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- **TKC MEASURES FOR COVID-19 TO PROTECT STAFF AND CITIZENS-Ongoing**

TKC's Government is introducing measures surrounding the use of masks to ensure the safety of TKC Citizens when it comes to COVID-19. Because of the low number of recorded COVID-19 cases, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Dr. Brendan Hanley has not made masks mandatory for Yukoners in public places. Some businesses have adopted policies that require masks to be worn in their establishments and some Yukoners have also made the personal choice to wear masks. TKC has now received and is making available re-usable masks for all Citizens and staff to have for personal use and to use at their own discretion. TKC has also placed disposable masks, hand sanitizer and gloves at the entrances of both the Administration and the Wellness and Development offices, should Citizens who have appointments at TKC wish to wear them. TKC will make these available during any events that involve staff and Citizens. TKC staff are now required to wear masks when handling harvested fish or meat, food, or are unable to practice safe distancing (2 metres) when providing services to Citizens. It is important to remember that wearing a non-medical mask or face covering alone will not prevent the spread of COVID-19. You must also wash your hands often, practice physical distancing and stay home if you are sick. Citizens and staff are also being asked to think of each other's safety when it comes to the decision of when to wear a mask in public in response to COVID-19. TKC continues to follow guidelines as set out by the Yukon's CMOH and will keep Citizens updated. For more information on how to safely wear a mask or general assistance please contact Amanda Leas, TKC Office Manager at (867) 668-3613 ext. 203, aleas@taan.ca or Brianna Bourassa, COVID-19 Citizen Navigator at (867) 332-2298, research@taan.ca.

- **ELKS HARVEST PERMITS AVAILABLE THROUGH DRAW – Enter now, draw set for August 28, 2020**

TKC has been allocated seven (7) elk permits for the 2020-2021 hunting season. The draw is open to TKC Citizens (only) who have not harvested an elk under the Permit Hunt Authorization in the last two years (2018, 2019). The draw will take place at the TKC Administration building on August 28, 2020 at 10am. Successful applicants will be required to obtain an elk hunting permit and Yukon big game licence from Yukon Government and follow the rules of the Yukon Wildlife Act. To enter phone (867) 668-3613 ext. 610 or email environmentaltech@taan.ca.

- **FRESH FARM VEGETABLES AVAILABLE FOR TKC ELDERS-August/September**

The owners of the Sundog Retreat in Whitehorse are offering fresh organic Yukon-grown vegetables for TKC Elders and families. Andrew and Heather Finton are giving potatoes, carrots, beets and turnips. The couple are sharing their bounty with TKC Citizens as a gesture of respect and appreciation because their farm is located on Ta'an Traditional Territory. Roberta Auston, TKC Health and Wellness Coordinator will provide deliveries for Elders and families who don't have transportation. To schedule a visit to the farm or to register for pick up or delivery please contact Roberta Auston, TKC Health & Wellness Coordinator at (867) 668-3613 ext. 407 or email healthandwellness@taan.ca.

- **FALL HARVEST CANNING, FAMILY EVENTS ON HORIZON – Stay Tuned!**

TKC Health and Wellness Department is hoping to organize a fall canning event for Citizens. Due to COVID-19 spacing restrictions and weather, TKC had to postpone its Family Camp and Canning retreat normally held at Helen's Fish Camp. Alternative locations are being sought at this time, and Citizens will be notified once a date and place have been selected.

- **ONLINE MAP SERIES LAUNCHED BY TKC LANDS, RESOURCES & HERITAGE**

The Lands, Resources & Heritage Department (LRH) has unveiled a new TKC Settlement Land Mapping system on the TKC Website at <http://taan.ca/maps/>. The new series of maps is part of LRH's ongoing efforts to educate Citizens and the general public about the location of Settlement Lands, how these lands tie in to Ta'an Kwäch'än Council traditional territory, as well as other Yukon First Nation Settlement Lands and traditional territories. The site is also being updated to help link Citizens to important projects and initiatives LRH is working on. If you have thoughts that can improve the user experience of the site, or ideas on other mapping information you would like to see available, we want to know. For more information or to offer feedback please contact Hannah Gray, GIS Analyst at (867) 668-3613 ext. 606, email gisanalyst@taan.ca or contact LRH Manager Scott Paszkiewicz at ext. 601, lrhmanager@taan.ca.

- **ADVANCED FOOT CARE TO BE PROVIDED – By Appointment Only**

TKC's Wellness Department is offering the services of a new footcare clinician for Elders and Citizens requiring therapeutic foot care. WalkOn Foot Care is an advanced foot care clinic and training centre that offers nourishing therapeutic foot care and reflexology in Whitehorse. Jeddie Russell, BScN, MadED, RN is the owner and operator of the clinic and offers extensive specialty education and experience in lower limb health, foot care and wellness. Appointments are well spaced and private. Prior to the appointment Jeddie will conduct an assessment via telephone to ensure your needs can be met. The clinic, located at 117 Silver Road, is accessible for all and offers a ramp for easy access. To make an appointment please call Jeddie directly at 689-7191. Transportation will be provided by TKC if needed and this can be arranged by calling Roberta Auston, TKC Health & Wellness Coordinator at (867) 668-3613 ext. 407 or email healthandwellness@taan.ca.

- **STEPS TO SUCCESS 2020/21 NOW UNDER WAY**

TKC is continuing the "Steps to Success" Attendance Program. We have changed the program to contribute more to our achievers. Students who enroll in our initiative and achieve attendance rates of 80-89%, 90-99%, and 100% will be eligible for \$50, \$100, and \$200, respectively, at the end of the school year. We will also be recognizing students who have below 80% attendance but increase their attendance by 15% from semester 1 to semester 2. To be eligible, applicants must be registered TKC Citizens, attending K-12 and attending a school within Yukon. For more information, please contact Ben Monkman Youth Outreach and Support Worker at (867) 334-8306 or email youthsupport@taan.ca.

- **DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S NEW 'MINI-LIBRARY' FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

This summer, TKC was honored to receive a donation of approximately 110 school-aged appropriate books for TKC children and youth. This donation was a gift from the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate and was made possible by Indigo Books, Jordan's Principle, and the Paul Martin Foundation, in a collective initiative to enhance literacy. The TKC Development Department has decided to use the books to create a mini library for community members. Families can come in any time to sign-out book packages for learners of all ages. We have packages geared to Preschool, Kindergarten to Grade 2, Grades 3-5, and Grades 5 and above. Our new Administrative Assistant, Natalie Hare, will be overseeing the mini-library and is happy to show you what is available and help you or your child sign-out one of the reading packages. Please contact Natalie at (867) 668-3613 ext. 402.

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Take care and stay safe!