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## Nursing Week 2026- Cheers To Our Care Team

As we step into Nursing Week from May 11 to 15, 2026, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the incredible team of nurses, LPNs, and our dedicated resident care aides who truly make a difference every single day.

*“Nursing is an art; and if it is to be made an art, it requires an exclusive devotion as hard a preparation, as a painter's or sculptor's work”*

*Florence Nightingale*

You are the glue that holds our facility together, and your dedicated commitment to our residents is nothing short of inspiring.

While we should celebrate you all year round, this special week gives us the perfect opportunity to shine a spotlight on your hard work and dedication. Your compassion and care are the frontlines of our service, ensuring our residents feel safe, loved, and well looked after.



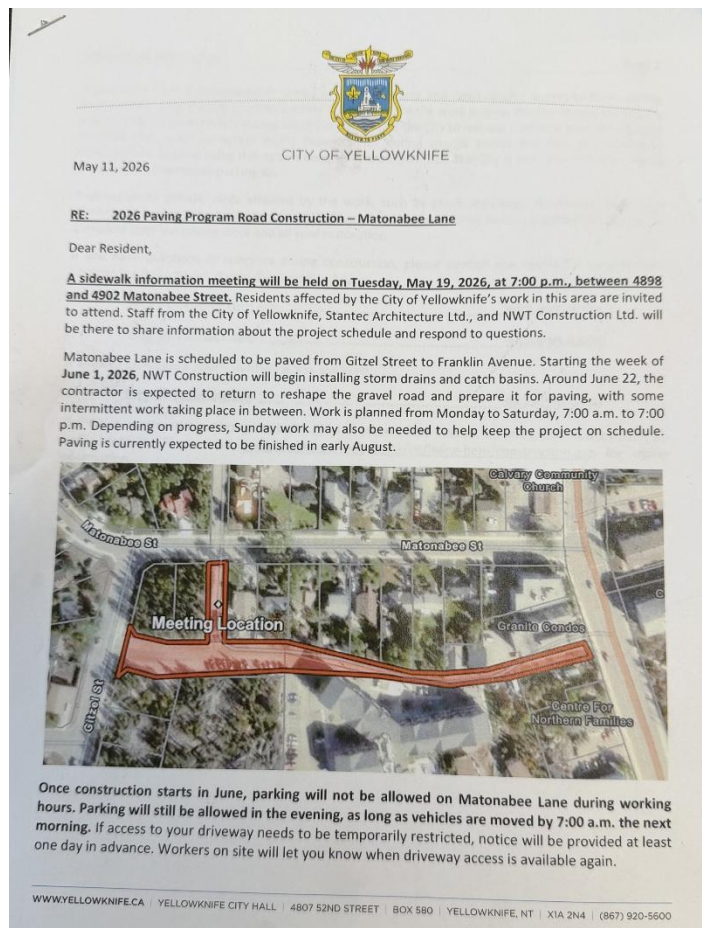
To show our appreciation, we hosted a **Pizza and Cupcake Celebration** on **Friday, May 15, 2026!** That noon hour was filled with delicious food and sweet treats as a token of our thanks. It was a chance for everyone to come together, share some laughs, and enjoy some food respite.

Thank you for making this past Nursing Week a memorable one, celebrating not only the amazing work you do but also the spirit of teamwork and community that makes AVENS such a special place to be.

Thank you for being the heart of our care program. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and I am truly grateful for each and every one of you. Here's to you and the incredible impact you have on our residents' lives!

## AVENS Paving The Way

I have some news to share regarding our unique neighborhood in Yellowknife. The City is gearing up for their 2026 paving program, and we're at the heart of it!



### What's Happening?

Starting the week of **June 1st, 2026**, construction will kick off with the installation of

storm drains and catch basins on the lane shared by our Matonabee neighbors and AVENS. This is essential work that will improve our infrastructure—something to look forward to!



### Key Dates to Remember:

- **June 1, 2026:** Storm drain and catch basin installation begins.
- **June 22, 2026:** Preparation for paving starts.

### Parking Updates:

While this construction is taking place, there will be some parking restrictions:

- **Evening Parking:** Vehicles can be parked in the lane during the evening.

- **Morning Reminder:** Please ensure vehicles are removed by **7 AM** the next morning to avoid any issues.

Please keep an eye out for signage in the area and make sure to obey all notices.

## Keeping You Informed

Our AVENS Chief Operations Officer will be attending all information meetings and will keep our staff and residents updated with notices. We understand that this construction may cause some disruption for a couple of weeks this summer, but it's all for a great cause!

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to make our community even better. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out.

## Celebrating Achievement- AVENS Board Receives Canada's Volunteer Award

I am thrilled to share some exciting **NATIONAL** news with you!

On April 22, 2026, AVENS A Community for Seniors was honoured with a **Special Mention for Social Innovation** as part of the **2025 Canada's Volunteer Awards**, presented by the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families. This recognition is a testament to the incredible work of our Volunteer Board of Directors and their commitment to enhancing the lives of seniors in our community.

## The AVENS Pavilion Project

As many of you know, our Board has been instrumental in launching the AVENS Pavilion project, which has created over 100,000 square feet of housing specifically designed for seniors. This initiative not only provides affordable housing but also ensures that our elders live with dignity and respect in safe, supportive environments.

The Government of Canada announces recipients of the 2025 Canada's Volunteer Awards and launches the 2026 call for nominations FRANÇAIS

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OTTAWA, ON, April 22, 2026 /CNW/ - Volunteers impact Canadians' lives in countless ways. By getting involved in the causes they care about, volunteers foster stronger and more inclusive communities. Through the Canada's Volunteer Awards, the Government of Canada is proud to honour some of the country's most dedicated volunteers.

Today, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario, announced the recipients of the 2025 Canada's Volunteer Awards.

The 19 award recipients and 5 special mention recipients were selected for their outstanding contributions in areas as varied as social isolation, housing insecurity and business development in the North; mental health; diversity and inclusion; and supporting vulnerable children, families and seniors. Their dedication to strengthening their communities demonstrates what it means to be Canadian.

To further amplify their positive impact, each recipient will direct a grant valued between \$2,500 to \$10,000 to a non-profit organization of their choice.

### Special Mention, Social Innovation



#### AVENS A Community for Seniors

The AVENS Volunteer Board of Directors has been instrumental in addressing the urgent need for affordable housing for seniors in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. Their leadership launched the AVENS Pavilion project, creating over 100,000 square feet of housing designed specifically for seniors. This initiative reflects the Board's commitment to ensuring elders live with dignity and respect in safe, supportive environments. Beyond constructing physical spaces, their vision emphasizes building a vibrant community where seniors can thrive socially, emotionally, and physically. Extensive consultations with seniors, families, and health care providers were undertaken to ensure the Pavilion meets the diverse needs of northern residents.

#### ▼ Biography continued

The Board actively engaged stakeholders, collaborating with local and territorial governments, elected representatives, non-profits, and community groups to implement effective solutions. Partnerships with local businesses and organizations created a strong support network for AVENS residents, leading to social programs, recreational activities, and health services that make the Pavilion a hub of inclusiveness and engagement.

The Pavilion's impact has been profound. By providing affordable housing, the Board has improved quality of life for seniors, reduced isolation, and fostered social connections. Residents benefit from ageing-in-place options, wellness programs, and social activities. Sustainability is reinforced through ongoing partnerships with health services, community organizations, and government bodies.

The Board's commitment to inclusivity and participatory governance-through workshops and town halls-fosters trust and transparency, setting a precedent for others. Their leadership has raised awareness of seniors' challenges and inspired social change.

## Excerpts from the pages of Government of Canada 2025 Volunteer Awards

Through extensive consultations with seniors, families, and health care providers, we have designed a space that meets the diverse needs of our northern residents. Our partnerships with local businesses and organizations have turned

the Pavilion into a vibrant hub of inclusiveness and engagement.

## A Special Contribution

As part of this honour, our Board decided to donate the \$2,500 award to the Yellowknife Seniors Society, which operates right here on our campus. We believe this contribution will further support their invaluable work in fostering community connections and enhancing the quality of life for seniors.

## A Sincere Thank You

I would like to extend my thanks to our Volunteer Board members over the years for their dedication and hard work in making the AVENS Pavilion project a reality. This recognition is not just a reflection of their efforts; it showcases the collective spirit of our entire community. Together, we are making a significant difference in the lives of seniors, creating a supportive environment where everyone can thrive.



Andy Langford stands by wife Bronwyn Watters (pictured on screen) a community leader and AVENS board member and volunteer (Photo by Lisa Lesse)

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By Lisa Lesse

April 24, 2026



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Special thanks goes to reporter Lisa Lesse from MyTrue North Now News for a lovely showcase article on this truly momentous occasion

## Community Corner

**AVENS**  
— A COMMUNITY FOR SENIORS —  
**2ND ANNUAL CAR, TRUCK AND BIKE SHOW 2026**

WELCOME TO YELLOWKNIFE

**Saturday JUNE 20, 2026**  
11:00am - 3:00pm

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