

# Moving Forward

dānàttḥé shāw kwàttḥàl - "ahead of us good things are coming"

## Dännach'a from Chief Brenda Sam

Happy New Year TKC citizens. I hope you all had a nice Christmas, and may the good Lord bestow many blessings on you and your family this year and always.

Since our Special General Assembly in November 2010, there have been a lot of activities that have taken place.

As many of you know, Ta'an Kwäch'än is in the process of building two three-bedroom duplexes. As we have never had any new houses built for TKC, it is my hope these will be the first of many more to come. It is very exciting to see these duplexes being built using the Northern Housing Trust dollars that TKC received in 2007. Currently TKC is working on an allocation process for these units and future housing.

In November, the Executive Department, had the wonderful opportunity of having a training session with Neil Sterritt. This training was very informative for me and Deputy Chief; we have a better understanding of our roles and responsibilities. I will be setting up more training for TKC Board of Directors with Mr. Sterritt as well. Mr. Sterritt talked about our Government responsibilities that we have to our citizens as the Chief, Deputy Chief and Board of Directors. Since we have three newly appointed Directors of the board, this training will definitely be very beneficial to us all.

In December as well, I attended the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly in Gatineau, Quebec. This was a three day meeting, filled with updates from the National Chief, and Regional Chiefs, and various organizations across Canada. There were many resolutions passed in regards to the betterment of First Nation people that are available to view on the AFN website.

I would also like to encourage any citizens who have applied for Indian Status and were rejected in the past that you can re-apply for Status. Starting this month the Government of Canada will be accepting new applications for status. Because of the McIvor decision that was handed down by the Supreme Court of Canada that ruled that there was indeed discrimination for many First Nation people not receiving their status. If you know of any of your family members that were denied status, please encourage them to re-apply. This could only benefit all of TKC.

In January of 2011, a contract with Blair, Mackay, Mynett Valuations Inc., was undertaken to complete an investigative and in-depth accounting of TKC, 12028 & Mundessa financial transactions. The findings of the resulting report will assist TKC in avoiding any future financial difficulties and to give us advice as to how to better manage our funds for the long term. A summary of this report will be made available in the near future. TKC



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will be administering our Social Assistance Program starting in April 2011. I feel very happy for our citizens to be able to access S.A. from our First Nation because I know the hardship our citizens have encountered having to go to DIA downtown. As DIA had concerns regarding compliance issues with TKC when it was being administered by us in the past, DIA will be monitoring our delivery of this program for awhile. I am confident that through working together, staff and citizens can be successful in bringing the administration of this vital service home. For the time being, this program will only be available to status citizens.

At this time I would like to extend a very heartfelt welcome to TKC's new Executive Administrator, Deborah Dupont. Deborah brings with her an abundance of knowledge and experience working with First Nation Governments. I look forward to a positive working relationship with Deborah. As well, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Health Manager Glenna Tetlich, she too brings a wealth of work experience and she is very approachable with a positive outlook.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome as well to our newly appointed TKC Board of Directors. So welcome to Gloria Adamson/Maggie Broeren Family, James MacDonald/Jenny Lebarge Family and Lori Duncan/Jenny Lebarge Family. We now have eight family Directors representing you at the board. At this time, I would like to encourage the families that do not have representation at the Board level, to talk with your family to ensure that your family's voice is heard at our Board meetings.

At our Special GA there were some citizens who had expressed interest in being a representative on various TKC Boards and Committees, so if you were not able to sign up for any of these Boards or Committees, please do so and telephone our Office Manager Helen, and give her your name, contact information and which committee you are interested in.

I would like to thank each of you for your commitment and cooperation in moving forward. We can have pride in the knowledge that we are honoring our past and future generations. Shāw Níthān!

In Unity,  
Brenda Sam, Chief

## **Dännach'a from Deputy Chief Rick Martin**

Hello everyone, I would like to wish everyone a happy new year, and may all have good fortunes. I hope the Christmas break was enough to re-energize the students and everyone as well.

I would like to say that I hope the harvest season was plentiful and your freezers are full. I would like to thank and congratulate all involved in the 2010 Fall Moose Camp where TKC youth, Elders and staff harvested 2 moose!

There are more congratulations as Will Jones is now recognized as a National Role Model, six TKC citizens, Shawna Tizya, Nathan Jones, Shawn Sam, Conrad Jack, Alfred Broeren and Chris Sutherland graduated from the Heavy Equipment Operators course and to the many others that have reached their goals and success. TKC has many talented citizens that we can all be proud of.

This is TKC's 9<sup>th</sup> year as of January 13<sup>th</sup> 2011, as our self government agreement was signed 2002, January 13<sup>th</sup>. We are moving forward and with everyone's cooperation we can make a mark on this calendar year, as this was the year significant change was recognized.

I look forward to seeing changes that TKC will accomplish.  
Shāw Níthān!



## **Executive Administrator Deborah Dupont**

I was recently hired as the Executive Administrator for the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. I am pleased to be in this position and I bring with me a strong set of administrative leadership skills that I have gained through my work with the various First Nations in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. I have an open mind and a positive attitude. The building of a strong administrative team is a priority so that the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council government is able to provide programs and services to the citizens in the most effective and efficient way possible. I look forward to working with the Ta'an Kwäch'än Nation.





**TKC First Annual Fall Moose Hunt Camp at Tl'aw Kwashän (Swan Lake)**



**Assembly of First Nations Building On Our Success Conference Sept 2010. TKC hosted the Culture Night for this conference at Deep Creek Center.**

Everyone pitched in and the night was a huge success for our honored guests from across Canada including National Chief Shawn Atleo pictured here with Chief Sam.







## 2010 Culture Camp





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## **Health Department Update**

### **Glenna Tetlich, Health Director**

Greetings to you all! I started working in this position on October 12, 2010, since then I have familiarized myself with the program responsibilities, as well as becoming more acquainted with my role as the Health Manager.

There are a number of program management and budgetary areas that required my immediate attention which I have been diligently working on over the last three months. I am currently working on concluding projects and preparing for year end project reports to the program funders, as well I am seeking the necessary guidance for the next fiscal year, with an emphasis on community wellness and healing initiatives.

I am please to say that we have a number of dedicated and committed staff within the Health Department, they are as follows;

Roberta Auston – Family Support Worker

Roberta Behn – Home and community Care/Family Support Worker/IRS Cultural Support Worker

Patti Boss – Home Care Worker

**The Health Department is currently responsible for a number of programs, some of the programs are a result of proposal funding, some are through a contribution agreement arrangement with Health Canada and YTG. We have limited funding that allow us to conduct our business according to the program contribution requirements, meaning that the funder puts certain stipulations on how the programs are managed and delivered. For ease of efficiency and reporting, I have broken the department down into program and services sections;**

#### **Home Care**

This program is designed with the intent of providing sufficient and necessary care to the elders of our community, this involved but is not limited to, light house keeping, with a focus of providing a more thorough and efficient cleaning early in the spring and will include such things as, washing of walls, fridges, stoves. The department purchased and delivered Ice Grips to elders in the early fall for safety purposes, they were very grateful for the support.

## **Diabetes Program**

TKC Health Department partnered with Champagne and Aishihik First Nation to co-host a Diabetes workshop which was held in Haines Junction in November, 2010. A skilled and qualified facilitator was brought in from Ontario to deliver the training. There was an expressed interest in hosting a similar workshop in the future, the department will certainly take into consideration when focusing on future program needs.

## **Family Support Program**

Roberta Auston offers support on a daily bases to Ta'an Kwach'an Council families in the area of child welfare, please contact Roberta directly if you require support in this area.

TKC health hosted a seminar on November 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> called "Stepping Forward". The first day of the seminar was focused on "Care for the Care providers. The second day was on self care and "Realities for Young Warriors". A session was held for the youth of the community, it was a great success in that we have approximately 25 youth attend this very interactive and engaging session. Lee Mason from the Young Warriors Network out of Vancouver was a dynamic and engaging speaker.

## **Indian Residential School Cultural Support Program**

Indian Residential School Cultural Support Program is a new initiative for Ta'an, The intent of this program is to provide the necessary cultural support services to former IRS students and their immediate family member(s) and/or support person(s).

In addition, the department provide support services to those going through any court proceedings and ensure that former students and their immediate families receive professional counselling support services by referring them to the appropriate Health Canada IRS Regional Health Service Person Regional Coordinator

## **Family Violence Program:**

This is another exciting and engaging program offered and managed by the department, there are approximately 14 women partaking in this program, which is offered every Wednesday evening. Some of the initiatives offered involves cultural programming, regalia making, such as designing and making of traditional vest, while at the same time the participants will engage in discussions of various topics around family

violence, and prevention methodologies.

Keep posted, the TKC Health Programs will be creating an exciting calendar of Yukon First Nations men and their families in the realm of family violence prevention and interactions. The men selected for this project will be required to meet the following standards, be strong proponents of a secure and healthy family system, must not have criminal records nor have been abusive to women. These men are respected in their communities as positive role models and they are the strong representative s of Yukon First Nations.

### **HIV/AIDS/Hep C**

Ta'an Kwach'an Health Department and Blood Ties Four Directions Centre will be hosting three evening workshops in February, 2011. Come out and work on trending clothing and slogan design, you will each go home with an item that you helped to design! Keep posted for the dates, as soon as that is firmed up we will put out the posters and communication announcement.

**If you or someone you know is need of support, BLOOD TIES FOUR DIRECTIONS has professional staff available to provide support in the form of information, counselling, nursing, finding a secure home, or just having somewhere to go, sit and have coffee. BLOOD TIES FOUR DIRECTIONS OFFER NON-JUDEMENTAL FLEXIBLE SERVICES.**

### **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**

TKC Health and FASSY Yukon will be hosting a workshop in February on FASD, we have a surprise guest speaker presenting at this event. Keep posted for more information on this workshop, The session/presentation and lunch will be held at the health center boardroom.

### **Prenatal Program**

This program is a long standing initiative offered by the department, offered on a monthly basis for expectant or post natal mothers, it involves a healthy lunch program. As well a monthly nutrition food voucher is given to the participants...during the generally noon hour session a presentation or healthy activity is also offered.

### **NNADAP (National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program) Program**

This is another long standing program in department, we provide support and access to alcohol and drug treatment or community based prevention program. We have facilities that are available and open to Yukon First Nations citizens, in NNADAP treatment centres primarily in BC and Alberta. Keep in mind that we do have direct access to treatment programs offered through Yukon Government Alcohol and Drug Services in Whitehorse as well.

In closing, I would like to say that it is a pleasure to be working with Ta'an Kwach'an Council.

Thank you to all those that have shared ideas and for the warm welcome. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Glenna Tetlich,

Honor the Elders.  
Honor all with whom we  
share the Earth:-  
Four-leggeds, two-leggeds,  
winged ones,  
Swimmers, crawlers,  
plant and rock people.  
Walk in balance and beauty.

Native American Elder







# General 20 Deep



# Assembly 10 Creek



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**ädéch´är** (he/she is fishing)

**äghàjèl** (woman)

**äsqa** (my grandma)

**äsia** (my grandpa)

**dèch´àw** (porcupine)

**dèshì** (calf moose)

**detl´ür** (blue)

**dimbät** (I am hungry)

**dunèn** (child)

**el** (salt)

**gùyàt** (beads)

**gyü** (king salmon)

**jenichèl** (I´m going to sleep)

**khànay** (moose)

**kwäk´ù** (it is cold)

**kwälak´ü** (five)

**ladishàl** (I am going hunting)

**lù** (whitefish)

**mbay** (sheep)

**nändhày** (blueberries)

**nuchù** (autumn)

**qwänk´à** (gun)

**shàkwà** (axe)

**sugnen ch´ü** (bannock)

**tl´ahù** (finished, enough)

**uzezha** (moon)

**zhür** (berries)



## Two Wolves - A Cherokee Parable

*An old Cherokee chief was teaching his grandson about life...*

*"A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.*

*"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.*

*"One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, self-doubt, and ego.*

*"The other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.*

*"This same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too."*

*The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather,  
"Which wolf will win?"*

*The old chief simply replied,  
"The one you feed."*



## Go Forward With Courage

When you are in doubt, be still, and wait;  
when doubt no longer exists for you, then go forward with courage.

So long as mists envelop you, be still;  
be still until the sunlight pours through and dispels the mists  
-- as it surely will.

Then act with courage.

Ponca Chief White Eagle (1800's to 1914)

## **Manager of Policy Development, Acting Clerk of the Board and Acting Clerk of the Register of Laws, Dietmar Tramm**

The proposed Land and Resources Act, and the Land Register and Land Use Application and Authorization Regulations, were taken out of second reading in March 2010, sent for a review to several workshops, to public consultations in March and April 2010, and brought back, with revisions, to the Board of Directors for first reading in November 2010.

The proposed legislation and regulations meet the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council's responsibilities under its final and self-government agreements. They provide the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council with the necessary tools to set out measures for the issuance and enforcement of land use authorizations and the conditions for the use and occupation of settlement land. They give the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council the authority to use, manage, administer, control and protect settlement land, including the natural resources under Ta'an Kwäch'än Council ownership, control and jurisdiction.

In accordance with the *Constitution of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council*, any proposed law or regulation has to be reviewed at two meetings of the Board and may be approved at a third meeting of the Board. The proposed law or regulation must then be submitted by the Board to the Elders Council for its review and approval.

### **Heritage Branch Manager Mark Nelson**

Dännach'a!

We've wrapped up another very busy summer season, and we're now into winter mode. Let's go over some of the highlights.

We continued with restoration work at the Upper Laberge old village with a work crew consisting of Shawna Tizya, Jordan Van Heel, Clayton Boss Andersen, Jason Shorty, and lead by Glenn Grady. This summer we focused on the Aggie & Frank Slim home, which was nearing collapse. We managed to stabilize and reconstruct the foundation and walls, and we'll work on the roof and front entrance next summer. This is very meticulous work, which our crew described as "taking the Jim Robb out of the cabin" by making it square and plumb again.

We have also begun historical research to develop some interpretive signage for the Upper Laberge village, and hopefully even a historical booklet down the road. While the buildings are of course important, it is the stories and history of the place that make it meaningful, and we want to celebrate that history.

Heritage partnered with the Renewable Resources department to host a fish net making camp in early August. TKC families were able to work on building a fishnet which they could then use for their traditional fishing activities. We definitely had a lot to learn about making nets, and are indebted to Dennis Smith and Paddy Jim for their knowledge and help. Plans are in the works to host a family fishing camp during the salmon run in 2011 – stay tuned for more information. Culture camp was a great success, as always. We had very warm weather, which was perfect for spending lots of time swimming in Ta'an Män! We had the most energetic stick gambling ever, as well as some great archery, outdoor survival skills, and gopher trapping. Special thanks to Leslie Johns and Chuck Hume for their expertise, and to everyone who worked hard to make the camp a success.

We hosted our first annual moose hunting camp at Tl'aw Kwashän (Swan Lake), which was a huge success, despite a foot of snow! Our newly acquired wall tents and stoves did a great job for us, and getting two bull moose was just the icing on the cake! Corey Pope took the moose for us, and everyone in the camp pitched in with the huge amount of work involved. Can't wait until next fall!

On the horizon, we'll be hosting a snow-shoe making camp sometime in February 2011, and our annual spring camp during spring break in March. Shāw Níthän!

The idea is to write it so that  
people hear it  
and it slides through the brain  
and goes straight to the heart.

~ Maya Angelou ~



## Pilot Housing Project Manager Scott Dickson

Scott Dickson was hired under contract to oversee the construction of two family sized duplexes in the Granger Subdivision on Wilson and Turner. The duplexes are almost closed in to weather with doors on, windows in and shingles going on the roof. The insulation and vapor barriers are in. The tradesmen, electricians and plumbers will be starting the rough ins soon. The duplexes will be complete by April 2011 however they may have to wait for the back fill to thaw a bit more before packing it back in. Landscaping will follow in early summer.



Peace begins with a smile.

*~ Mother Teresa ~*

## General Maintenance & Home Care Worker Sam Broeren

If any Elders require wood please contact the main office and Sam and his crew will deliver.



There have been some changes to the Human Resources Department since last fall. I came into the position as Manager of Human Resources in August of 2010 following a secondment to the Yukon Territorial Government. Since returning, our department has been very busy. We have hired Scott Dickson as our Housing Project Manager. Glenna Tetlich started in October as our Manager of Health. In November we hired Deborah Dupont as our new Executive Administrator. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new employees.

There is plenty of work that needs to be done over the next year. With the start of the New Year, I am quite happy to say we are staffed. We are often sent e-mails with employment opportunities. If anyone is interested in us forwarding them to you, please let us know and we will include your e-mail address to the distribution list. We are always looking for Hiring Committee members, if anyone is interested or has any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

The secret of making something  
work in your lives is,  
first of all, the deep desire to  
make it work.  
Then the faith and belief that it  
can work.  
Then to hold that clear definite  
vision in your consciousness  
and see it working out step by  
step,  
without one thought of doubt or  
disbelief.

*~ Eileen Caddy ~*

## Attention Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Citizens

### Change to the Indian Act – January 2011

In April 2009, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled in favor of Sharon McIvor in McIvor vs Canada. As a result of this ruling, Parliament of Canada was given until April 6, 2010 to amend the Indian Act (B-3). Since this time, Canada have received an extension to January 2011 to implement this court Ruling.

As a result of this ruling many TKC non-status beneficiaries may now be eligible for **registration as Status** under the Amended Indian Act (January 2011).

As there is an expectation of a large influx of applications as of January 2011, citizens may experience a waiting period up to six months before receiving any responses from Canada

TKC citizens requiring assistance to complete the application form may contact the Enrolment Officer, Helen Sahagian at (867) 668-3613 ext. 111, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

More information regarding the McIvor Decision may also be found at the following websites:

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/br/is/mci-eng.asp>

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/br/is/smm-eng.pdf>

Frequently asked questions/fact sheet

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/br/is/faq-eng.asp>

Any questions about Bill C-3 can be directed to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada 1-800-567-9604

If you judge people, you have no  
time to love them.

*~ Mother Teresa ~*



## Lakota Instructions for Living

Friend do it this way - that is,  
whatever you do in life,  
do the very best you can  
with both your heart and mind.

And if you do it that way,  
the Power Of The Universe  
will come to your assistance,  
if your heart and mind are in Unity.

When one sits in the Hoop Of The  
People,  
one must be responsible because  
All of Creation is related.  
And the hurt of one is the hurt of all.  
And the honor of one is the honor of  
all.

And whatever we do effects  
everything in the universe.

If you do it that way - that is,  
if you truly join your heart and mind  
as One - whatever you ask for,  
that's the Way It's Going To Be.

passed down from White Buffalo Calf  
Woman



## Events Coordinator Shannon Walker

Hello to all of the fine citizens of Ta'an Kwäch'än Nation! My name is Shannon Walker and I am a proud Southern Tutchone Wolf. I am honoured to be a part of this team as an Event Coordinator. I began in this position August 2010 and I have had the opportunity to assist in the coordination of many TKC events including culture camp, staff appreciation day, students & family appreciation day, AFN Building on Our Success culture night at Deep Creek, Fall Moose Harvest camp, staff events, TKC Ecosystem based Plan Technical Working Group, TKC Special General Assembly, police review meeting, staff Christmas party and the childrens' Christmas party. Lately I have been working on the production of the newsletter and currently writing a proposal to bring in funds to increase TKC governance capacity. I am excited to coordinate many more awesome TKC events in the future as we move forward, together, in a good way. Shāw Níthän!

**Get ready for the TKC Tradeshow at the 2011 General Assembly!!!**

**Calling all Ta'an entrepreneurs, if you would like to advertise and promote your business, trade, craft or services at the next GA please contact TKC Events Coordinator, Shannon Walker.**

**[swalker@taan.ca](mailto:swalker@taan.ca) 335-9029**

When you were born, you cried  
and the world rejoiced.  
Live your life  
so that when you die,  
the world cries and you rejoice.

White Elk

**Senior Manager of Lands, Resources and  
Heritage  
Emmie Fairclough**

I would like to wish all Citizens and Families Happy New year. This fall and winter have been the usual busy time again, completing reporting from summer projects and developing work-plans and budgets for the New Year.

This fall I attended the oil and gas congress in Anchorage Alaska. The discussion was about the proposed pipeline along the Alaska Highway; it seems that to date it is still very much a question of if it will happen, with the price of gas these days. During this meeting I was able to meet with many technicians and we had many discussions about the processes that need to happen prior to a pipeline being built. Some of the invested companies are hoping to have gas flowing by 2022, but I am not sure the governments involved, Federal, territorial and First Nations have the same timeline as the companies. Given the recent decision around the Mackenzie pipeline, I imagine the focus of governments at least for a few years will be on the Mackenzie pipeline.

I also attended the Yukon River panel meeting in Anchorage Alaska, for the Management of Yukon River Salmon. There was many Yukon people and mostly Yukon First Nations. Our mere presents at the meeting sent a strong message to the Yukon River Panel, that the declining salmon numbers are having a huge impact on Yukon First Nations culture and diet. The Yukon River Panel meeting will be in Whitehorse in March 21<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of 2011, and our department will be doing a presentation on the state of the salmon for TKC Citizens. If you have any archived photos that you would like to share please contact our office, the more pictures we have of what the salmon where like before the better. Also if you are interested in attending please contact our office and we will let you know the details. The Yukon River Panel is very interested in hearing testimony for local fisher people.

This fall the Lands, Resources and Heritage department did some work planning with a facilitator out at the sundog retreat. It turned out to be a great session with opportunity to build relationship and the team within our department.

In a final note, I would like to thank the Term Game Guardians we hired for the summer season, Norm Adamson, Corey Pope, Troy Irvine, Clayton Kane and Jason Jim. They did an excellent job patrolling TKC

Traditional Territory and we look forward to having this program run again in during the hunting season. If you see something of interest during your travels out in the traditional territory, or have any questions about land, resources and heritage, please feel free to contact our office or drop by Suite 100-204 Black street.

Gunalchish,  
Emmie Fairclough

**Renewable Resources Branch Rosa Brown**

Stewardship, education and the collection of scientific data are the focus of projects coordinated by the Renewable Resources Branch in 2010.

The Yukon River Panel's (YRP) Restoration and Enhancement Fund contributed to 3 projects with a focus on Chinook salmon. The Community Stewardship Project completed its 4<sup>th</sup> season with two TKC citizens (Coralee Johns and Katie Limacher) employed to conduct a variety of salmon related tasks, including the second release of Chinook salmon fry into Fox Creek. The free Net Building Course offered to TKC citizens in early August resulted in approximately 20 people working together to build 8 gill nets for Chinook salmon fishing. Congratulations to all who attended. Finally, with money from the YRP, we were able to increase the salmon educational component of Summer Culture Camp.

Stewardship and education are the focus of the TKC Game Guardian Program. Five Game Guardians were hired for the 2010 hunting season; Norm Adamson, Corey Pope, Jason Jim, Clayton Kane and Troy Irvine were out on the land 7 days/week to observe and interact with people they met. Understanding the activity taking place on TKC Traditional Territory and educating people about their rights and responsibilities on Settlement Lands are the primary focus of the Game Guardian Program.

Integrating scientific data with Traditional Knowledge is what we hope to achieve through the Temperature Data Logger Project. With money from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Funding, the TKC Community Stewards, with the technical support of Al von Finster and Laberge Environmental, employed temperature data loggers in the Yukon River, Teslin River and tributary streams in the Traditional Territory as well as at several ground water sites. The data loggers record tem-



perature every hour on the hour. We also collected water quality information at each site and will be conducting a Traditional Knowledge study in the next few months. This long term project examines how water temperature may be increasing as a result of climate change. Increasing water temperatures may threaten migrating and spawning Chinook salmon. The information we are gathering through this project will inform future land and water management decisions.



Community Stewards, Coralee Johns and Katie Limacher demonstrate Chinook fry sampling to participants of Summer Culture Camp.



Treat the earth well.  
It was not given to you by your parents,  
it was loaned to you by your children.  
We do not inherit the Earth from our  
Ancestors,  
we borrow it from our Children.

Ancient Indian Proverb

I do not think the measure of a  
civilization  
is how tall its buildings of  
concrete are,  
But rather how well its people  
have learned to relate  
to their environment and fellow  
man.

Sun Bear of the Chippewa  
Tribe

Fish Net Building with funding provided by Yukon  
River Panel, Restoration and Enhancement Fund



## Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator Coralee Johns

Hello, my name is Coralee Johns I am from the wolf clan of the Ta'an Kwäch'än people.

My Great Grandfather was Johnny Johns from Tagish and my Great Grandmother was Alice Sam from Lake Laberge. I am a proud mother of my two sons Brandon and Nathan Smith. I have been working with the TKC Lands, Resources and Heritage Department off and on for the past seven years and have recently been promoted to the full time position of Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator. I take pride in the Renewable Resources Branch as we work on our main projects for the 2011 summer season. First and foremost, with respect to restoring juvenile Chinook salmon into our Traditional Territory through our Community Stewardship Program, we are in our third year of releasing fry into Fox Creek a main tributary to Lake Laberge.

We have also been working with the Heritage Branch to coordinate a *Family Fish Camp* to provide Ta'an Kwäch'än families the opportunity to learn, work together and build fish nets at Helen's Fish Camp.

I grew up at Lake Laberge and have always had a strong passion for the land and everything that it provides. I love to teach and educate others on the prosperity and vital significance of the land, and I am also always eager to learn more myself.

Coralee and her son Brandon after releasing the Chinook back into Fox Creek.



## “Bring Home Our Yukon River Salmon”

The Ta'an Kwach'än Renewable Resources department has beautiful and unique Hoodies we are selling as a Fundraiser to help and support Yukon First Nations Delegations participate in the Yukon River Panel meetings. As a Nation we can walk together to bring awareness to governments and organizations throughout the Yukon River Watershed; on how important and significant the salmon are to our heritage, culture, and well-being; and more importantly to our future generations.

\*The Hoodies are \$50 each\*

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## Lands Branch Manager Simon Lapointe

### ***Dànnān k'anate - Looking After our Land***

The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council (TKC) is beginning a planning process, known as the TKC Ecosystem-Based Plan. This plan is an important step in expressing the will of the TKC for sharing your land with future generations. The plan will outline how the land will be treated and used by TKC and others.

### **What is ecosystem-based planning?**

Ecosystem-based planning:

- Recognizes human activities on the land as a key part of the whole ecosystem.
- Considers the environment, as well as human and politics.
- Puts traditional knowledge at the centre of the planning process.
- Is a plan that focuses on solutions.

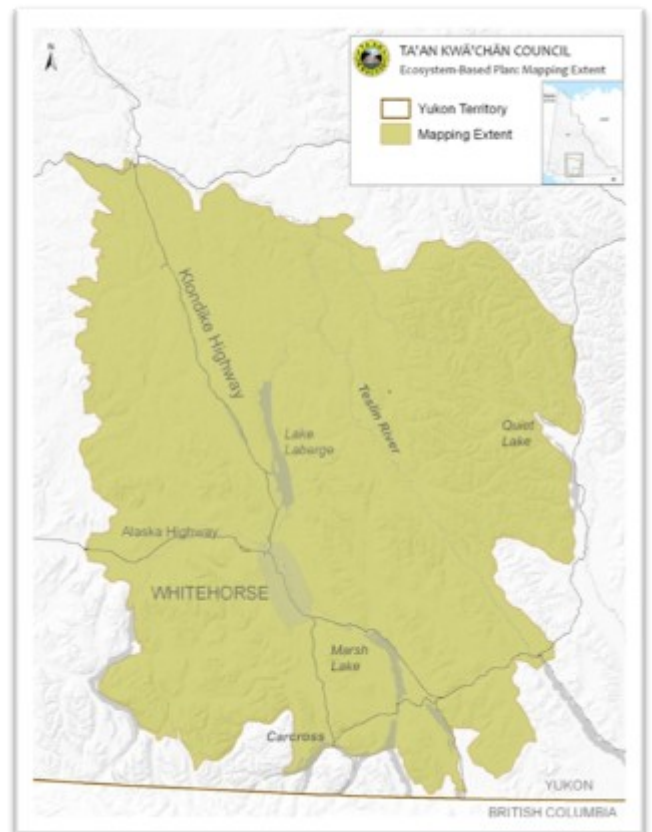
### **Why plan?**

The Ta'an Kwäch'än Traditional Territory is one of the most used territories in the Yukon. The Territory encompasses the City of Whitehorse and its surrounding area, where nearly 75% of the total Yukon population resides. A plan will provide clear direction in determining what will be allowed and where. Planning generates many benefits. Planning will help the community to prepare for pressure of a pipeline or a mine. It will help to address current and future needs and build on our traditional knowledge and strengths. A plan will also provide the guidance for identifying areas for building housing and other infrastructure.

### **Technical Working Group**

To facilitate the planning process, the TKC formed a working group:

- Betsy Jackson, Heritage Program Coordinator
- Corallee Johns, Community Steward
- Claudia Wickert, GIS Lands Technician
- Gail Anderson, Elder's Council
- Roberta Austin, Health Program Coordinator
- Rosa Brown, Fish & Wildlife Coordinator
- Shannon Walker, Events Coordinator
- Testloa Smith, Lands Steward
- John Meikle, Kwanlin Dun First Nation



### **Are you interested in participating?**

The working group is looking for interested people to join an advisory group that will meet once per month to advise and provide input to the plan. For more information or to put your name forward, call Simon Lapointe at 668-3444.

### **We want to hear from you**

For more information on the plan or on how to get involved, please call Simon Lapointe at 668-3444 or by mail to Lands, Resources & Heritage, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Suite 100-204 Black Street, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2M9



## **Acting Education Manager & Education Support Worker**

Taking on the role of A/ Manager for Ta'an Kwach'an Council Education has been a large learning curve, the Education department as a whole is working to get the pertinent reports in to INAC and CYFN. We are currently working to update our student files, and budget.

Student and Family Appreciation Day August 24, 2010 at the Hot Springs, many Ta'an Kwach'an Families turned out on this rainy day and enjoyed food and activities. This was a fun filled event including School orientated door prizes. Families enjoyed swimming, a tour of the Wildlife preserve, and the Zip line. We had a great turn out and I can't wait for next year!

I have been on regular visits to Porter Creek Secondary for Pizza Lunch's, and Annie and I participated in the annual Cultural Food Day on October 27, 2010.

I am currently working on building a partnership with Takhini Elementary School building a regular schedule of visits creating regular cultural activities. Annie and I have recently enjoyed doing dream-catchers with two primary grades at Takhini Elementary School.

If you have any inquiries I can be contacted at (867) 668-3613 Ext: 125 and my email address is [cjames@taan.ca](mailto:cjames@taan.ca)

## **Education and Training Annie Bernard**

I am regularly attending the Presidents Advisory Committee on First Nation Initiatives meetings at the College. These meetings focus on new programs at the Yukon College through Education and Training.

The Heavy Equipment Operator Program just finished up. The duration of the course was 13 weeks and 6 TKC citizens graduated with tickets. The graduation occurred on December 22, 2010. This was a partnership with Northern Safety Network, High Velocity Equipment Training, Yukon Mine Training Association, and Yukon Learn. Yukon First Nation participants were supported by their First Nations; this training was a success and congratulations to all graduates!

I continue to train with Roberta Behn regarding the Assets program.

## **Youth Coordinator Will Jones**

I have taken seven youth to the Dream Catcher conference this year and the experience was amazing. The Conference was a wonderful experience I really enjoyed listening to the youth's excitement about being able to go. Everything went smoothly all the youth were early prior to the airplane departure. The group of youth who went to the Dream Catcher conference were respectful of each other. They all took care of each other and had each others interests in mind. They went to all their workshops and did not skip out. The stories that were told to me of their workshops and how the workshops affected them were amazing.

I have continued the work with capoeira I see some improvements in the students who have been going and the new students who have just joined. As usual I am always looking for more Ta'an youth to join and to try something new I encourage parents to come and be involved in the class as well. Capoeira happens every Saturday from 11:00am – 1:30pm at the Elijah Smith Elementary school in the multi-purpose room.

I am currently working on a Web Design Lab for the youth to come and try their hand at. The content that they will be learning about is HTML, CSS, and Javascript to help create dynamic websites. These classes will happen every Tuesday from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. I just completed a workshop project called believe in our Youth Creating wellness through engaged art and this workshop happened on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> 2011.



## TKC 2010 Graduates



Katherine Tizya



Devin Knezacek



Chelsea Duncan

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## Student & Family Appreciation Day 2010

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# Birthday Greetings for January, February & March 2011!

Jenelle CLETHERO	1/1/	Tara GENIER	2/1/	Hazel BUNBURY	3/1/
Tammy GRADY	1/1/	Joan MASON	2/1/	Lynda CHAMBERS	3/2/
Vicki IRVINE	1/1/	Christopher SAWYER	2/2/	Cassandra BROEREN	3/3/
Richard Jr PETERS	1/1/	Kenneth MEACOCK	2/3/	Lois BURDEK	3/4/
Jacqueline WILLIAMS	1/1/	James MILLER	2/3/	Gabriel PROFEIT	3/4/
Tia STONE	1/2/	Rose IRVINE	2/4/	Mason BOSS	3/5/
Julia BROEREN	1/5/	Donna MARTIN	2/4/	Megan LITTLE,	3/5/
Joseph JACK	1/5/	John BURDEK	2/5/	Daryn VANCE	3/5/
Christopher FINDLATER	1/7/	Jared KANE	2/6/	Kathleen JONES	3/6/
Ian FINDLATER	J	Nathan JONES	2/6/	Kersten LANGER	3/6/
Randall T. MARTIN	1/8/	Dale MCGUIRE	2/6/	Arthur JONES	3/7/
William MCGUIRE	1/8/	Dennis BROEREN	2/7/	Shawn SANTO	3/7/
Aron HARPE	1/9/	Robert ENGLEHART	2/7/	Rylie GREEN	3/9/
Aidan HETHERINGTON	1/12/	Andrea PETERS	2/7/	Marion IRVINE	3/9/
Mark RUDYK	1/12/	Dakota GREEN	2/9/	Lauren LA ROSE	3/9/
David PETERS	1/16/	Brittany DICKSON	2/12/	Chelsea DUNCAN	3/11/
Michelle TELEP	1/16/	Sergius SAWRENKO	2/12/	Doreen GRADY	3/11/
Charles STEWART	1/16/	Glenn GRADY	2/14/	Donald SAM	3/11/
Mitchell LESLIE	1/19/	Norman BROEREN	2/15/	Frederick MCGUIRE	3/15/
Daniel EWANCHUK	1/19/	Jory HETHERINGTON	2/16/	David IRVINE	3/18/
Tynyca TIZYA	1/20/	Samantha SUNDHOLM	2/17/	Keith DAWSON	3/19/
Jennifer DICKSON	1/21/	Scott SAWYER	2/18/	Robert VANCE	3/20/
Alexander LEBARGE	1/21/	Aberdeen BROEREN	2/20/	Briar BUNBURY	3/21/
Edythe MALONEY	1/21/	Brynn DIEMERT	2/23/	Farah GORDON	3/22/
Jeremy MILLER	1/24/	Charlotte KANE	2/23/	Trevor DVORAK,	3/23/
Lee DEWEERT	1/26/	Christopher SUTHERLAND	2/23/	Monique LIMACHER	3/25/
Dennis SMITH	1/26/	John CLETHEROE	2/24/	Shawna TIZYA	3/26/
Lori GRAHAM	1/28/	Dakota MASSON	2/26/	Kristina KANE	3/28/
Dylan MASSIE	1/29/	John MCGUIRE	2/26/	Carol DAWSON	3/29/
Keira MCGUIRE	1/29/	Victoria SCHEDEL	2/26/	James MASON	3/30/
Jay MASSIE	1/31/	Deborah WRIGHT	2/26/	Sandra PADDOCK	3/30/
Chad SANTO	1/31/	Jacqueline JOHNSON	2/27/	Shawn SEGUIN	3/30/
		Justin SMARCH	2/27/		
		Michael RAMSDELL	2/28/		
		Alfred BROEREN	2/29/		
		Malorie THOMSON	2/29/		



# February 2011

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# March 2011

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## The Indian Ten Commandments



Treat the Earth and all that dwell therein with respect

Remain close to the Great Spirit

Show great respect for your fellow beings

Work together for the benefit of all Mankind

Give assistance and kindness wherever needed

Do what you know to be right

Look after the well-being of Mind and Body

Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater Good

Be truthful and honest at all times

Take full responsibility for your actions

Humankind has not woven the web of life.

We are but one thread within it.

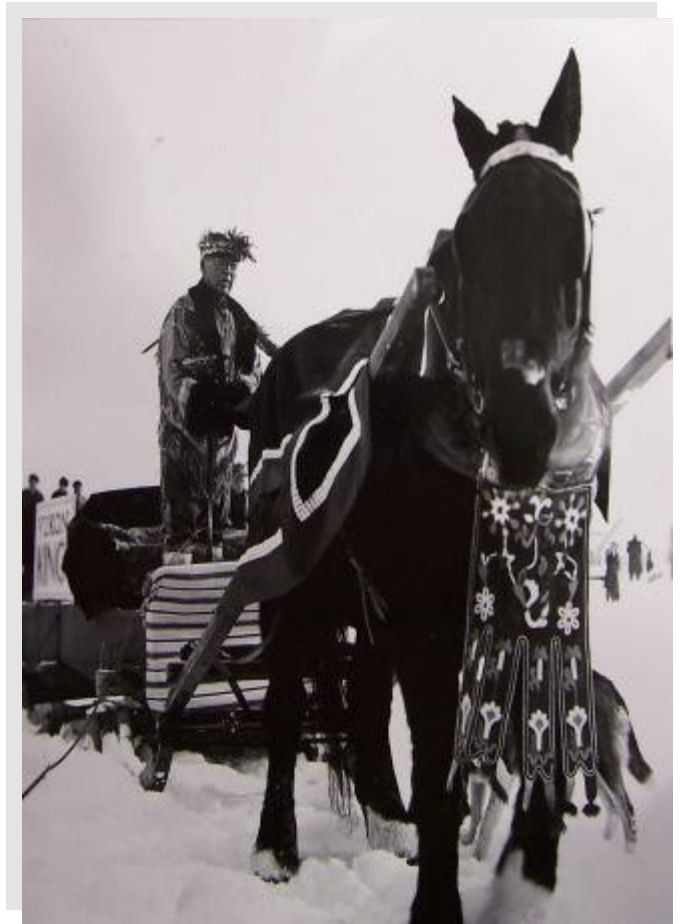
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

All things are bound together. All things connect.

Chief Seattle, 1854

There is no such thing as a simple act of compassion or an inconsequential act of service. Everything we do for another person has infinite consequences."

*~ Caroline Myss ~*



Chief Jim Boss

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Many thanks