



Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FRIDAY MARCH 29 & SATURDAY MARCH 30th, 2019: TKC COMMUNITY GATHERING SESSIONS**

Kwanlin Dun Culture Centre

March 29st: 4:00pm

We will meet at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre on Friday, March 29th. Doors open at 4:00 for visiting and getting settled in, with refreshments and snacks available. This is a Community Gathering to get together, visit and take in culture presentations. We will have story telling, drumming and singing, a tiny drum making workshop (the drums are tiny, not the workshop!) hand games demonstrations and language bingo!

March 30th: 9:00am Breakfast; 10:00am-4:00pm Community Gathering

On day two of the Gathering, we will meet for breakfast at 9:00 am. Following breakfast, there will be presentations on the Potlatch, Dūlé, and the History of Southern Tutchone Art. Join us for a day of knowledge sharing, culture and history demonstrations and interactive workshops! Meals and honoraria will be provided. There will be door prizes and giveaways throughout the weekend. Citizens are asked and encouraged to wear their regalia. *Childcare will be provided for this day. Please call TKC at 668-3613 for more information.*

- **SEEKING ARTISTS**

TKC is seeking artists to display and sell their work at the TKC Community Gathering on March 30, 2019. If you would like to book a table, please contact communicationsoffice@taan.ca, or phone (867) 668-3613, ext. 204 by March 27th, 2019.

- **SEEKING HERITAGE AND FAMILY PHOTOS**

TKC is seeking heritage photos for use at the upcoming community gathering and for use in communications and Heritage/Culture projects. If you have old family photos of TKC Citizens that you would like to share please contact communicationsoffice@taan.ca or phone (867) 668-3613, ext. 204.

- **MAY 5th-11th, 2019 LEADER-YOUTH BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP (Deadline to register: April 15th)**

Yukon College at Northlight Innovation

2180 2nd Avenue, Whitehorse YT, Y1A 5N6

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY WHILE DOING WHAT YOU LOVE?

Follow your passion, be your own boss, and build a business in your community. In partnership with the Ivey Business School and Yukon College, the LEADER Project will be running a one-week business program in Whitehorse for youth entrepreneurs (age 18-35) from Yukon First Nations. The program will cover topics such as: strategy, finance, marketing, accounting and non-profit work through a mixture of talks and case-based learning. There is no cost to participate. For more information, contact Heather Dickson leaderproject@ivey.ca. Deadline to reserve your spot is April 15th. See also www.leaderproject.com.

- **WEDNESDAY March 20 and 27th, April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th: DDDC TKC BUILDING PLANNING SESSIONS (ONGOING)**
Town Hall Meeting Room, Gold Rush Inn
5:00pm-7:00 pm
 Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Da Daghay Development Corporation are holding a series of information and planning sessions regarding an administration building/community gathering center. **Every Wednesday** beginning March 06th, 2019 at the General Store Room at the Gold Rush Inn. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm followed by door prizes. TKC citizens are encouraged to attend and share their ideas. Honorarium will be paid to attendees.
- **SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**
 Thinking of where you want to work this summer? Ta'an is looking for Summer Students! You could work in any of the following departments: Lands, Resources & Heritage; Housing & Infrastructure; Health & Education; Administration. Placements are from May-August 2019. Contact Bobbie Kufeldt at 668-3613 x208 (human.resources@taan.ca) or check out www.taan.ca for more details. Positions open until filled.
- **CASUAL/ON CALL EMPLOYEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
 Are you looking for work opportunities? We would love to meet with you. TKC is accepting resumes for casual/on call employees. Positions include cooks, receptionists & other fill-ins as needed. Please send your resumes to rkufeldt@taan.ca and include what your area of interest is as well as availability. We look forward to working with you!
- **CRA COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM (CVITP)**
 THE CVITIP is a free program where volunteers do your taxes for you, if you have a modest income and a simple tax situation. To find a volunteer, contact Erica Lajeunesse, Regional Outreach Programs Office for Whitehorse, at 1-833-615-2383.
- **TKC COMMITTEE VACANCIES**
 Ta'an Kwäch'än Council is seeking appointments for the following committees:

 - **Cultural and Heritage Committee:** One representative is needed from each the Maggie Broeren and Susie Jim traditional families
 - **Lands and Resources Advisory Committee:** One representative needed from each the Maggie Broeren and Susie Jim traditional families. This Committee will support the Lands and Resources Department and provide input into programs and services delivered to TKC citizens.
 For additional information, contact Elisha, Clerk of Council at 668-3613 x210 (ClerkOfCouncil@taan.ca).
- **MUNDESSA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION VACANCY**
 Mundessa is seeking family representation for directors from the Jenny Dawson and Susie Jim Traditional Families. Contact Jacqueline Bazett at 334-2198 (jbazett@northwestel.net)
- **COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN WORKING GROUP - CALL FOR INTEREST**
 TKC has an opportunity to build on community unity efforts and develop a community safety plan that reflects healing and unity among TKC Citizens. Any citizen interested in being involved in a core working group can contact Roberta Auston at 668-3613 x407 (healthandwellness@taan.ca) for more details.

- **YOUTH EMAIL/CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED!**

TKC is working to provide programs, partnerships, and positive opportunities for our young people. We are developing different options to ensure that the community receives clear and timely information about these opportunities. One method we would like to establish is a comprehensive email/phone list for our Youth Outreach Support Worker (YOSW) position. If parents or older youth (16-29) would like to stay up to date on programs, partnerships, and opportunities please provide a contact email/phone number for our records. The YOSW, Ben Monkman, can be contacted at youthsupports@taan.ca or phone 334-8306.

ON GOING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITES

- **ÄSŪÅ K'E, "GRANDMOTHER'S WAY"**

5:00pm-7:00pm on Tuesdays Dusk'a Learning Centre

Äsūå K'e, "Grandmother's Way," takes place every Tuesday! Join us for parent/child language lessons taught in Southern Tutchone Ta'an Dialect by facilitator, Nicole Smith. A healthy meal is provided at each session. Sessions are free of charge and run on Tuesdays from 5 to 7pm at the Dusk'a Learning Centre at 47 McIntyre Drive. This program is geared to families with children ages 0 to 6 but all ages are welcome! Please contact Julie Laliberté (familysupport@taan.ca), Family Support Worker with any questions.

- **LANGUAGE LESSONS: TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN DIALECT**

5:00pm-6:30pm on Thursdays, Yukon Native Language Centre

Everyone is welcome to join Elder Nakhela and take part in the Southern Tutchone Language Group. The Yukon Native Language Centre is located at Yukon College, 500 College Drive. Beginner and intermediate level language learners or anyone interested in learning are welcome, all free of charge!

- **DANCE, DANCE REVOLUTION!**

APRIL 8th and 22nd at 5:00 pm

The TKC Traditional Dance Group will meet on **Mondays, April 8th and 25th** at 5:00 pm in the Main Boardroom at 117 Industrial Road. We would love to see you there! Even if you don't want to dance, we will need sewing and people who know the songs and dances so that we can all learn and pass on the knowledge. Includes dinner.

- **FITNESS ALLOWANCE FOR CITIZENS IN YUKON**

Citizen's living in Yukon are eligible for one of the following activities (one per Citizen annually):

- Canada Games Centre: 10-punch pass (as needed) or membership (Continuous monthly, Annual, Family); or
- Fitness Centre/Gym Membership; or
- Registration fees for another sport/recreation program of equivalent value to an annual CGC or Fitness Centre Membership.

Contact Health and Wellness Coordinator Roberta Auston at 668-3613 x407 (healthandwellness@taan.ca) for more information. *Note: A policy for this program is under development and criteria for this program may change.*

- **YOUTH TUTORING PROGRAMS**

TKC Department of Health and Education offers an ongoing Tutoring Program for school-aged children. TKC in partnership with LDAY, provides one-on-one tutoring and is funded through Yukon Government Department of Education. LDAY works to pair the student with the tutor that works best with their needs and concerns. This service is free to our Citizens, from kindergarten to grade 12, living in the Yukon. It would be great to hear from parents about any educational supports that they feel would benefit their children. Our Youth Outreach Support Worker also has Thursday drop-in office hours at Porter Creek Secondary school (Rm. 225) from 12-3pm, and a Wednesday Lunch at Elijah Smith Elementary. Please contact Ben Monkman at youthsupport@taan.ca or call 334-8306 for more information.