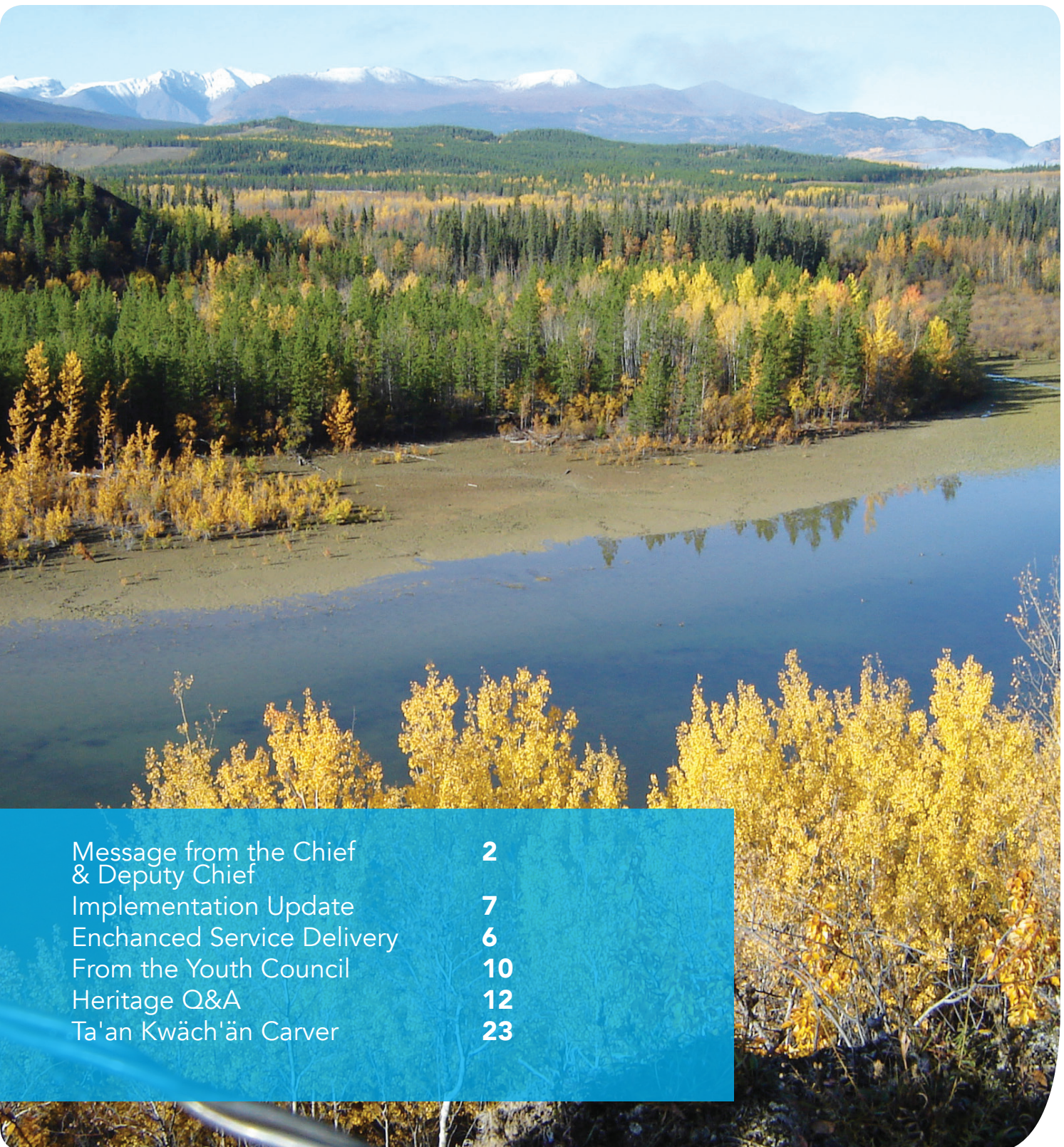




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(What's Happening?)



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Message from the Chief & Deputy Chief



Danchea!

We are moving forward together. Your government has been busy over the past while making strides on big files and moving forward in a good way. We've strived to make sure that you are getting the information you need to make informed decisions and to engage with your government. To that end, we've implemented a new look to our newsletter and website, where you can find the information you need, such as news and events that are taking place.

In addition to these exciting new changes, we have also entered the world of social media – find us on Facebook to connect online. All of this has resulted in more streamlined communications with our citizens and the greater public. We are here to work for you. As always, we welcome any comments, concerns or suggestions.

Our Council has been busy working to move forward in a positive way and keeping future generations in mind when it comes to our collective decision-making.

The proposed Lands Bills is in 2nd reading and we will continue to work with the committee and citizens through the public hearings. This is just one example of how we are working with you to make sure our legislation reflects the important needs of our citizens. If you have any questions about the Community Lands Bill, please get in touch with the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department at 668-3613 ext. 225. We've taken some big steps forward in

education as well. This past May we hosted a citizen's strategic planning session at the Old Fire Hall to share new and exciting ideas that will capture the vision citizens have for Ta'an Kwäch'än education. The summary report for this meeting is available on the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council website – www.taان.ca.

In order to ensure that all TKC citizens have the opportunity to offer their input into the TKC Education Strategic Plan, a follow up survey has been created and is also accessible on www.taان.ca. This survey will remain open until October 1, 2015. If you would like to complete a paper copy of this survey, please contact the Education Department. If you prefer to provide your input in person, please call us at 867-668-3613.

In Human Resources, we've increased our capacity within the administration, and we've also taken advantage of many training opportunities for our councilors to be the best representatives that we can be together. At the office, we've had some new hires: Dawna Hope – Manager, Lands, Resources & Heritage; Derek Cooke –

Heritage Technician; Barb Joe – Implementation Official; Heather Griffiths – Case Management Worker; Chantal Genier – Executive Assistant; Damian Kenny – I.T. Desktop Support; Chantelle Blackjack – Heritage Programs Coordinator; Ray Bob – Housing & Infrastructure Labourer; Amanda Taylor – Land Use Planning Coordinator; Phil Emerson – Renewable Resources Technician.

Our custodial service RFP was awarded to Black Ram Contracting a citizen-owned company. Including seasonal and casual, employees of TKC: 50% of all staff are citizens & 76% are First Nations. Congratulations to our people for helping us grow as a government by offering their skills and expertise.

In education, we've had a high success rate and our Health and Education department has indicated that 27 citizens accessed training and 17 citizens are employed full-time, with assistance from Education.

This track record proves that with continuity comes real progress.

We want to continue to increase the well being of the Ta'an Kwäch'än people and provide as much information as possible, giving our citizens access to the resources and programs that will help us flourish as a people.

The Deputy Chief is the Chief's Centre on Health for the Assembly of First Nations Yukon Rep and First Nations Information Governance Centre member, ensuring that Yukon First Nations health needs are heard at the national level. Also,

please see page 26 for information on a new TKC Scholarship opportunity!

Data-collection is a big part of that. The First Nations Information Governance Centre has funded the second part of the Regional Health Survey that will assist with baseline findings – knowledge that will be given back to us after the survey is complete. Please get in touch with the Health and Education Department for more on that.

Our government is successful in ongoing positive relationships with the Yukon Government and the Government of Canada, as well as with First Nation governments. We look forward to more of the same high-level discussions that have resulted in greater prosperity for our people.

Chief Kane recently attended a meeting with Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Bernard Valcourt to discuss a new cabinet directive, which will allow us to be more efficient in the implementation of our Final Agreement.

In implementing our final agreement, we've hired Barb Joe as the implementation official and she's been busy at work updating all the files. See her update on page 7.

Economic Development is hugely important. We are working with Da Daghay Development Corporation to find opportunities. This is exciting news! See their update on page 25.

For Culture, we've put on successful spring and summer camps. The next camp is taking place August 3rd to 7th. Language lessons have occurred on a regular basis. After the summer season,

language lessons will continue on Monday nights starting in September. TKC has re-affirmed our membership within the Southern Tutchone Tribal Council and will be assisting in their re-structuring. Their Annual General Meeting will be held at Helen's Fish Camp on October 3rd-4th – we hope you can make it!

In the areas of Health and Social development, our education strategy was a success and we will now look at revising the post-secondary education policy. We are committed to support students in their academic endeavors.

Accountability and transparency is key. We are working on a Leadership Accountability Law. We are ensuring that all committees have equal representation: which is one person from each traditional family.

We would like to thank the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council citizens for all of their valuable input as well as the TKC Administrative Staff who work so hard every day to ensure our citizen's needs are met on a daily basis. The next general assembly date is set for November 6th-8th, 2015, with the location to be announced.

Shaw Nithan and Happy Harvesting!

Chief Kristina Kane & Deputy Chief Michelle Telep

Health & Education Updates



Health and Wellness Coordinator Roberta Behn and Family Support Worker Stephanie Sullivan gather medicine.

There have been a few developments in the Health and Education Department since the last newsletter:

Health and Wellness

Several very successful events were organized in the past year including a National Family Week Dinner in October, Citizen's Christmas party in December and a Cedar Hat Making Workshop in March. As usual, Roberta Behn's organizational skills and attention to detail ensured that everything went smoothly. Everyone in the Department depends on her knowledge and experience when we are planning activities.

A new Foot Care Program for Elders and Citizens with Diabetes was launched on October 2014. Please

contact Roberta, if you would like to sign up or need more information. Roberta's Traditional Sewing Group continues to meet Wednesday evenings starting at 5pm. This group continues to be very popular and produces many amazing articles of clothing.

Home Care

In December Felicia Gordon joined the team as Auxiliary Home Care Worker. She is called in to work with Patti Boss to help her complete Christmas and Spring Cleaning for Elders. They work well together, ensuring that we are able to fulfill our commitment to the Elders for this service.

Family Support

Stephanie Sullivan was on maternity leave for the past year and just returned to work June 23rd. While she was away, she was replaced by Chantelle Blackjack who hosted several family activities over the fall and winter. One well attended activity was an awesome Halloween Party that she coordinated along with the Education Support Worker. In February Chantelle was the successful applicant for the Heritage Program Coordinator position but continued to provide some coverage for family support. We are happy to have Stephanie back to work and she is looking forward to developing some new programs and activities for families with young children.

Income Assistance

Last summer Gail Anderson came back to the department to provide Income Assistance Intake Services. Gail brings a high standard of professionalism to her work. One of the things she did was to prepare an information booklet for Citizens to answer the most frequently asked questions about Income Assistance. She and would be happy to provide a copy to anyone who requests and it is also posted on the website.

Enhanced Service Delivery

In September, Heather Griffiths took over from Rhonda MacDonald as Case Manager for the Enhanced Service Delivery Program. This program is aimed at helping 18-24 year olds on Income Assistance get into the

workforce and is starting to produce some very encouraging results. Heather is an awesome addition to our team who brings a lot of experience and positive energy. She recently completed her Bachelor of Social Work Degree at Yukon College – congratulations Heather!

Education Support

Education Support Worker Linnea Rudachyk left her position in June. We hope to have a replacement in place by September. Miranda Chitze has been hired on a part-time temporary basis to fill in over the summer. Rest assured that we will work hard to continue to address the needs of all of our students from Kindergarten through Post Secondary and to provide support to those students who need it.

Education and Employment Training

In 2014/15 TKC spent every penny we received from Canada for delivering the ASETS program. Over 80 citizens benefited from this program.

Our awesome Annie Bernard is looking forward to her retirement at the end of the year. In preparation for this, we created a part-time training position for a TKC citizen that could lead to full time employment in this program. We hope to have this training position filled soon.

Education Strategy Retreat

On May 30-31, 2015 the department hosted an Education Strategy Retreat at the Old Fire Hall. Twenty one TKC citizens, plus staff and guests met to discuss their vision for TKC Education and identify priority goals. The results of this meeting will provide the basis for a Strategic Plan for TKC education. The report from this meeting is now available on the TKC website. As a follow up to this meeting, an Education Survey has been created to provide additional

opportunity for citizen input. The link to the survey is also on the website or you can obtain a paper copy from the Education

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TIFFANY ECKERT-MARET
CHARLOTTE KANE
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JACKIE BAZETT

Department. <http://taan.ca/education-strategic-planning/>

Working on Wellness

The department has been very involved in piloting a Workplace Wellness Program, sponsored by CYFN, which was launched in October. This program encourages staff to live healthier lifestyles by eating well, exercising and paying attention to mental wellness, through information sharing and fun activities.

- Lynn Sparks, Health and Education Manager



Enhanced Service Delivery Program

In the fall of 2014 I took over the position of Case Manager for the Enhanced Service Delivery (ESD) program. This program provides assistance to young people (TKC citizens and other First Nation youth) on Income Assistance to help them move into the work-force. Participation is mandatory for the 18-24 year olds on Income Assistance and may soon be expanded to include 25-30 year olds.

I am now fully up to speed on the policies and procedures of the program and am working closely with all the staff in the Health and Education Department. I feel very fortunate to have this position and to work with such a supportive group of women.

Since last fall the number of participants in ESD has increased from 12 to our current number of 36. The program has seen many successes including partnering with some local businesses such as a law firm, hair salon, esthetics studio and daycare to establish 30 day internships which resulted in one participant being hired full time by the law firm and another participant being offered an apprenticeship by the esthetics studio with an anticipated hire date of September 2015. There is also a participant in a full time carpentry apprenticeship that had started as a six week employment opportunity. A number of our participants have taken college courses,

graduated from the Independent Learning Center with their grade 12, taken online safety courses, acquired driver's licenses, and have applied for admission to college programs in the fall of 2015.

One of the most important components of the ESD program is being able to work with participants based on their needs such as finding them safe housing, showing them where they can eat when they have no money, getting medical attention, attending appointments with them, teaching basic life skills or just supporting them in finding a job or navigating the process of applying for school. Whitehorse offers a number of services that can also assist program participants and an important part of my work has been establishing positive working relationships with organizations such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society Yukon, Challenge Employment Services, Skookum Jim Friendship Centre, Yukon Learn, Employment Central and the Independent Learning Centre to name a few. The positive results we have seen in this program are very encouraging. The Health and Education Department would like to offer this type of assistance to any TKC citizens who would want support in figuring out what their employment and career goals are and how best to achieve them. Please contact me for more information if you think you could benefit from this type of service.

Heather Griffiths
Case Manager
Enhanced Service Delivery Program



Implementation of TKC's Final and Self Government Agreements

Programs and Services Transfer Agreement (PSTA):

Section 17 of the TKC Self Government Agreement outlines the process for TKC to assume responsibility, management, administration and delivery of any program or service within the jurisdiction of TKC.

Since TKC's effective date in 2002, TKC has the following PSTAs included in their Financial Transfer Agreement (FTA): Local Government and Services & Facilities, Housing, Community Economic Development, Health and Culture and Language. TKC notified the federal and territorial governments in March 2015 that they would like to focus their energies and resources on the development of negotiations mandates that are helpful in establishing TKC priorities.

The notice letter also informed both governments that previous notification letters identifying programs and services priorities will remain in effect.

In March 2015, three Targeted Health Initiatives - Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative, National Youth Suicide Prevention and Maternal Child Health expired. In March 2016, the Aboriginal Language Initiative will expire. TKC Implementation is in discussions with the federal

government on the status of both PSTAs.

TKC is also doing some exploratory work on the post-secondary PSTA following an Education Strategy Retreat held by TKC on May 30 – 31, 2015. The work will concentrate on matters such as TKC's annual funding allocation for post-secondary education from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANDC), TKC's post-secondary top up funding and growth of TKC Status Indian population. This work is being done in collaboration with TKC's Health & Social Department, Education Commission and Chief and Council. The report outcomes will be used by TKC to determine if it will draw down the post-secondary PSTA.

Administration of Justice Agreement (AJA) Negotiations:

Section 13.6.1 of the TKC Self Government Agreement states: the federal and territorial governments and TKC shall enter into negotiations with a view to concluding an agreement with respect to the administration of TKC justice. The TKC Contractor and Implementation Official have met with the federal and territorial governments on several occa-



sions to chat about their mandates and TKC's plan for the fiscal year 2015/16. TKC has also met with other Self Governing Yukon First Nations who are participating in the AJA negotiations table.

TKC Council approved extending the Interim Justice Provisions for a three year period from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2018. The Interim Justice Provisions, pursuant to section 13.6.6, were set to expire on March 31, 2015.

TKC continues to do some internal research work and preparing for community engagement sessions following a TKC Chief and Council Retreat. TKC Citizens have been appointed by the TKC Chief and Council to a Justice Caucus. The Justice Caucus will undergo training on the AJA file shortly.

TKC will also begin work on customary law and traditional dispute resolution within the next few months. The primary research will focus on Elders' interviews relating to the topic. TKC also hopes to scan secondary research materials at locations such as Yukon Archives.

-- Barb Joe
TKC Implementation Official



Jackfish Bay

TKC has passed a preferential hiring policy so that our Citizens may continue to take pride and ownership in our Self-Government. At this time we employ 34 people on a permanent basis, and 42 at the height of the seasons, with just over 40% meeting this policy benchmark. The goal is to have 60% of your government staffed by TKC Citizens, so let's see what we can do to accomplish this. Within the organization and as part of our staff professional development the following training sessions were well attended by our employees, with a total of 38 participants in the different workshops, conferences and sessions.

The Administrative Assistants Conference had 4 staff in attendance over the three days and engagement and inclusion were big themes of this training opportunity. Indigenous Leadership Management Development Training in partnership with Kwanlin Dun

First Nation, was funded by The Training Policy Committee Trust. This training session, delivered at The House of Learning in Whitehorse, offered a custom curriculum from The Banff Centre to convey the same message for all departments, consistent with the style of management TKC is striving to achieve.

Resiliency Training which was also a part of the partnership training with KDFN for staff and management was facilitated by The Affinities Group out of Calgary, Alberta. This was delivered in two 2 day sessions and the take away brought a stronger focus on where TKC presently is and where TKC may go with the collaborative approach methods that were taught and shared.

The Skills Capacity Workshops, first introduced at the General Assembly last year were delivered between September and November and were coordinated by the Health & Education and

Human Resources Departments. The following sessions were provided by the staff to assist in the TKC Citizen Development of:

1. Navigating the Waters of Employment (Barriers to Employment)
2. Getting Things Done on time (Time Management)
3. Stretching your Money (Money Management)
4. Balancing Work and Social Life
5. Putting your Best Foot Forward (Dress for Success)
6. Résumé/Covering Letter Writing
7. How to Seek and Apply for Employment
8. Interviewing Skills

HR is presently participating along with Barb Joe, TKC Implementation Official on the RPS (Recruitment Public Service) Working Group, to increase employment with the Yukon Government in order that YG fulfills its obligations under Chapter 22 of the UFA. The Yukon First Nation Employment Survey can be found on-line at: <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/yfn-employment-survey/>

Please join us in welcoming:

Derek Cooke joins us with a wealth of experience. He has worked for Parks Canada, historical societies, the Museums of Prince Edward County, the Diefenbunker National Historic Site – Canada's Cold War Museum and as a heritage consultant and artifact appraiser. His interest in and enthusiasm for heritage preservation and presentation has been

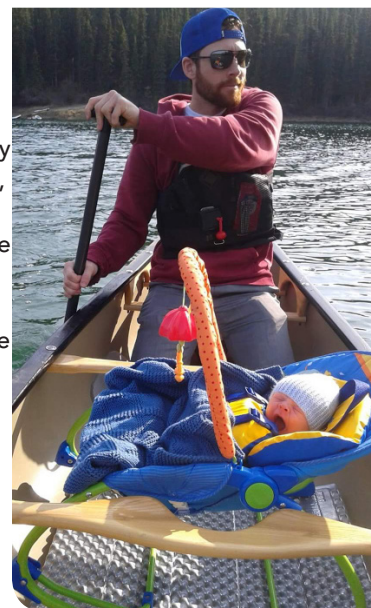


expressed in advocacy work for Interpretation Canada, the Ontario Historical Society Museums Committee, and the National Capital Commission and as Chair of the Ottawa Museum Network. Prior to relocating to the Yukon in 2012, he served on the Board of Directors for "Taste the County," a regional tourism destination marketing collective in Prince Edward County, Ontario. In 2012, Derek worked for Yukon Tourism and Culture as the Manager of the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre before he served as the Heritage and Culture Coordinator at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. In August 2014, he started work with the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department of Ta'an Kwach'an Council. Currently Derek sits as a member of the Yukon Arts Advisory Council and the Yukon First Nations Heritage Working Group. His interests include popular culture, cooking, reading, movies, heritage and experiential tourism as well as community history.

Phil Emerson arrived in the Yukon 10 years ago: "I was working in Fort Nelson and had a 10 day break between contracts. I ended up finding a ride to the Whitehorse with a mushroom picker, his dog, is converted school bus and three friends. The drive is a story in of itself, but when I finally arrived I knew I had found home. After my short visit it took me another 5 years to move back permanently. My first summer here I worked for a local exploration company and was lucky enough to experience beautiful and remote areas of the territory that I would otherwise never have access too. I then took a job at Minto Mine in the Environmental department where I worked for four and a half years.

When I'm not working you can find me fishing in Haines or tromping around the Yukon hiking and canoeing. I love the cold Yukon winters but like to get way during the cold, snowless days of November and search for surfable waves in hot tropical countries.

On May 6th I was blessed with a healthy baby boy (Bennett). This is my first child and it's been an absolute wonderful experience! Life has slowed down a little for me but I am very happy to be home every night and experience all that comes with being a parent."



Amanda Taylor recently moved to Whitehorse from Halifax where she completed her Masters in Land Use Planning at Dalhousie University. Originally from Vancouver, Amanda discovered a passion for First Nations cultures and worked with the coastal First Nations people in Haida Gwaii, Ahousaht, and Campbell River, BC. Amanda quickly fell in love with Whitehorse and can be found rock climbing, cycling, hiking, and running in the many incredible spots the Yukon has to offer.



Danch'ea!

The TKC Youth group has met many times over the past year and we have done quite a few exciting things and we have some awesome things planned in the future.

Since the last newsletter, we have had regular meetings (except over the summer), participated in a variety of activities and we even sent 6 TKC youth to Edmonton for the Dreamcatcher's Youth Conference in October. During the school year, we usually meet every other Thursday, from 6:00-8:00 pm. When we meet, we talk about a variety of issues that are important to youth; we talk about ways TKC youth can participate in our government (for example at Chief and Council meetings) and how our youth can be involved in community organizations like B.Y.T.E., Our Voices, etc.



We have also had visits from TKC elders who share our history and stories. Some of the activities that we have participated in the past year are: bowling; a visit to the RCMP M Division; Sleigh Ride in the winter; movies at the theatre where the youth were could invite their friends; supper at BP's; and we even participated in a Beaver Trapping workshop with Environment Yukon where youth received an engraved Leatherman once they completed the course. Over the summer, we do not have youth meetings, but we will have youth events, like dinner and a movie night, TKC youth participating in the F.A.C. course, drum making, and we will have youth involved in our Culture Camp.

We would love to have more TKC youth come out, earn some \$ and be involved in our government. If you have any questions, suggestions or want to find out when our next event is, call or text me, Tiffany Eckert-Maret at 867-334-2640 or email me at teckert-maret@taan.ca



The TKC youth council are shown during a tour of the RCMP headquarters.





Looking back: Elder Betsy Jackson skinning a hide during a 2006 Culture Camp. (TKC ARCHIVES PHOTO)

What are some of the projects that heritage is working on or assisting with?

Some of the exciting projects that the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department is currently involved with include working with the City of Whitehorse on Interpretive Signage for the Lower Escarpment Trail so that Ta'an heritage can be presented. We are also assisting the Forest Management Branch of the Yukon Government with Interpretive Signage for the Gunnar Nilsson Mickey Lammers Research Forest so that Ta'an heritage information can also be presented on that signage as well. Our participation

in the Yukon First Nations Heritage Working Group is also quite important as we work towards the completion of a Yukon First Nations Heritage Stewardship Guide as well as the implementation of specific Yukon First Nations Heritage Legislation that will assist in increasing our stewardship of cultural heritage resources. These areas are quite important in attaining fulfillment of Chapter 13 obligations. Ta'an Kwach'an continues to be involved with the Yukon Archaeology department as well as other Yukon First Nations with the Ice Patch Archaeology initiative.

What are some ways that citizens

can get involved in the heritage department?

Citizens can get involved with their Heritage Department through a number of ways. We are always interested in obtaining additional genealogical information as well as older photographs, objects and materials that will assist in documenting the Ta'an community and way of life. There is also a need for further recording the histories and stories of Elders. Our Elders today have lived through quite remarkable times from living on the land, the original Ta'an communities on Lake Laberge, traditional hunting, fishing and harvesting,



transportation by steam boats, residential schools, the building of the Alaska Highway, the development of Whitehorse, the signing of Final Agreements and Self-Government. To witness all of those changes and activities is quite amazing! I think that it is truly important that these stories are saved for the future.

Citizens can also get involved in the heritage department by becoming informed and supporting the various projects that we are working on as well as developing an increased awareness of their

mation pertaining to family and community members. Another item that many citizens might find interesting are the transcripts of oral histories provided by Elders. If they are related to a specific Elder, they may find out some interesting family recollections in these oral histories.

What are some of the heritage sites that people can visit if they are interested?

There are a number of extant built heritage sites located

including Shipyard Island, Hootalinqua, and Godard's Point. There are also important heritage sites by Fox Lake and along the Livingstone Trail.

What is most enjoyable about working in heritage at TKC?

Perhaps the most enjoyable thing is that I get to work with a great group of people and I get to work on various projects that will benefit the Ta'an Kwach'an community. Ta'an Kwach'an heritage is quite a rich heritage and I find that I am able to learn new things each day. Heritage preservation and presentation is something that is of importance to our Elders and community members and I'm glad to help out as much as I can.

How can I learn more about the history of Ta'an?

There are a number of ways that one can learn more about the history of Ta'an. Perhaps the best way to learn more is to talk to the Elders and listen to their stories about growing up on traditional territory and the various ways that families would hunt, fish, trap and harvest. There are a number of informative books that are worth looking at including: "My Old People's Stories" by Catharine McClellan, "Dashaw Ts'an Kwandur: Stories From Our Elders" by Nakhela (Hazel) Bunbury, "Whitehorse: An Illustrated History" by Helene Dobrowolsky and Linda Johnson, and "Ta'an Kwach'an: People of the Lake" by Ruth Gotthardt, Yukon Heritage Branch. The Yukon Archives has some earlier photographs including "Laberge People 1894," which is thought to be one of the first photographs ever taken in that area.



From the TKC Archives: Elder Gail Anderson, granddaughter Brittney Telep and Councilor Nicole Smith

heritage.

I want to learn more about my family...can the heritage department help me with that?

We do have some genealogical records associated with the Ta'an Kwach'an families, however they are not fully completed. This is one specific area that citizens can assist the Heritage Department through providing updated infor-

throughout the Ta'an traditional territory. The majority of the sites are not easily accessible and often require permissions if the site is associated with a particular family. One interesting site is the Old Village located on the eastern shore of Lake Laberge. Other interesting sites are only accessible by boat and are located at various places along the 30 Mile

August

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2	3 Culture Camp Helen's Fish Camp. Contact: Chantelle Blackjack	4 Culture Camp Helen's Fish Camp	5 Culture Camp Helen's Fish Camp	6 Culture Camp Helen's Fish Camp	7 Culture Camp Helen's Fish Camp	8
9	10	11	12 Lands Bill Public Meeting 6pm-9pm Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre	13	14	15
16	17 Discovery Day Office Closed	18	19 Traditional women's sewing 5 to 8:30pm	20 Nominations open for Chief and Deputy Chief	21	22
23	24	25	26 Traditional women's sewing 5 to 8:30pm	27	28	29

September

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30	31	1	2 Traditional women's sewing 5 to 8:30pm	3	4 Nominations close for Chief and Deputy Chief	5
6	7 Labour Day Office Closed	8	9 Traditional women's sewing 5 to 8:30pm	10	11	12
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October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Deadline to submit Education Surveys on TKC website	2	3 Southern Tutchone Tribal Council G.A. at Helen's
4	5	6	7 Traditional women's sewing 5 to 8:30pm Health Centre	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day	13	14 Traditional women's sewing 5 to 8:30pm Health Centre	15	16	17
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We are on Facebook!

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council can be found online at www.facebook.com/taankwachancouncil.

The TKC Facebook page and website will be kept up-to-date with current info about coming events and other matters. Please also watch for updates on our online calendar which can be found at www.taana.ca/events/.

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council 2015 Elections:

Submitted by: Fred Koe, Chair of the Elections Committee

TKC has set the election date for the Chief and Deputy Chief on October 19, 2015.

TKC also appointed an Elections Committee to oversee this election. The Elections Committee is composed of Fred Koe, Candice Menzi and Edward Duru. The Elections Committee is currently working on recruiting a Chief Returning Officer and trying to get an elections administrative office set up.

The 2015 Elections will be conducted following the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council's Election Act approved in June 2007.

For further information please refer to the 2015 Elections sections on the TKC website. You can also contact Fred Koe at:

H: 867-393-1927

C:867-445-7913

email: koescs@theedge.ca



Traditional Knowledge Spring Camp: How we survived long ago.

Spring camp 2015 was held at Helen's Camp. The camp focused on Southern Tutchone Ta'an dialect lessons, and had other traditional activities such as: brush camp, eagle feather snares, fish net setting, traditional hand games with drumming and a game taught by Ta'an elder to teach the youth to be quiet and to use their

senses while out on the land.

There was a community lunch hosted on a Thursday afternoon, which was very well attended with approximately 80 people from the community in attendance, the fish caught in the net was cooked and given out to the Elders in the community and children's families. The camp had 20 registered participants, 13 female and 7 male ranging in age from 8-15. The camp provided employment opportunities to 3 youth leaders. A big thank you to TKC elders who participated in the camp and shared their traditional knowledge and a very big thank you to the youth that participated. Summer Culture Camp planning has started please watch for postings and updates.







From the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department

Draft Fox Lake Local Area Plan

Citizens have had two opportunities so far to provide input into the future use of the Fox Lake area:

The Fox Lake Local Area Plan will guide future land use and development in the planning area that is compatible with existing land uses and activities and is aligned with residents' values. The planning area is within Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Kwanlin Dün First Nation traditional territory and overlaps with the traditional

territory of the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation and Champagne and Aishihik First Nation. Yukon Government, TKC, and KDFN are undertaking a joint planning process to develop this plan. Planning is being carried out according to the Ta'an Kwäch'än and Kwanlin Dün Self-Government Agreements.

Plan goals include: Promote coordinated land use on First Nations, YG land, and private lands; Understand and consider First Nations

Upcoming:
hide tanning workshop
'Our Eyes on The Land' wildlife monitors



Dawna Hope, Lands Resources and Heritage Manager



land values; Achieve safe, healthy, and orderly development; Share information, knowledge, and technical expertise; Maintain and improve the quality, compatibility, and use of the physical and natural environment; Minimize land use conflicts between and within Settlement and non-Settlement Land

Draft plan available at:
<http://taan.ca/draft-fox-lake-local-area-plan/>

Please send comments and/or questions regarding the draft plan to: Amanda Taylor, Land Use Planning Coordinator
 Email: ataylor@taan.ca Phone: 867-668-3613 ext. 285



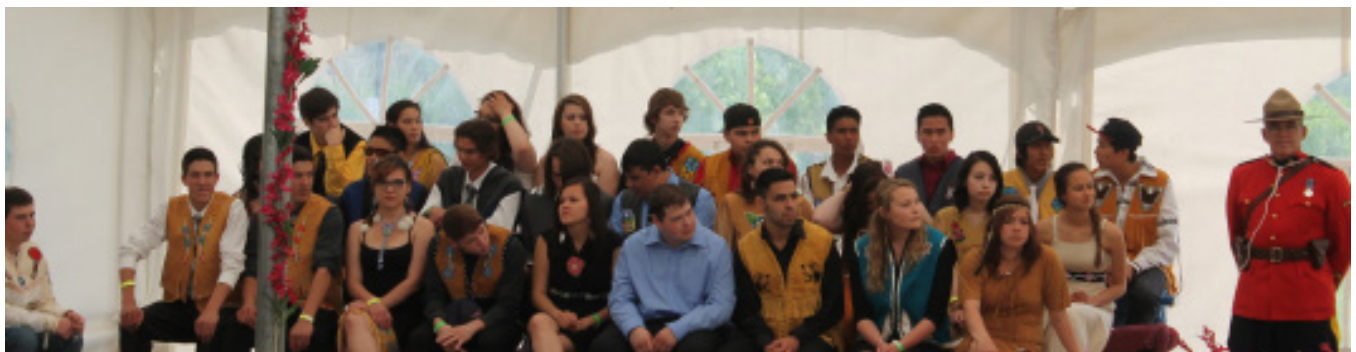
Please note: the proposed Ta'an Kwäch'än Community Lands Bill 2014-1. This Bill was given first reading by the TKC Council on February 17, 2014. The Bill must go through two more readings and the review and approval

of the Elders Council before it becomes law for TKC. The Council appointed a special committee of citizens from the Traditional Families. On July 22, 2014, the Special Committee was mandated to conduct an assessment of the Community Lands Bill 2014-1 and to solicit Ta'an Kwäch'än Council citizens' views by way of public hearings and additional public consultations as required in order to produce a report of their findings and recommendations for the Council by January 31, 2015. There was a public hearing set for July 29, 2015.



TKC Congratulates its 2015 high school graduates!





Elder's Council

The Elder's Council has been quite busy over the past while!

Some of the things we've been working on are: reviewing legislation including the Community Lands Act, and the Elections Act, making recommendations to Council. We've also recently established the Traditional Knowledge Committee. The Elder's Council has also been working on rules and regulations for its council.

We've welcomed our new chair, Shirley Adamson.

Useful knowledge for Elders to know is that there is an Elders Fuel Subsidy Policy. This policy allows for a subsidy for permanent residents on an annual basis from April 1

through to March 31. More information and application forms are available at the TKC office. The Elder's Council would like to encourage all elders to be active and make use of the Canada Games passes. There is also free foot-care available to elders, through the Health and Education Department.

In terms of notable TKC updates, there is now someone working in enrolment, Will Jones. Earlier this year, there was a beaver-trap-ping workshop with the Youth Council. The Elder's Council has

Elder Shirley Adamson speaks at the Adaka Festival this past July.



also been working on Board training.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Elder's Council.

Deputy Chief Michelle Telep presents Elder Frances Woolsey with a gift for all of the years she's served as Chair of the TKC Elder's Council.



Ta'an Kwäch'än Carver

Jared Kane, Crow Clan from Whitehorse makes masks, paddles, paintings and panels. He obtained a diploma in Fine Arts from the Freda Diesing School of Northwest Art. Jared is from the Chief Jim Boss Family. We spoke to him about his recent trip to Vancouver to show his carvings and mentor other carvers.

TKC: What's it like being in that mentorship role?

JK: it's hard, because I started in 2006 in this program as a beginner carver, and now I'm almost ten years carving. Being an artist, you're still learning every day something new, doing this art for that long, it's hard to explain the feeling. It's my every day job. I'm one of the few people who can say I have a pretty awesome job. And I can teach us well.

TKC: What would be your advice to any Ta'an youth?

JK: Just follow what your heart wants. You're going to go through those rough times but the sky is the limit, you can push through anything, it's just a lot of hard work and dedication, and if your heart wants to do that accomplishment, then you should have no problem pushing through it.

TKC: So where do you get your inspiration?

JK: I like to do a lot of research. I like to look in books for old Tlingit teachings. I like to look at old stuff and look at the galleries and just check out what people are doing...sometimes it just comes to me, for example when I



am about to start carving a mask or something, I look at the black wood and visualize what I can do with this piece. Sometimes it just comes...I look up to my teachers. Design work can be kind of tricky sometimes. Now, I can design just by looking at a panel or a circle or something.

TKC: And does it change throughout the process?

JK: yes...when you draw that first part, when you look at it something might change and you might change your mind about this and change that and it evolves into something else. That's the cool part about being an artist because there's no limit.

TKC: Carving with the kids and

stuff like that...is it a neat experience for you seeing little kids wanting to learn how to carve?

JK: Well, that's the one main thing I love about my job is that I get to teach my younger generation. When I was growing up there was no one teaching Native art when I was young. So for me, it's awesome to see young people [doing it]. I do a lot of teaching in the school as well. I teach at Elijah Smith Elementary where I went to school from Kindergarten to grade 7, so I've been teaching there for the last five years. Sometimes the kids come to school just to carve. But at the end of the year, the principal will tell me that their marks went up because of carving, because they got more focused. It's cool to see that.

TKC wishes to congratulate Coralee Johns on her acceptance for the full-time 3 semester Lands & Resources Management Diploma Program!



Damian Kenny, born and raised in Stoke-on-Trent, England and Educated at Manchester University, is an IT specialist that spent most of his youth and early adulthood heavily involved with the development and improvement of the use of technology in the workplace for companies such as Toyota. Leaving England soon after that, Damian then spent the next few years travelling the Globe, observing how different cultures use the new and developing technology's surrounding them. Arriving in Montreal in 2001 and spending more than a year exploring Canada, Damian became awestruck by Yukon's untouched wilderness, amazing wildlife and diverse cultures and found his home, wife and new life here in Whitehorse. Damian has been actively involved in the music scene since arriving in 2003 ,volunteering his time and knowledge of technology and music to the youth of Whitehorse. Since gaining his residency in 2007 Damian has been employed at 2 very reputable local companies including 6 years at a local survey company and now is honoured to be part of the Ta'an Kwach'an Council since December 2014.



My name is Chantelle Blackjack, I am from the Crow clan and my Dun name is Kezhia, I am northern Tutchone from The Little Salmon Carmacks First Nations, my parents are Leta Blackjack and Mike Vance; I am the granddaughter of the Late Roddy and Bessie Blackjack. I was hired in June of 2014, as the Family Support Worker on a year term position with Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, I applied on the Heritage Program Coordinator position, respecting the importance that Ta'an Kwäch'än places on culture and heritage which mirror my own background. When I studied to become a teacher I now know that this was the teachings I was meant to be a service facilitator for. I am happy to be working with TKC and have been very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to work with the people of Ta'an J I look forward to creating cultural programming that facilitates the transfer of Ta'an traditional knowledge, culture and language to be passed down to their younger generations.

DA DAGHAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE



Message from General Manager:

The Dev Corp has accomplished a lot since the last newsletter. We rebranded ourselves from 12028 Yukon Inc. to Da Daghay Development Corporation (DDDC). Our website up and running. www.dadaghay.ca A big thank you

to William Jones for all your hard work!

We reported at the Annual General Assembly last summer and received a warm welcome on the progress being made. Since then, the Board presented at the Annual Shareholder Meeting, which was early this year. I would like to thank our Board of Directors for all their hard work and support during the last year.

We are now working with the Shareholders to provide economic housing options for TKC citizens.

With support from Chief and Council, we have obtained lease agreement on the Riverdale Lot (C-64B/D) and the Tank Farm (C-30B). We will continue to look at economic opportunities on these parcels by working with the Da Daghay Advisory Committee, which consists of TKC citizens.

Please visit our website www.dadaghay.ca

CHINOOK SALMON UPDATE:

“Notwithstanding the relaxation of the prohibition on retention of mainstem Yukon River Chinook salmon in First Nation subsistence fisheries, and in respect of the sustained decline of Chinook salmon stocks over the past 15 years, implementation of the following measures in First Nation subsistence fisheries is strongly recommended:

- **Gill nets with a mesh size of 6” or less should be used to avoid targeting of large Chinook salmon.** The majority of large Chinook salmon are typically female and allowing these fish to reach their spawning grounds will promote the recovery of the stock and healthy returns in the future.
- **Harvest of Chinook salmon should be limited to approximately 10% of normal subsistence needs to respect the current period of salmon conservation on the Yukon River.** Although a small number of Chinook salmon are available for harvest in First Nation subsistence fisheries, the total number of Chinook salmon projected to return to Canada is still well below historical levels.”

TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL and YUKON ENERGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Background:

Yukon Energy signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council (TKC) in 2014. Under this agreement TKC and YE have partnered to offer TKC citizens an opportunity to apply for scholarships (2015-16) under the following categories:

- (2) scholarships in the amount of \$250.00 each for TKC citizens graduating from high school in 2016
- (3) Scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each for TKC citizens attending a post-secondary institution with an interest in Language, Culture, and Heritage, or in Land-Based activity.

Who may apply?

- TKC citizens graduating from high school in 2016
- TKC citizens attending a post-secondary institution with an interest in Language, Culture, and Heritage, or in Land-Based activity.

How does the selection process work?

High School Graduates

The Education Commission will select two youth based on their leadership qualities in language, culture, and heritage, or in land based activity.

Post-Secondary students

- The Education Commission will select three TKC citizens who are attending an accredited post-secondary institution in 2015/16 school year and outline their institution with an interest in Language, Culture, and Heritage, or in Land Based activity.

How can I apply?

Interested applicants may submit a 250 word essay outlining their interest in Language, Culture, and Heritage, or in Land-Based activity.

[For more information or to submit your application please contact:](#)

TKC Health Department

Attention: TKC Education Commission

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In Housing News: The Dock at Helen's Fish Camp has been replaced, and we are currently working to make the Gaezbo bigger. The Housing Committee has reviewed and revised section 7 of the Housing Policy, and are now waiting for legal review and final approval by Council. We are also working to improve the parking at the main TKC administration office. General maintenance and repairs are ongoing. Also, the Yukon Housing Corporation has a rental subsidy program that aims to help families with children to better afford private market rentals by offering direct rental housing allowances. Please see the Yukon Housing Corporation website for details and contact info on the program and eligibility.

HOUSING COMMITTEE:
DIANE GRAHAM
ROBERTA AUSTON
RICHARD JONES
LEANNE GEDDES
CHARLENE BURNS



Hello my name is William Jones I am the new Enrolment Coordinator at Ta'an. I have been working on updating the citizenship mailing addresses in Ta'an's Citizen Database. The steps that have been jointly take by Enrolment and I.T. has been to place a form for citizens to fill out at their leisure to help me to update addresses and email addresses. I hope to do the best that I can as the new Enrollment Coordinator.



Chief Kristina Kane in Ottawa at a Land Claims Coalition Event.

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dimbät (I am hungry)
dunèn (child)
el (salt)
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gyü (king salmon)
jenichèl (I,,m going to sleep)
khànay (moose)

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kwälak'ü (five)
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Do you have any questions, concerns or requests? We would like to hear from you.

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