditional food for Detachment prisoners. Stay tuned for further self-defence / safety workshops in the new year. Please continue to report suspicious activity and call 911 if you need an emergency RCMP response."



## General Contact Information

Contact	Phone Number	Email ID
Town Hall	777.8600	info@inuvik.ca
Municipal Enforcement	777.8616	med@inuvik.ca
Welcome Centre	777.8635	tourism@inuvik.ca
MSC	777.8640	mscfrontdesk@inuvik.ca
Public Works	777.8614	infrastructure@inuvik.ca
Library	777.8620	library@inuvik.ca

### Emergency Number

**Emergency: 911**

**Municipal Enforcement : 867.678.2196**

**Fire Line: 867.777.2222**

**Utilidor: 867.678.5384**

**Telehealth Number: 811**