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Chief Kane addresses the AFN delegation, which was made up of Chiefs from all around Canada, during the AFN opening ceremonies.



Chief Kane presented AFN Regional Chief Mike Smith with a gift during the event.

AFN event showcases Yukon First Nations Culture

More than 200 Chiefs gather in Whitehorse

The Assembly of First Nations held their Annual General Assembly in Whitehorse July 15 to 18. With hundreds of delegates attending the event: chiefs, elders youth and other honoured guests, the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council was put in the national spotlight, as co-hosts of the meeting, along with the Kwanlin Dün First Nation.

The theme of the event was:
"Our Nations, Our Rights,
Our Future: Empowering Our
Citizens to Drive Change."

Delegate events included: attending
a welcome feast, meetings, panel
discussions, a Culture Night at
Helen's Fish Camp, as well as

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Message from the Chief & Deputy Chief

Dear Citizens,

The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council has had a very busy summer and reached many milestones, one of which was co-hosting the Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly that took place this past July. That event helped put the Ta'an Kwäch'än in the national spotlight, especially during Cultural Night which was held at Helen's Fish Camp. Delegates enjoyed stick gambling demonstrations, traditional medicine demonstrations, traditional dancers, drummers, singers, soap berry ice cream, and more. This event was considered to be a success- it was a time to engage with other First Nations from across the country and share our story.

Other AFN events that TKC participated in included meetings, opening and closing ceremonies in which the AFN National, Regional and fellow Chiefs spoke. Both ceremonies were well-attended. The Ta'an Kwäch'än dancers performed a number of times during the course of that week, including a gala performance at the Yukon Arts Centre.

TKC has also worked together with other CYFN First Nation signatories to begin work on the establishment of a system to administer a collective land registry which would allow TKC the ability to allocate land leases as well as provide the assurance for TKC Citizens to apply for mortgages on TKC Settlement Lands. On February 12, 2013 TKC, along with KDFN, CAFN and CTFN jointly signed an Overlap Agreement regarding the interim administration of overlapping traditional territories.

We've been seeing success in other areas as well: language and cultural revitalization with the Master Apprentice Language Program, and passing on cultural traditions to our youth during Spring and Summer camps.

About 50 citizens attended the TKC General Assembly, which addressed

proposed Constitutional amendments, financial business, last year's meeting minutes and community concerns, such as more training opportunities for citizens. Over the weekend, a number of resolutions passed by consensus. We commend all those who attended the General Assembly for their hard work and dedication towards building a stronger Government for the Ta'an Kwäch'än people.

We are also in the process of revamping our website and quarterly newsletter to ensure that citizens have access to updates and information. Communication is a top priority and we are committed to transparency and accountability.

Council meetings with quorum have been held on a regular basis, and we are working well together. We also receive regular updates during Management Committee meetings. There is increased participation in the Elder's Council, where we provide updates as well as receive advice and guidance.

As leaders, the Chief and Deputy Chief we make a concerted effort to be visible in the community, as well as attending events that take place on our



Chief Kristina Kane



Deputy-Chief Michelle Telep

traditional territory, and in other parts of the Yukon, such as speaking at the CFYN Annual General Assembly, at the AFN Annual General Assembly, and meeting with Territorial and National leaders to advance TKC interests. For example, we've met with Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau, AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Bernard Valcourt, Environment Minister and Chair of the Arctic Council, Leona Aglukkaq, and Yukon premier Darrell Pasloski.

In closing, we would like to extend our wishes to everyone for a safe and prosperous fall season. Happy harvesting!

Shāw Ní'thān,

Chief Kristina Kane

Deputy Chief Michelle Telep

Message from the Acting Executive Administrator

Hello to all Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Citizens.

Administration has remained very busy, with an eventful summer. Dealing with day to day inquiries and requests, supporting and participating in Council meetings, coordinating and developing the TKC newsletter, and assisting collaboration between TKC departments are some of the areas the administration works on regularly.

General administration also deals with support for the management committees, monitoring the corporate budget, working with and being directed through the Executive Office, the Council and other governments, agencies, boards and committees.

There have been some changes in administration over the past few months, for example, we've welcomed Samantha Dawson as the Communications Coordinator, the newest member to our Administration team. We look forward to working closely with her.

We've also been working towards stability and predictability within the position of Executive Director, as I am in an acting position; this position is currently open to job applicants. The job ad for the position is included in this newsletter.

In admin, we work by exchanging information with department managers, and help coordinate management committee and staff meetings. Following up on action items from governing bodies is also a priority, as is drafting language for various



Shawn O'Dell, Acting Executive Administrator

amendments to Emergency Fund Policy, and the Human Resources Policy.

Please feel free to contact the administration department with any suggestions or comments. We will continue to do our best to make sure that all programs meet the needs of TKC citizens, and that we are operating effectively.

Shawn O'Dell, Acting Executive Administrator

Special General Assembly

Mount McIntyre

November 16 & 17, 2013

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

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The stick gambling competition drew a crowd.

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opening and closing ceremonies.

"There is important work to be done on all fronts. We as First Nations must work together to gain insight and identify shared goals," Chief Kristina Kane said during the welcome feast held at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre.

The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council was excited to showcase the achievements of Yukon First Nations on the 40th anniversary of the landmark document, "Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow." It's been 20 years since the signing of the



Gramma Susie and Cash Creek Charlie, aka performers Sharon Shorty and Duane Ghastant Aucoin entertaining the audience at the Assembly of First Nations annual general assembly welcome feast which took place at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre this past July 14.

Umbrella Final Agreement and for TKC, it's been 11 years since the signing of the Self Government Agreement.

"Those leaders, with the support of their people understood the challenge that they were facing, they knew they had a lot of work ahead of them, but they also knew that if they didn't stand up and defend the rights of their people, that the future would be difficult," Chief Kane said.

It is an important year and there is a lot to celebrate, but we must not lose sight of the challenges we face on the road ahead. It is my hope and expectation that as First Nation leaders we will do all that we can to work together in the best interests of our people, and by leading by example in how to make a difference in our communities, she said.

Another highlight of the AFN event was the Culture Night that TKC hosted at Helen's Fish Camp. Deputy Chief Michelle Telep emceed the event. Many people said afterward that they enjoyed themselves.



TKC served up a delectable feast of salmon chowder and bannock.

At Helen's Fish Camp, people enjoyed seeing cultural demonstrations such as traditional medicine making, soapberry ice cream, drumming, dancing and singing as well as salmon chowder and bannock.

Gramma Susie and Cash Creek Charlie, aka performers Sharon Shorty and Duane Ghastant Aucoin also entertained the crowd, drawing many laughs.



A visit to the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation community greenhouse proved to be a learning experience for TKC staff who are working on the community garden project.

TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council's community garden showcases creativity, promotes health.

The new community garden project is up and running at Lake Laberge.

Two youth summer students, Jenna Duncan and Austin Smith, under the guidance and knowledge of elder Diane Graham have been learning about the aspects of how to build and maintain a community garden.

The goal?

To create a sustainable garden, full of vegetables, herbs and flowers, that will



be open for people to maintain their own plots of the course of next summer.

"The flowers bring in the bumblebees," said Nicole Smith, Education Support Worker.

She says the planting and seeding, which took place at the beginning of the summer season was hard work and that there was a lot to learn.

That includes deciding which plants, soil and fertilizer to use, as well as watering the garden and greenhouse several times a day, and getting started on composting.

Smith started growing the garden's seedlings in her office in the spring.

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council staff visited the Carmacks community, which is well-established and used by community members of the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation.

"In one hour we learned so much," Smith said of the visit.

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Health & Wellness updates

Canada Games Centre Passes

During the 2012/2013 season, we issued 92 Canada Games Centre passes. Some of whom are very dedicated and go daily. Others go when time permits. It is wonderful to see so many active TKC citizens!

Traditional Women's Sewing

As many of you are aware, we have a weekly traditional sewing evening held every Wednesday evening. This has proven to be a very popular well-attended activity. We usually have between 10-12 participants each week. We not only enjoy each other's company... but we create many beautiful traditional crafts. Sewing night will resume again in late fall and usually goes until June to give time for people to finish Native Grad garments.

National Family Week

October 7th to 13th, 2013

Last year we had such an amazing evening "Celebrating Our Elders" which was the theme. This year's theme is "Strengthening Family Bonds." Once again we will be hosting a family dinner, and hopefully we will be fortunate enough to have Boyd Benjamin and Dennis Allan to entertain us again. Once the date has been nailed down we will inform our Citizens. This event is open to everyone that is interested in attending. Last year we welcomed a large number of Whitehorse residents from all walks of life! We look forward to "Strengthening Family Bonds" and hope to see you there!

DANCH'EA? SHÄW III

All is well in the Education office, however very busy. Since the last newsletter I have been working towards a new TKC Community Garden through funding from Walmart Evergreen Grants. The Garden is up and running, we have already enjoyed three cucumbers, radishes and some potatoes.

We received funding as well for two summer youth workers to work on the garden and do other community duties for Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, Jenna Duncan and Austin Smith were hired and have been working very well at making our community a better place to be, Thank you Jenna and Austin. Another thank you to the Elders Council for appointing Diane Graham to assist with her expertise on Gardening, we couldn't have done it without her, Shaw ni'than.

In July, I took a TKC youth group of Hand Games players to the 26th Annual Hand Games Tournament in Watson Lake. Emmie and Cora Lee assisted with chaperoning the students and put in an adult team for TKC. The Youth brought home the GOLD this year and Adrianna Smith won the award for the "Best Youth Caller". Congratulations to Nathan



Glenna Tetlich, Health and Education Department Manager, Rhonda MacDonald, Case Management Worker, Annie Bernard, Employment and Training Officer, Ashley Boss, Family Support Worker, Patti Boss, Home and Community Care Worker, Gail Anderson, Social Assistance Worker, Roberta Behn, Health and Wellness Coordinator, and Nicole Smith, Education Support Worker, are shown outside of the Ta'an Kwäch'än health building.

Smith, Adrianna Smith, Jordan Lee LaVallee, Sarah Telep, Rachel and Max Jones-Giroux!! Thank you so much for bringing the Championship title to Ta'an Kwäch'än Council this year, great job!

These were the two big highlights since my last update, but as you know I am always busy with so many other things such as the Post Secondary Students, we have had three students continue with summer courses and we have just received 10 applicants for this fall. The deadline for the January Winter term is

November 15th, 2013! For Elementary and High School students; if you have not applied for you School Subsidy for this year please do so, you can pick up your application at the TKC front reception or come see me in Education. If you require any information in regards to your education please do not hesitate to give me a call, I am here to help with any of your education endeavors, see you soon.

Nicole Smith

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In partnership with the Housing Department, the greenhouse and garden beds at Lake Laberge were worked on over the summer and hopefully the project will be successful enough to continue running each summer in future years.

For now, the project's aim is to start small: by focusing on the learning aspects of how to run a garden. As of August 2013, there are currently tomatoes, pickles, cucumbers, zucchini, romaine lettuce, red lettuce, cauliflower, broccoflower, potatoes,

basil and oregano. In the garden beds there are peas and carrots.

"We're all learning from each other. There is a lot of expertise within Ta'an," Smith said.

"If we all take care of it [the garden], it should thrive," she added.

Greetings!



My name is Rhonda MacDonald. I was hired as the case manager for TKC in July 2013. As case manager I will work

with citizens of TKC to help them develop an individual life plan and follow through with the tasks.

The plan is developed in collaboration with the individual and reflects their goals. Case management is about empowering the individual to be involved in the planning for their life in a dynamic way.

I have a Master of Social Work degree and 15 years experience as a social worker. I am originally from Newfoundland and have lived in the Yukon for 3 ½ years. I am married and have 3 energetic sons. In the short time that I have been with TKC I have learned a lot, particularly about traditional medicines. It is a time of firsts, from picking medicine to eating caribou.

I look forward to working with and for the people of TKC. I am hopeful that as I share the knowledge that I possess I will gain from the knowledge of my coworkers and the citizens of TKC.

Thank you for the warm welcome that I have received.

Rhonda MacDonald, MSW
Case Management Worker

Prenatal activities

If you are pregnant or have a newborn and would like to become involved in any pre-natal activities, please contact Ta'an Kwäch'än Family Support Worker, Ashley Boss for more information at 668-3613 ext. 263 or email aboss@taan.ca. Also, if you require rides during or after your pregnancy, please contact the Family Support Worker and don't forget to put your name in for the monthly pre-natal food voucher!

It Starts at Home

MODERN TIMES, TRADITIONAL VALUES.

"To be truly strong is to be truly gentle."

- Scott Dickson, *Southern Tutchone*



Hatchery-raised Chinook Salmon released into Fox Creek

About 30,000 Chinook juvenile salmon, from TKC’s hatchery were released into Fox Creek this past August, set off with a Southern Tutchone prayer as they start their journey.

Fox Creek was chosen as the release site because Elders said they remember salmon in the creek years ago.

The Ta’an Kwäch’än Council Community Stewardship program began in 2007 and has continued seasonally through 2012. The goal of the Stewardship program is to assist with the conservation and restoration of wild salmon, while building capacity within TKC.

The salmon were raised after eggs from the Whitehorse Fish Ladder were taken and put into incubation trays. The trays are designed to enhance the survival of the salmon during the

very vulnerable stages of life from fertilization to fry emergence. The trays have been used to put out groups of marked fish to determine life cycle information, including survival, migration times and harvesting patterns. The incubation station is located southwest of Mountainview Drive, between the Tahkini trailer park and Porter Creek. The groundwater site is readily accessible, and easy to maintain with the cold, clean creek water located there. The process of raising the salmon includes sampling, clipping and tagging, and removing dead fish or

Ta’an Kwäch’än Council Community Seward Shawna Tizya releases Chinook Salmon into Fox Creek. After being raised at the hatchery all winter, the hope is that the juvenile salmon will eventually return after making their journey to the ocean, where Chinook salmon spend two to six years before deciding to come back and spawn. Tizya said she finds the conservation and restoration project interesting.



TKC Fish and Wildlife Steward Cora Lee Johns and Renewable Resources Technician Brian Bell look at the juvenile Chinook Salmon, getting them ready to be released into Fox Creek. The goal is to minimize the water from the tote, while adding in water from the creek, to help get the fish accustomed to their new environment. Everything is carefully monitored and measured to make sure the transition happens successfully. “When I’m out there it’s just exhilarating being part of the bigger picture,” Johns said.



Cora Lee Johns explains the juvenile Chinook salmon’s new home.

bacteria that could be detrimental to the salmon. It usually takes all winter before the fish are ready for transport.

“The process is huge and very delicate,” said Cora Lee Johns, TKC’s Fish and Wildlife Steward. It includes moving the fish to bigger troughs and feeding them daily as well as measuring water temperatures, growth rates and other factors.

This past August, the salmon were taken in a tote to Fox Creek to be released. There, water from the creek must be mixed in with the water in the tote to give the fish a chance to become accustomed to the creek water.

The stream then becomes their native stream where they would have been born, Johns said.

The hope is that they’ll spend one year in the creek, and three to six years in the ocean. “Once they feel they are ready to spawn they will come back to the creek,” she said.



Juvenile Chinook Salmon wait for their release. A prayer would set them off on their journey.

When the salmon start coming back up river, they don’t eat again until they spawn, then they deplete.

This year, the five year-old spawners are expected back. Meanwhile, it’s crucial to take intense creek walks every day. Part of the reason is to get rid of log jams and other barriers where the salmon newly released salmon are.

“This is going to be pretty big,” Johns said.

She’s been busy with the project, identifying other freshwater species in the stream and studying their new habitat, at three different monitoring stations. There are sculpins in the creek – which indicates a healthy stream.

Everything observed is recorded in field notebooks. Minnow traps are also used at the monitoring stations, but only in places where there isn’t rushing water. The traps are set in the shade in calmer areas, such as near a grassy overhang.

Current Chinook salmon numbers are lower right now, but there are many biologists continuing to monitor the numbers, using a sonar device in the Yukon River, at sites named Y1, Y2, and Y3.

“I hope that the majority of the population do make it to sea and fulfil their full lifecycle,” Johns said, “it will be incredible if they do.”

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Community Meeting on Land Titles and Registry 5:30 p.m. Mt. MacIntyre	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2 Traditional women's sewing 5 to 8:30pm	3	4	5
6	7 National Family Week	8 National Family Week	9 National Family Week Traditional women's sewing 5 to 8:30pm Referendum Community Consultations 6:00 p.m. Mt. MacIntyre	10 National Family Week Family Dinner 5 p.m. United Church	11 National Family Week	12
13	14	15	16 Traditional women's sewing 5 to 8:30pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Traditional women's sewing 5 to 8:30pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Traditional women's sewing 5 to 8:30pm Referendum Community Consultations 6:00 p.m. Old Fire Hall	31	1	2

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1 Canada Games Centre Passes are available to all TKC citizens	2
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17 Special General Assembly Mt. MacIntyre	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Fox Lake Local Area PlanNING UPDATE

The Fox Lake Local Area Plan has been underway since Fall, and we are pleased to report that progress has been made. This planning project is a joint venture between TKC, KDFN, and YG.

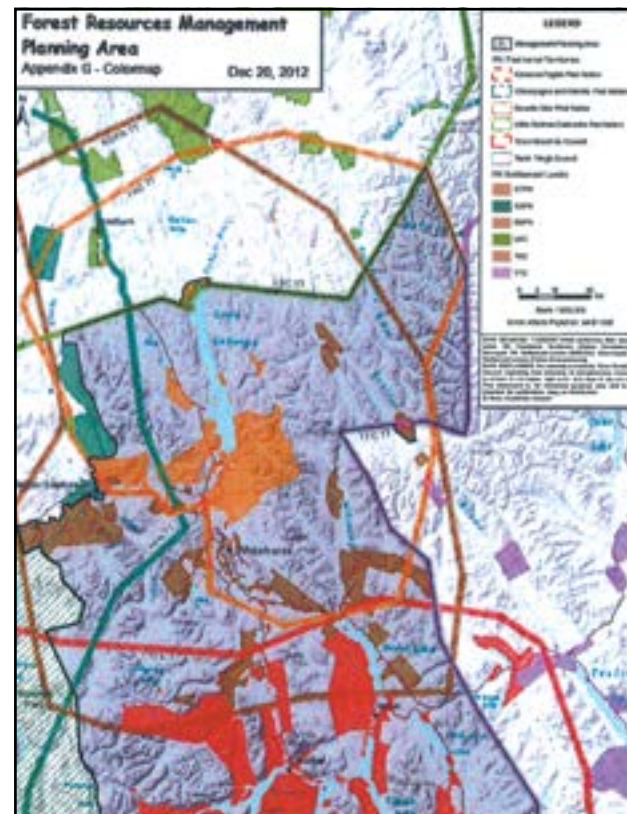
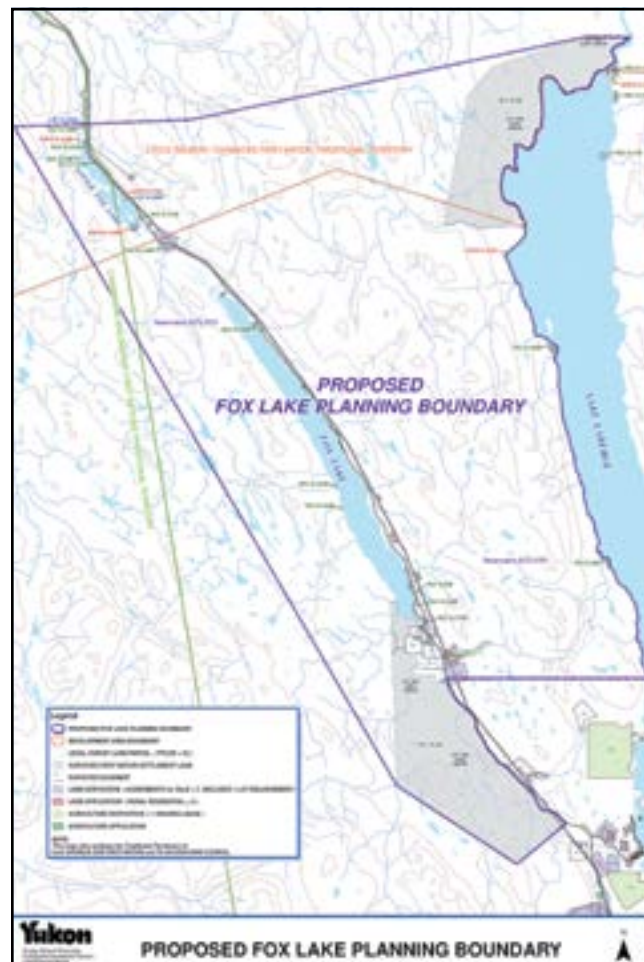
The process will be split into two stages; the first being the collection of data and development of options, and the second being the writing of the Draft Plan. A Request For Proposals was posted by YG, and they are currently reviewing the candidates. Once the candidates are narrowed down, the planning team - comprised of technical staff from the respective First Nations and YG - will analyze the applications and collectively choose a successful candidate.

An Expression of Interest was advertised for Steering Committee members. TKC received one application, and on July 30th, TKC Chief and Council approved John Burdek as the TKC representative for the Fox Lake Local Area Plan. We are still in need of an alternate Steering Committee member.

The second planning project that we are working on is the Southern Lakes/Whitehorse Forest Resources Management Plan (FRMP). A Terms of

Reference was signed in 2008/2009 between TKC, KDFN, Carcross/Tagish First Nation (CTFN), and YG. The planning was put on hold due to the development of the Overlap Agreement, which was signed in December 2012. Under section 7.0 of the Agreement, gives direction to the three First Nations to work in conjunction with YG, as well as determines the boundary of the planning project. A Joint Planning Committee with representatives from each participating party was established and is currently working on the JPC Operating Procedures. Stay tuned for updates in the future!

We encourage any citizens that wish to be a part of the processes to contact Natalie Leclerc, Land Use Planning Coordinator, at nleclerc@taan.ca or by calling the TKC office.



Land Registry: Questions & ANSWERS

What exactly is the land registry?

A land registry is an instrument used to document all necessary information regarding a parcel of land. It will include, size of parcel, registered owner/lessee, improvements on the property, mortgages or loans, type of land (such as fee simple, lease or equivalent to fee simple,) and any authorizations required for the land.

What is the purpose of a land registry?

The purpose of a Land registry is to provide certainty to lenders, such as Banks and Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). It is to insure that there are no other interests in the land that will affect the building being mortgaged.

How could it affect TKC citizens?

A Land Registry is a tool that will allow TKC citizens to build and own housing on TKC Settlement Land, and to be able to access a mortgage through a bank, if needed.

What are the benefits of leasing our land?

The benefit of Leasing TKC settlement land is to provide opportunity for citizens to obtain mortgages and potentially build their own homes on settlement land. Leasing land may also provide for significant economic opportunities for the TKC. In addition, it provides TKC the ability to obtain mortgages to build housing for citizens that need rental units or social housing.

Also, every person that lives on TKC

Settlement Land can direct their personal income tax to the government of TKC, instead of it going to Canada and Yukon. This influx of income tax funds to the TKC is a big step towards a financially self-sufficient government that can direct these funds into fostering a strong TKC culture, and proud, self-sufficient citizens.

What specific lands does the registry refer to?

It is entirely up to TKC. The registry can refer to any land that TKC chooses. TKC may choose to bring one or more parcels of Settlement Land into the Land Registry to begin with, and slowly bring more land within the Registry as is deemed appropriate.

How much land are we talking about and what category are the lands?

TKC traditional territory is 12, 079 sq km and has a total of 796 sq km of settlement land which TKC maintains law-making authority over. Settlement land is as follows:

- 5 rural blocks for a total of 405sq km are Category "A" settlement lands (which is defined as surface and sub-surface rights)
- 105 Rural site specific selections for a total of 7sq km
- 47 community site specific selections for a total of 19 sq km
- 1.3sq km Lake Laberge Indian Reserve No 1

TKC may choose to only look at the "47 community site specifics" and

only one community site at a time for potential residential development and lease potential. The parcel C-23B would be a good place to start.

Will TKC be able to lease the land in the future?

Yes, TKC selected certain settlement lands during the Land Claim process for economic development, and community development. Once a land titles and registry is completed TKC will have the ability to lease lands; it is a decision of TKC to decide which lands or if TKC settlement lands will be leases.

What about the site specifics that were selected?

Site Specifics have been selected; however, most site specifics where selected for cabin or tent frame type locations, these site specifics could be registered but these site specifics may be for TKC citizens only and may not be required to have leases. Unless a citizen decides to build a dwelling that would require a mortgage from a lending institute, which is when the land will require a lease and land titles registration.

Will there be any community consultation about the registry?

The Lands, Resources and Heritage Department will be hosting a community meeting on September 25th, 2013 and location is still to be determined.

Is there anything else people should know about the registry?

It is extremely important to stress that TKC will ensure all aboriginal rights and title will be maintained on the settlement lands, and that all powers or responsibilities for settlement lands will remain in TKC jurisdiction.



If I have questions about the land registry who can I talk to?

Emmie Fairclough, Manager of the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department, can be reached at TKC administration office, by phone, in person, or by email efairclough@taan.ca.



Hazel Bunbury, David Bunbury, and Glenda Jones on the Yukon River waterfront during the Adaka Cultural Festival at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre.

Master Language Apprentices Flourish

The Master Apprentice Language Program apprentices Will Jones and Glenda Jones have been practising what they've learned over the summer, attending story telling events, translating text back and forth from Southern Tutchone to English.

The program, lead by Nakhela (Hazel) Bunbury and her assistant David Bunbury immerses the apprentices in Southern Tutchone regularly, during language sessions. At the Kwanlin Dün Culture Centre this past June, the apprentices, translated and read traditional Southern Tutchone stories independently.

One story was about a Porcupine House, a story that took when animals were thought to still talk with humans. In it, a hunter becomes stuck in a

porcupine house after following his tracks and wanting to hunt him, even though he already had enough food.

Once inside the dwelling, the man become very hungry and thirsty and it isn't until a mouse made a fire with porcupine dung to make the porcupine throw the man out because they thought he smelled bad that he escapes. The purpose of the story is to teach children not to be greedy and to respect the animals.

"I hope these stories are as meaningful for you as they are for my family and I, and that they remind you of those who came before us. This is to honour them."

Bunbury's book, "Dashāw Ts'an Kwändur, Stories from Our Elders," contains other stories, such as a creation story, wolf story, and big owl story.

"The stories in this book were often told to us as a reward after we finished

our chores. There were no movies or television then, so these stories were our entertainment," she said in the introduction of the book.

It's important that these stories be retold and passed onto future generations, in order to preserve the culture as well.

"I hope these stories are as meaningful for you as they are for my family and I, and that they remind you of those who came before us. This is to honour them," Bunbury said in the book.



Will Jones, an apprentice of the language revitalization program, says he's enjoying the program so far.

The Vision... to be able to drink water directly from the Yukon River

The Yukon River Inter-tribal Watershed Council convened its 9th Biennial Summit in Mayo, Yukon August 2nd to the 4th. Our delegates included Coralee Johns, Shawna Tizya, Brian Bell and Shirley Adamson from the TKC Elders Council.

The key issue was the discussion regarding the draft Water Quality Plan and Watershed Governance. The vision of the Plan is a Yukon River of such quality that it directly sustains the health and prosperity of all the people and communities in the Yukon River Basin. The Plan addresses the establishment of water Quality Standards, an anti-degradation policy, habitat standards to support fish spawning, rearing, resting, and migration; toxic contaminant criteria for human health, aquatic life, and water supply; model ordinances, actions, implementation and next steps. A motion from Michael Stickman of Nulata, Alaska and Shirley Adamson giving approval to the Plan and instructions to the Watershed Council for further work including the engagement of First Nations and Tribal Governments was carried unanimously.

Other agenda items included the State of the Watershed address by the Council Co-chairs Chief Carl Sidney and Clarence Alexander; Self Identity and Governance presentation by

Jaime Pinkham of the Nez Pearce; a signing ceremony for MOU between the Watershed Council and the United States Geological Survey who funds some of the research work necessary; Fracking; the decline of the Chinook stocks; and the Peel River Watershed Landuse. Youth delegates attending

"The vision of the Plan is a Yukon River of such quality that it directly sustains the health and prosperity of all the people..."

the meeting declared their intention to establish an YRIWC Youth Council in time for the next Summit which will take place in Minto, Alaska.

The Nacho Nyak Dun were exemplary hosts and the TKC delegates wish to, once again, express their deep appreciation for how well they were looked after in Mayo!

COMMUNITY DINNER & MEETING

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Lands, Resources and Heritage Department will be hosting a community dinner/meeting to give a presentation on the Land Titles and Registry, we will also discuss Lands, Resources and Heritage initiatives.

The meeting will take place September 25th, 2013 at the Mount McIntyre Center, starting at 5:30pm to 9:00pm.

Please contact Emmie Fairclough, Manager of the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department, can be reached at TKC administration office, by phone, in person, or by email efairclough@taan.ca.

The misty Blue sky

Short story by Adrianna Smith

As the misty Blue sky turned dark, so did the trail.
All I could hear was the wind whistling through the trees, making the leaves rustle. I could see nothing but darkness passing through the light from my flashlight.

I was so hungry, all I had for lunch was a few raisins and a sip of disgusting juice box. Then I saw a little brush. I looked closer and closer. It was a bush of blackberries, I extended my arm to reach for them. I hooked onto a handful and pop them into my mouth.

And all of a sudden it was huge cougar with vampire teeth standing 20 feet away from me. The cougar boldly stared into my eyes, as I glanced into his. My body was filled with fear, I could hardly move. What was I supposed to do? I reach for a rock, and locked it in my hand. The cougar ran and pounced. I aggressively smashed the rock on to the cougar and it released me.

I tried to get up but it was no use. I was too weak, the cougar had bitten into my leg. The blood oozed out slowly like a leak in the hose. I struggle to get up but the wounds hurts too much, and I knew cougar wouldn't give up and it would come back. I staggered up off the ground.

I forced myself to limp down the tree covered trail. The injuries slowly got

more and more painful. I fought the pain as long as I could, it was too strong. I collapsed to the ground.

I heard something in the distance coming closer. I crawled into the bushes and hid. I looked and there

"I heard something in the distance coming closer. I crawled into the bushes and hid. I looked and there it was..."

it was. I got scared and I made an attempt to slow my breathing. It started coming closer to where I was. I was trying to stay as still as possible, it was no use. I tried getting out of a uncomfortable position but the leaves were stabbing my wounds.

The cougar heard me and leaped my way. It attacked again and clenched its teeth into my skin. I could feel him

ripping out flesh. It was like ripping off a million Band-Aids all at once. I tried rolling over to get away from the biting and crying. Then it took the biggest bit. It's whole jaw wrapped around my neck like a ribbon around a present.

It was too late for me to do anything, I was paralyzed and blood kept on coming out like water coming out of a tap.

I heard voices in the distance and tried yelling my loudest to see if they would hear me. They saw what was happening and came over faster then a jack rabbit. They were hunters that had a gun. The cougar tried to attack one of the hunters, but the other one shot the cougar.

The fight was over and they used their satellite phone to call a guy with a super cub. I just heard them talking on the phone saying I got attacked I couldn't see much my vision was all fuzzy.

A man with a super cub came and took me to the hospital. I was still losing blood. I was rushed inside the hospital and they took me into emergency. The nurses and doctors were running like they were in a race.

I got 72 stitches, blind in one eye and I'm in a wheelchair for the rest of my life.

If those two hunters didn't come that night I would have just been laying there until my death. My life may have changed but I'm just happy to be alive.



Citizens of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council 2013 General Assembly gathered at Helen's Fish Camp August 2 to 4 for two and a half days of meetings. The event started off with a feast and began each morning at 9 a.m.

AUSTRIA

We often hear of a having a "Dream Vacation", but we really never understood what that truly meant... UNTIL...

Many of you may recall Christina Kaufmann, a young Austrian girl that has come to visit us here in the Yukon, a few times. She has been to and participated in Culture Camp, Spring Camp, and various other Cultural Activities that we have put on. She loves the Yukon and its people. Last year she was at Culture Camp with her partner Englebert, he too enjoyed his time with us. On this particular visit she invited Roberta Auston, Annie Bernard and I to come to see her country and her land. And that we did!!!

On June 9th, 2013 we hopped on the Condor and after a 9 hour flight... we were there!! It was AMAZING... the Alps surrounded us, there were many waterfalls, birds sang day and night, and flowers grew everywhere you looked. The people were so warm and inviting, where there was a language

barrier, Christina was always there to help us out. Neighbors and Friends brought us bread, cheese, butter, cream, bacon, sausages... all of which they make. Little to say ~ we were spoiled. All too soon June 23rd, came along and it was time to come home. We all plan on returning to Austria to visit again. Our trip was totally funded by Christina and her friends who all contributed money for us to visit them. It was an honour for them to have First Nation people visit their land. We brought some Arts & Crafts, books, games, and shared a bit about our Culture with them... Annie even showed them how to Jig!! We found the Austrian people to be very hard working and positive. We learned as much from them as they did from us!!!

Roberta Behn



THANK-YOU

Thank-you to Hazel & David Bunbury for their donation of Salmon and Moose meat for the AFN Culture Night held at Helen's Fish Camp, on July 16th, 2013. Thank-you also to Kim & William Carlick for their donation of Tahltan Salmon. The moose soup and BBQ'd Salmon was a huge hit. The Salmon couldn't come off the grill fast enough!! Thank-you to Rose Billy, Kim Carlick, and Teresa Jacobs for their donation of homemade jams and jarred Salmon. Thank-you Louise Cletheroe for making and baking the wonderful "Yukon Grown Rhubarb Crisp" which was enjoyed by all.

Roberta Behn



It was an opportunity for TKC citizens to express their views in an open forum Yukon Energy hosted an information night on Liquefied Natural Gas at the Old Fire Hall July 6. The purpose of the meeting was for TKC citizens to hear more about Yukon Energy's plans to go through the regulatory process in changing two of their oldest backup diesel generators to from the Whitehorse generating station and replacing them with two natural gas generators.



Chief Kristina Kane, The Governor General of Canada, David Johnston, Council of Yukon First Nations Grand Chief Ruth Massie and TKC Elder Shirley Adamson attended a luncheon reception this past August, when the Governor General, the head of state, visited Whitehorse during Operation Nanook.

Housing Department Update

The Housing Department has been very busy this year. The department, which provides services such as: maintenance services on Ta'an buildings, maintenance on houses owned by Ta'an, supplying firewood to Elders, clearing snow and driveways in Horse Creek, garbage removal in Horse Creek, chimney cleaning for Elder, cleaning water tanks and providing maintenance services to Horse Creek and elders on an ongoing basis, has worked on a number of projects.

Those included: Landscaped the yards at the duplexes, built retaining walls to hold the dirt in place and built decks at the back of the units on Turner and installed grass at

both units, fixed numerous: taps, sinks, toilets, septic field and other maintenance activities, built a gazebo at Helen's Fish Camp.

Other projects were house inspections on houses at Horse Creek to establish the work needed to bring the houses up to living condition, changed the duct work in unit B on Turner to assist with the energy savings – True North heating, designed and built the community garden in coordination with Nicole Smith from Education with the caretakers of the garden as Austen Smith, Jenna Duncan and the supervisor and mentor elder, Diane Graham.

Scott Dickson



The new gazebo at Helen's Fish Camp, built this past June.



The community garden greenhouse and beds.

HUMAN RESOURCES Department Update

The Human Resources Department is responsible for employee relations, human resources development, organizational planning, HR policy development and interpretation, recruitment and selection, attendance management and salary administration.

Some of the highlights:

Four (4) policies were approved and added to the TKC Human Resources Policy and Procedure:

1. Preferential Hiring
2. Harassment and Discrimination
3. Grievance Resolution
4. Performance Evaluation

Three (3) policies are being developed for approval:

1. Corrective Discipline
2. Health and Safety

3. Alcohol and Substance Abuse

The staffing status at July 31, 2013 is:
27 / 31 permanent positions are filled
(9 / 27 incumbents are TKC citizens)

4 / 31 permanent positions are vacant:
Executive Administrator; Executive Office Manager and Human Resources Advisor plus the Heritage Coordinator is temporarily vacant as the incumbent will return November 1, 2013.

There are 3 Term employees backfilling 2 of the vacant positions (1 TKC citizen).

Permanent Hires (3) since last General Assembly Effective October 1, 2012

1. February 2013: Education Support Worker (TKC Citizen)
2. June 2013: Communications Coordinator
3. July 2013: Case Management Worker

Short and Medium Non-permanent Staffing Activity (70) since October 2012

70 casual jobs in a variety of work assignments and length of time worked were filled for cooks, labourers, home care workers, language instructors, administrative assistants, wildlife monitors, community stewards, community surveys and others.

64 / 70 individuals offered short term casual positions are TKC citizens.

Recruitment of Full-Time Term

June 2013: Two (2) Heritage Coordinators (1 TKC Citizen)

TKC Youth Coordinator

August 20th, 2013 to September 27th, 2013 – Temporary Employment

TKC Education Department is looking for 1 TKC youth to work on assisting the Education Support Worker to revive the TKC Youth Council and Coordinate a TKC Youth Governance Workshop. Coordinating events, Governance and Computer experience would be an asset. A driver's licence is required for the youth coordinator. You will also assist in reviving the Youth Society of the TKC in Whitehorse.

If you are interested in the position please submit a resume to: Human Resources Department
human.resources@taan.ca.

Executive Administrator

Regular Full Time
TKC wage scale Level 10

Reporting to the Chief, you will develop, plan, manage, direct and evaluate service delivery systems, programs and activities of all TKC departments. You will provide advice and recommendations to Chief and Deputy Chief with respect to corporate programs and policy requirements.

To access the job description go to our website at: www.taان.ca and then our Employment tab.

Closing date: Monday, May 13, 2013

The TKC Preferential Hiring policy will apply which gives qualified TKC Citizens first preference. If you are interested in the position please submit a resume to: Human Resources Department
human.resources@taan.ca.

Fall Community Hunt

TKC Lands, Resources and Heritage Department is seeking expressions of interest from citizens between the ages of 15 to 25 to conduct a community hunt in the month of September 2013.

If you are interested contact by Sept 6, Thalia Hare A/Heritage Coordinator @ 668-3613 or by at thare@taan.ca.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Social Assistance Intake Worker

Regular Full Time | TKC wage scale Level 6

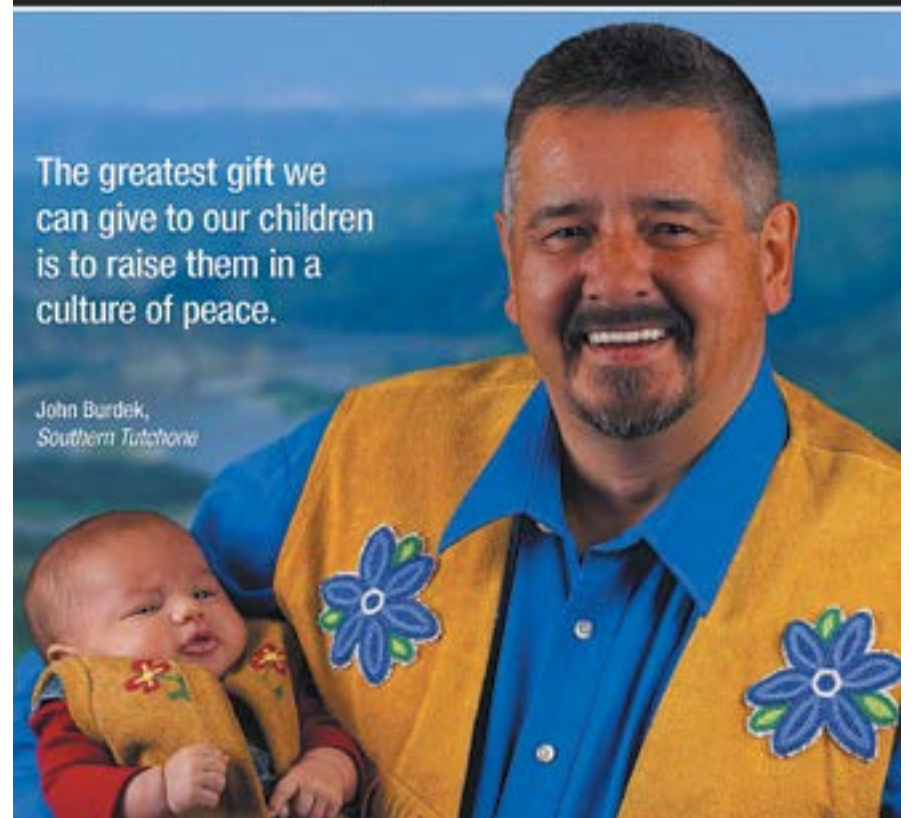
Reporting to the Manager, you will determine eligibility of persons applying to receive social assistance from government program; interpret and explain eligibility requirements, application details and payment methods; make referrals to other agencies as deemed necessary on a case-by-case basis.

To access the job description please call Human Resources Department or contact by e-mail human.resources@taan.ca

The TKC Preferential Hiring policy will apply.
Closing date: Wednesday, August 21, 2013

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John Burdek,
Southern Tutchone

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- William Jones, Tlingit



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Referendum Community
Consultations:

Wed Oct 9th at 6pm
Mt. McIntyre

Wed Oct 30th at 6pm
Old Fire Hall



Do you have any questions, concerns or requests? We would like to hear from you.

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