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- **TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL COMMUNITY CONCERNS MEETING**

September 23, 5:00pm-8:00pm at the United Church Basement

TKC will be having a Community Concerns meeting on Monday, September 23rd. If you cannot make the meeting and wish to contribute to the discussion, please contact Elisha Sidoun, Clerk of Council at 668-3613 ext.210 or clerkofcouncil@taan.ca. Dinner and honouraria will be provided.

- **TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

October 4, 5, 6, Grey Mountain Room, Mount McIntyre

TKC will be having its Annual General Assembly October 4,5,6. Meals will be provided and childcare and rides are available. Please contact Elisha Sidoun, Clerk of Council at 668-3613 ext.210 or clerkofcouncil@taan.ca or Amanda Leas at ext.203 or aleas@taan.ca if you have any questions. The agenda will be posted on the TKC website and Facebook.

- **ÄSU_A_K'E GRANDMOTHER'S WAYS**

Every Tuesday, 5:00pm-7:00pm Dusk'a Learning Centre

TKC in collaboration with Kwanlin Dün First Nation are running weekly parent/child Southern Tutchone language lessons, taught by Nicole Smith. Dinner is provided and transportation can be arranged. Contact Julie Laliberte, Family Support Worker at 66-3613 ext.405 or familysupport@taan.ca for more details.

- **YUKON FIRST NATIONS MOMENTS**

October 1st, 12:00pm-4:00pm at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre

Do you have a passion for sharing your Indigenous culture with visitors to your community? Are you interested in earning extra income doing what you love? Going out on the land, beading, cooking, carving, singing, dancing, hosting people in your home or at your fish camp and more are all Indigenous experiences that are highly sought after by visitors from all over the world! Yukon First Nations Moments is Canada's first online platform dedicated to promoting grassroots Indigenous tourism entrepreneurs like you! The Yukon First Nations Culture & Tourism Association (YFNCT) will be hosting a free information session on **October 1st, 2019, from 12pm-4pm at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre**. All are welcome to join! Lunch will be served, and limited travel support is available to entrepreneurs in the communities interested in attending. Contact 667-7698 ext.201 or toursim@yfnc.ca for more details.

- **TKC-HOSTED NATIONAL FAMILY DINNER**

October 10th, 5:00-6:30pm at the United Church Basement (Main St.)

Please join us for a roast beef dinner in celebration of National Family Week! Everyone is welcome. Come for good food, great company and door prizes!

- **TKC ELK PERMIT HUNT DRAW**

TKC has been allocated one bull elk for the 2019-2020 hunting season. The draw is open to TKC Citizens who have not harvested an elk under the Permit Hunt Authorization in 2017 or 2018. To enter the draw, apply in person at the TKC Administration building or contact Denise Gordon at 668-3613 ext.602 or resources@taan.ca. Entries must be received *before* the draw date, **Monday October 14th at 10:00am**.

- **KOHLUX MAP EVENT- 150 YEARS COMMEMORATION**

This is the 150th anniversary of the drawing of the two Kohklux Maps by Klukwan Clan leader Kohklux and his wives at Klukwan during the 1869 solar eclipse. These are the earliest known Indigenous maps of coastal Alaska and the southwest Yukon, including over 200 Indigenous place names and other cultural knowledge shared by Yukon and Alaska people. The original maps are preserved at the Bancroft Library Archives at the University of California, Berkeley and are on loan for this event.

October 19-20th: Family and clan gathering at Da Ku in Haines Junction – to explore family ties and connections between Alaska and Yukon Indigenous peoples, communities and languages related to Kohklux and Kandik maps; first view of the original maps and our new interpretative display exploring their history and meanings.

October 25-27: Kohklux at 150 at Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre, Whitehorse. Three days of presentation on the maps, their meanings and connections to Alaska and Yukon communities.

October 28- November 1: Continuation of display of original maps and a new interpretive display on the maps.

For more information contact Anne-Marie Miller at 668-3613 ext.608 or Heritage@taan.ca.

- **TKC ARTISTS!**

Register for the Yuk'e Arts Market, happening from November 23rd to December 16th at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. **Registration is due October 25.** Hosted by the Yukon First Nations Cultural & Tourism Association and the KDCC. This new market will showcase and sell Yukon Indigenous art, craft and gift products in a beautiful gallery setting throughout the Christmas shopping season. The market will be held in the Artist Studio at the KDCC and will coincide with well-established craft fairs and other major events. For more information contact info@yfnc.ca or 667-7698 ext.205.

- **TKC HALLOWEEN EVENT!**

TKC will be hosting spooky Halloween kids' activities. Please watch for posters and notices on Facebook and our website for more details!

- **TKC DANCE GROUP**

Building on the success of the Dance Group this summer, a new season will be starting up soon! Please stay tuned for more details on the next meeting date!

- **MINUTE TAKERS NEEDED!**

Are you interested in learning how to improve your note-taking skills and explore becoming a professional minute taker? This is an essential job for accurate record keeping of meetings. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Bobbie Kufeldt, Human Resources Advisor at 668-3613 ext.208 or rkufeldt@taan.ca.

- **NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE COMMISSIONERS AWARD!**

The Office of the Commissioner of Yukon is pleased to announce that the nomination forms for the Order of Yukon are available. The Order of Yukon was established in 2018 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievement and made outstanding contributions to the social, cultural or economic well-being of Yukon and its residents. Nomination forms are available online (www.commissioner.gov.yk.ca) or at their office, 412 Main Street, Whitehorse. **Nominations are due by November 2, 2019.** For more information contact the Secretary to the Order of Yukon, Kerri Scholz at kerri.scholz@gov.yk.ca or at 667-5121.

- **TKC PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FUND**

The Physical Activity Fund Policy is now expanded! TKC encourages its Citizens to be physically active in order to promote good physical and mental health, as well as improve physical fitness.

Citizens living in Yukon are eligible to apply for:

- Various memberships for the Canada Games Centre (CGC).
- Sports/Fitness Memberships and Registration Fees.
- Sports/Fitness Equipment, Fitness and Athletic Footwear.

To apply, please contact Health and Wellness Coordinator, Roberta Auston at 668-3613 ext.407.

- **OUTREACH TO CITIZENS**

Over the coming months, TKC will be reaching out to citizens and asking you to participate in surveys related to a variety of subjects including housing, recreation and community safety. We encourage you to participate, as we will be using this information to access funding and develop relevant programming for Citizens. For more information contact David Steele, Executive Director at 668-3613 ext.201 or ED@taan.ca.

- **K-12 EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT**

The K-12 Educational Support Applications are now available on the TKC website at www.taan.ca or pick an application up at the office. TKC provides the following supports for all youth citizens attending K-12 in Yukon Schools:

- **School Supplies Subsidy:** All students are eligible to receive \$200 dollars to help cover the cost of school supplies. (Cheque issued upon completion of application form.)
- **Attendance Awards:** All students who choose to enroll in the TKC "Steps to Success" attendance initiative are eligible to receive prizes and certificates rewarding consistent school attendance.
- **Tutoring:** All students are eligible for free individual tutoring provided by professional tutors. Lunchtime tutoring is available at certain Whitehorse schools. Contact Ben Monkman, Youth Outreach and Support Worker, 668-3613 ext.402 or youthsupport@taan.ca.
- **Bus Passes:** Monthly bus passes are available to students for extracurricular activities, if they do not already receive one from the Department of Education.

- **TKC HOME RENOVATION FUND**

Council has recently approved an initiative for TKC Citizens WHO BOTH OWN AND OCCUPY THEIR OWN HOME within TKC Traditional Territory, to receive support for renovation needs that help to address various health, safety, and environmental issues or which might otherwise contribute to the deterioration of the investment in their home. Renovations of this nature could include replacement of unsafe entry stairs, installation of a new fuel tank, repairing damaged or failing plumbing systems, upgrading an unreliable heating system, or replacement of broken windows. If you have a pressing need in one or more of these areas, or something of similar nature, please contact TKC Executive Director, David Steele, at 668-3613 ext.201 or email: ED@taan.ca to discuss eligibility and potential access to this fund. Please note that the intent of this policy is to help those Citizen's in greatest need. Also, reimbursement for work done previously back to April 1st, 2019 may be considered.