

# **Moving Forward**

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Summer 2016
Newsletter

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# Message from the Chief & Deputy Chief

Dännach'a!

There are many exciting opportunities that we have been pursuing for our First Nation. It is a time of great change with our new Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberal government. Further, with the upcoming territorial election, we are committed to ensuring that the interests of our First Nation are represented in the party platforms.

We are building many new relationships which contribute to the integration of our government in a diversity of projects. This is integral to making change in our community. In November we were excited to announce that we are partnering with the Da Daghay Development Corporation (DDDC), as well as



Chief Kane with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

with the Yukon government, to build affordable housing units in the Whistle Bend subdivision. The construction of the 42-unit complex, called River Bend, will feature one-to-three bedroom apartments built to Super Green standards.

The announcement was a proud moment for TKC and a prime example of positive results that can be achieved through collaboration between governments and the private sector. The project will create new jobs for TKC citizens in addition to providing skill transfer and mentorship opportunities. See p. 17 for more information about the Da Daghay Development Corporation's latest projects.

In March we were really pleased to be a part of the Community Workshops that were hosted at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. See p. 4 for more information about that event.

We can feel a strong, positive momentum in our community. We hope to see that regular sessions are hosted where we can all come together to build an incredible foundation, which will impact the future of our First Nation. This work is important in order to continue the path of our elders and their commitment to bringing this First

Nation to where it is today, self-governing. Our strength is continuing to grow and the only way to leave a strong First Nation for our youth to lead is to come together, harmonious, for our future.

Another crucial part of building the strength of TKC is the creation of our own laws. The Community Lands Act is currently in Second Reading. TKC Chief and Council is integrating feedback and working hard to ensure that this legislation reflects the needs of our citizens. The Draft Community Lands Act will only encompass land within Whitehorse City limits.

This legislation will empower citizens with the ability to obtain leases on TKC Settlement Land inside Whitehorse City limits. It will also allow for further economic development opportunities in an era of continued economic growth. Please visit our website to view the Draft Community Lands Act.

We are looking forward to attending the upcoming Southern Tutchone Tribal Council (STTC) Gathering on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Helen's Fish Camp. The event will feature a variety of traditional games for the whole family. It will serve as a great opportunity to build connections with the Southern Tutchone Tribal Council members and strengthen our culture, language and heritage. We hope to see many of you there!

We were also excited to spend time with you at our own community event, the TKC Family and Father's Day BBQ at Robert Service Campground on June 16th. There were activities for the whole family. It was great to celebrate by the river and kick off the summer together.

We are also proud to be a host of Cando's 23rd Annual National Conference & AGM. This event will take place October 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Whitehorse at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. Cando was developed with the mission "to build capacity



(left) and Gilbert J. Terrance Jr. (right) during a visit to the Akwesasne Mohawk Justice Department in March



Chief Kane with Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development

which strengthens Aboriginal economies by providing programs and services to Aboriginal EDOs (Economic Development Officers)." As a host of this conference, we are part of shaping the event and ensuring that TKC citizens have the opportunity to participate and learn new skills and knowledge from the speakers at the conference as well as build connections. After the conference we hope to continue to explore avenues through which citizens can become trained Economic Development Officers, contributing to the expanding opportunities for our First Nation.

We'd like to thank the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council citizens for all of their valuable input as well as the TKC administrative staff that work so hard on a daily basis to ensure our citizens' needs are met. We wish you an adventurous summer and prosperous harvesting season.

Respectfully,

Chief Kristina Kane & Deputy Chief Michelle Telep

## Reconnecting with Our Past—Reaffirming Our Future

On March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> over 60 TKC citizens came together at "Reconnecting with Our Past – Reaffirming Our Future." Dr. Lee Brown and Mark Wedge shared many stories related to community unity, healing and how to leave the past behind in order to move forward. The community, including many youth and elders, shared their stories in small groups, with a focus on these topics. Everyone attending agreed that the development of a community vision is the next step, including regular workshops.



**Rising Sun Drummers** 

During the final reflection circle people expressed their hope for their future of TKC including:

- Gratitude for contributions from the youth
- A desire to move together in the same direction
- The feeling of now having more tools in the toolbox
- The power of our citizens
- Excitement about the potential outcomes
- That there is "a good shift in the wind"

At the end, a brief ceremony was held encouraging people to write down things they are personally prepared to leave behind in order to move forward. The papers were then placed in a box in the centre of the circle and later burned.

Following the end of the workshops, TKC citizens and special guests provided dinner and entertainment.

A report will be available on the website by July 1. The next workshops are set to take place later this summer, so stay tuned at www.taan.ca for more information and dates.



Grandma Sarah



Mark Rutledge

## **Mohawk Nations visited for Justice Research**

With our self-government agreement, we are able to negotiate an Administration of Justice Agreement between Canada, Yukon and TKC, allowing our First Nation to run its own justice system. One of the first

steps in this project is to learn from other justice system models that have been successfully developed in other parts of the Yukon and beyond. In March, a delegation of TKC citizens and staff travelled to the communities of the Mohawks of Akwesasne and the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke. Both of these First Nations have been able to develop Justice systems. We learned about many segments of their systems including:

- Community decision-making processes
- Courts and Justices of the Peace
- The incorporation of traditional knowledge
- Law enforcement within their communities
- Legislation development
- Restorative justice and mediation

We were able to share our knowledge of selfgovernment, as neither of these communities have



Ta'an Kwach'an Council Justice Caucus along with council members, youth and Elders.

negotiated an agreement yet. It was an important opportunity to share culture, knowledge of governance and build relationships that will continue developing in the future.

# **Oral History Project Update**

Two Oral History Researchers, Lea Anne Geddes and Felicia Gordon, were hired in January to record oral histories with Elders and to conduct archival research at the Yukon Archives and TKC Archives. The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council *Customary Justice Research Project* is part of the TKC Administration of Justice negotiations. Project Coordinator Barb Joe and Community Justice Coordinator Shawna Smith were working with Research Mentors Lori Eastmure and Linda Johnson to guide the research phase of the pro-



ject. The recorded stories and archival research will provide background for future TKC justice initiatives to incorporate customary or traditional ideas and practices into future TKC justice programs as appropriate to today's community. Eastmure and Johnson conducted a series of intensive orientation and training sessions with the researchers on archival research and oral history theory, methodologies, ethics and practical realities. Following their training, Lea Anne and Felicia interviewed three TKC Elders with plans to continue recording ad-

ditional Elders as funding is available. All the interviews were recorded on digital recorders and transcribed and are being preserved as part of the TKC Justice Project. The archival collections at the National Museum of Canadian History in Gatineau was also reviewed. Copies of interviews and research conducted in the Yukon in past decades by Catharine McClellan and Julie Cruikshank were obtained. This material is available at the TKC Office for community members who want to explore TKC's history!

The Lands Department has been very busy over the last year! Here is a quick look into the Salmon Restoration Project

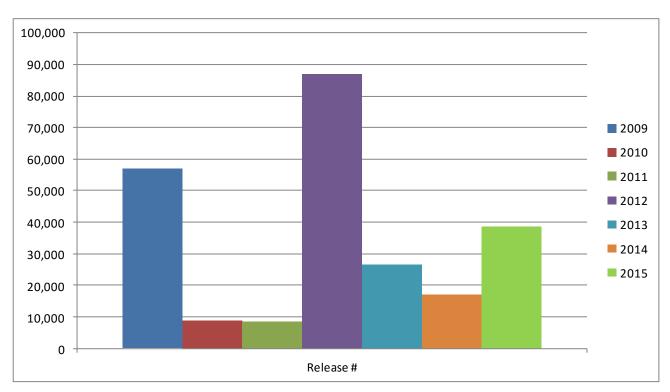
# Fox Creek Salmon Restoration - 2015 Summary

# Fox Creek Salmon Fry Release

Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015
Transport and release of 15,100 Chinook salmon fry out of the McIntyre Creek Hatchery.

<u>Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015</u> Transport and release of 23,477 Chinook salmon fry out of the McIntyre Creek Hatchery, 2 mortalities.

# **Chinook Salmon released from** 2009-2015



**244,108 To Date** 

Adult Chinook salmon returned to Fox Creek last season. They were observed daily from August 11 to 31, 2015. A maximum of 20 were observed on August 18, 2015. Biological samples were taken from three carcasses.

On July 28, 2015 a fish habitat stream survey of the central portion of the creek from the bridge toward the mouth was completed. Stream reaches were recorded and photographed. Areas of adequate Chinook salmon rearing and spawning habitat were observed, recorded, photographed and geo-referenced. At later dates the lower portion of the stream from this end point to the mouth was also surveyed for salmon habitat

## Stream Stage:

♦ Stream Gauging

## Water Quality:

- Data Loggers to be placed at each of the stations to measure temperature on the hour.
- ♦ Biological Sampling of Juveniles:
  - \* Four juvenile sampling stations to be developed
  - \* Sampling juveniles mid May to determine overwintering success using standardized methodology
  - \* Immediately prior to release
  - \* One month after release and monthly thereafter

Enumeration Monitoring and Sampling of Returning Adults

Trail access to the lower reaches of the creek were completed.

Date	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4
June 17, 2015	No Chinook at this location. Only two Slimy Sculpin.	20 Chinook Salmon at 2.4 g average weight and 61.4 mm average length; no adipose fins. One Slimy Sculpin.	No Chinook at this location. Only five Slimy Sculpin.	One Chinook Salmon at 1.9 g weight and 58 mm length with adipose fin. Two Slimy Sculpin, two suckers and two Burbot.
July 28, 2015	No Chinook at this location. Only two Slimy Sculpin.	93 Chinook Salmon at 2.0 g average weight and 59.6 mm average length. One salmon with adipose fin. Four Slimy Sculpin	Two Chinook Salmon at 5.5 g average weight and 79.5 mm average length. Both salmon with adipose fin. Five Slimy Sculpin.	14 Chinook Salmon at 3.3 g average weight and 70.6 mm average length. All salmon with adipose fins.
September 3, 2015	No Fish	68 Chinook Salmon at 66.7 mm average length. Note: no weight taken.	One Chinook Salmon at 88 mm length with adipose fin. Note: no weight taken.	No Fish
September 29, 2015	No Chinook at this location. Only two Slimy Sculpin.	66 Chinook Salmon at 2.7 g average weight and 73.5 mm average length. One salmon with adipose fin. Note: baggie was used to weigh salmon and average wet/dry weight of baggie 1.6 g was deducted from average weight of fry.	Two Chinook Salmon at 5.4 g average weight and 88.5 mm average length. One salmon with adipose fin. Note: baggie was used to weigh salmon and average wet/dry weight of baggie 1.6 g was deducted from average weight of fry. One Slimy Sculpin.	Six Chinook Salmon at 6.0 g average weight and 85.3 mm average length. All salmon with adipose fins. Note: baggie was used to weigh salmon and average wet/dry weight of baggie 1.6 g was deducted from average weight of fry.

# **Health & Education Update**

## **Health & Education Staff**

Lynn Sparks – Manager

**Roberta Behn** – Health and Wellness Coordinator

Patti Boss - Home Care Worker

**Stephanie Sullivan** – Family Support Worker

Gail Anderson – Income Assistance Intake Worker

**Heather Griffiths** – Case Manager – Enhanced Service Delivery Program

Raelina Jobin - Education and Employment

**Training Coordinator** 

Jessica Bryant – Education Support Worker

Nicole Smith – Youth coordinator

**Geraldine Irvine** – (Administration Staff) - Receptionist

think about all that I have learned in my position. What a journey! I leave knowing that I have planted many seeds to grow, but I also k now that the planting has gone both ways. There have been so many memorable moments that we have shared and stories that we have created. I look forward to carrying those memories with me. Thank you for being a part of my journey! I'd like to wish all the staff and Ta'an citizens a successful, prosperous and AWESOME future!"

Raelina started on April 18, 2016. She's been quick to pick up where Annie left off. She's busy looking at new ways to expand the services TKC can offer to citizens seeking employment—another great addition to the team. In May

**Staff News** 

Jessica and Raelina are our newest staff member. Jessica started on

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> and we are delighted to have her. She is hard-working, enthusiastic and a great team player. Annie Bernard, Education and Employment Training Coordinator, retired at the end of March and is looking forward to new adventures. We will miss her good humour and positive attitude.

"Thank you for the many opportunities that have been provided to me during six years here with the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. I have grown professionally and personally,

but now it's time to leave in a positive manner. As I look back over the past six years, I



Annie Bernard

2016, Nicole Smith was moved to Health & Education from the Administration department. Welcome to the team Nicole!

# **Events since the last newsletter**

A Halloween Party was held at the Health Building on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Jessica and Stephanie took the lead on this and did an amazing job of organizing the event and decorating the build-

ing. Fifty to sixty people attended. The Citizen's Christmas Party was held at Hellaby Hall on December 1<sup>st</sup>. As usual, Roberta Behn was the master organizer for this event, which was a huge success. Over 100 people were there and everyone had a great time. Our apologies for the tight space but this was the only suitable central location available on the chosen date. This year, we should be back at the United Church which will give us a little more breathing room. Christmas Hampers were provided to all Citizens on Income Assistance.

A family retreat at Xhastin's Healing Journey was hosted on March 19-20, 2016.

# **Health & Education Update**

A walking challenge under the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiatives and Working on Wellness Program began on Feb. 6th. A total of 134 citizens and staff registered to participate. Everyone received a pedometer and calendar to track their steps. Citizens were also supplied with running shoes. You can find the complete list of winners on our website, www.taan.ca.

During the Education Strategy Retreat held May 30-31, 2015, the TKC community provided feedback to the Education department on how to improve education programming. Following the May meeting, the TKC Education



Commission and Education Department began meeting regularly to move forward on these issues. This is what has been accomplished to date:

- On Nov. 3, 2015, Chief and Council agreed to "de-activate" the Education Top-Up Policy and add the \$270 Living Allowance top up to the Living Allowance rates contained in the Post-Secondary Student Support Program Policy, until such time as living allowance rates are updated. Student no longer need to complete the Top-Up application to receive this benefit.
- Chief and Council agreed to enter into negotiations with the federal government to assume responsibility for federal post-secondary education programs. This will lead to a more stable funding base for TKC Education and allow for greater flexibility on how those funds are spent.
- Chief and Council gave a mandate to the TKC Education Commission and Education Department to work together on Education policy issues and to develop a strategic plan for education.
- The Post-Secondary policy is being revised and the Education Policy Manual Framework is under development.

TKC is currently supporting 15 TKC Citizens in furthering their education – 14 under the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and one under the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS). The deadline for Fall 2016 studies is July 15.



The **traditional sewing group** continues to meet every Wednesday evenings at 5 p.m. and is as popular as ever.

104 TKC citizens accessed **Canada Games Centre** passes from Oct. 2015 to April 2016. Passes are not available during the summer months (except for Elders).

**Pre/Post natal support**: pregnant women and new mothers are eligible for \$75 monthly nutrition support—contact Stephanie (ssullivan@taan.ca)

The Enhanced Service Delivery Program has seen some impressive success stories over the past 18 months. Although the program is designed to move young people aged 18-24 from income assistance into the work force, Heather (hgriffiths@taan.ca) is available to meet with any TKC Citizen who'd like support in determining or reaching their career goals.

Stephanie has been working intensively with a number of citizens with complex needs under the **Federal Support Program**. Several of her clients have made significant progress towards healthier lifestyles.

# Youth Update

Dzenu Shäwkwäthän, Tù shät k'è ùye, Good day, my name is Tù shät k'è. I began working as the Youth Coordinator on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. I have always believed in doing the right thing by living and teaching our belief as Taa'an Dun.

I have worked with First Nation Governments for 25 years. I've sat on many committees and councils of TKC since I was a young teenager. I have always advocated for FN youth rights to have a place within our FN governments.

When I began working for TKC youth Council I was ecstatic! I could now teach our youth what I know about our government and the work I have done within the many tiers of our Yukon FN Governments and traditional ways. I have watched my own two teenagers being involved with the youth group over the last year with enthusiasm and excitement for learning new



things within our Government. The TKC youth are learning by asking questions about how TKC conducts its business and being involved in community activities and workshops. This makes them happy.

I know through my many years of working at TKC that we began discussing having our own youth council learn about our ways so that they may one day become TKC leaders. That is my ultimate goal and learning outcome for this council. The more they learn about us as a people the more we are shaping them into the leaders of tomorrow. This methodology comes from my teaching experience.

Now, I am actively writing proposals to gain further funding. I'm also working on a proposal to get the TKC community garden going this year.

What have TKC youth been up to? We've conducted bi-weekly meetings at the TKC offices, organized activities such as bowling and beaver trapping workshops, attended conferences, practiced learning the Southern Tutchone language and networked with neighboring youth organizations.

If you are between 14-29 years old and would like to get involved, please contact me at <u>nismith@taan.ca</u> by phone 867-334-2640 or any time on Facebook.

Shaw nithan, Nicole Smith

# Heritage Spring/Summer Camp 2016



Spring Camp was held from March 14-17 this year.

Thirteen children were registered. TKC staff planned Spring Camp with the guidance of two Elders; a very big thank you to Barbara Hare and Bill Bruton for volunteering their time in assisting TKC staff in planning the Spring Camp.

The camp was based out of the main office with a variety of day trips; dog sledding with Sky High Wilderness, a tour of the Beringia Centre, a tour of the Macintyre Creek Salmon Incubation Facility and learning about the history of TKC involvement in the Salmon restoration with the Fox Creek project.

Night hooks, nets and a wall tent were set out at Fox Lake. Thank you to Norman Adamson, John Burdek, Jonothan Burdek and our Youth Leaders Kara Sweeney, Stewart Tizya, Austin Smith and Charissa Tizya, as well as the cooks Charlene Burns and Charlotte Kane!





Summer Camp 2016, a family cultural retreat, is tentatively booked at Helens Camp for Aug. 8-12.

# **Accomplishments**



Congratulations to Dakota Masson for making it onto the Honour Roll this year. Dakota will be graduating from Notre Dame High School in Calgary, Alberta this June.

Congratulations to one of our post-secondary students, Alysha Kufeldt, for making it onto the Dean's List at Trinity Western University in Vancouver, B.C.

Caroline Grady has graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, with a major in English Literature & Psychology and a minor in Indigenous Studies. Caroline has also been accepted into Law School at the University of Victoria this fall. Congratulations, Caroline! We are so proud of you!

Chelsea Duncan has graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science Degree, with a major in Psychology and a minor in Biological Sciences. Chelsea also participated in a Student Exchange Program at the University of Dundee in Scotland this past semester. Welcome home, Chelsea and congratulations on your accomplishment!

Another of our post-secondary students, Thalia Hare, has earned a place on the Applied Arts Dean's List for her excellent academic performance during the Winter 2016 term. She was completing courses in the Liberal Arts Program at Yukon College in preparation for her Bachelor of Social Work Program this fall.

Congratulations to Aberdeen Broeren, who was awarded a Professional Esthetics & Spa Therapist Diploma from Blanche MacDonald Centre in Vancouver, B.C., and to Bev Miller, who was awarded a Restorative Justice Certificate from Simon Fraser University.

Congratulations to Kadin Hare for winning gold and Most Valuable Player for Handgames during the 2016 Arctic Winter Games in Nuuk, Greenland this past March.

Congratulations to Jessica Jacobs and family on the arrival of their new baby boy in January 2016!



We are very happy and proud to announce that Emerelda Moses has been sober for one year! Way to go Emmy! You have come such a long way in one year, you are a shining star! Emerelda says, "It is so worth it and it just keeps getting better!"



# Raelina Jobin Education & Employment Officer rjobin@taan.ca



I would like to introduce myself as the new Education and Employment Training Coordinator. I've called the Yukon home since '88 and have made a Ta'an family with Richie Peters. I don't mind going the extra mile to help individuals become more self-sufficient and achieve their employment goals, as long as I am travelling with you in the journey and you're not at it alone. I have previously worked with assisting people into employment and training with KDFN and YAWC and am dedicated to making a positive impact within Ta'an and its Citizens.

Please come visit me and find out what ASETS can do for you to get you:

- Short-term training for career development, skill enhancement
- Tuition & related costs coverage for educational training
- Resume, Cover letter & Job Application assistance
- ♦ Employment training
- On-the-job disability related supports
- ♦ Childcare to return to work
- ♦ Self-employed
- ♦ Work gear
- An Action Plan to focus on your path to becoming/staying employed

# <u>Jessica Bryant</u> <u>Education Support Worker</u> jbryant@taan.ca



I would like to introduce myself, Jessica Bryant, as your new Education Support Worker for the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. I am a born and raised Yukoner who lives in Whitehorse with my husband and two sons. I have worked in Adult Education for a number of years, and I look forward to meeting each of you and assisting you in your educational pursuits!

I began teaching as a STEP student at Whitehorse Correctional Centre (WCC) seventeen years ago. Most of the staff at WCC didn't think I was going to survive the first day; I was only twenty-three years old and had no teaching experience. However, it was a job that solidified my decision to work as an Adult Educator. I continued to teach as a substitute teacher in the K-12 public school system before moving on to a position with Yukon College. I stayed with Yukon College for the next fifteen years and held a variety of roles as a tutor, a writing coach, a curriculum designer, a Literacy Instructor and as an Instructor with the School of Academic and Skill Development.

After many years at Yukon College, I decided to return to university and further my education. I earned my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Simon Fraser University last summer. I want to continue my professional career in Education where I can help students achieve their dreams, and the role of Education Support Worker with TKC feels like a great fit. I'm excited to meet each of you and learn more about your goals for the future. If you are graduating in the next year or two or if you're simply thinking about going back to school to pursue something new, drop by my office for a chat.

Sometimes following your dreams starts with one conversation!

Amanda Leas
Office Manager
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Hi! I would like to introduce myself, my name is Amanda Leas (Hare). I am a member of the Maggie Broeren Family of Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. Born and raised in the Yukon and within the TKC traditional Territory I feel vey lucky to be brought on as part of the team within TKC Administration. I am a super busy married mother of 3 amazing children, all of which drive me to do my best everyday <3

I have been casually employed with TKC for the last couple months and have stayed quite busy as the Special General Assembly Coordinator and stepping in to lend a hand as the Governance Coordinator. I have over a decade of experience in Administration, absolutely love people and am always up for a challenge and learning new things.

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Office Manager provides administrative assistance and support to a variety of staff, management and leadership. The Office Manager supervises and works as part of the administrative team that includes the clerical and administration staff. The Office Manager supervises the casual and office support staff and ensures that the TKC office is running in an efficient and effective manner.

I am looking forward to getting to know new faces and re-connect with old ones. If you need anything, my door is always open!

Wishing you all a fabulous summer :)

# Shawna Smith Executive Assistant ssmith@taan.ca



I would like to introduce myself, Shawna Smith, as your new Executive Assistant for Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. I was born and raised on a farm in Ontario. (Yes, I am another one of the Ontarians who fled for the Yukon). I grew up riding horses and helping my parent's on our hobby farm where we raised many animals for ourselves, our family and friends. I left my rural home to study Political Science and Community Development at university. During and after my studies, I worked with many different communities, including refugees and youth, supporting individuals in building their skills so that they can do what they are passionate about, or find that passion. Throughout this time, I also stayed involved in many political and advocacy campaigns.

Prior to moving to the Yukon, I was working at a Community Development Organization, as the Neighbourhood Support Worker. I was responsible for outreach and advocacy for a diverse population of 5000+ families. With the volunteer leadership team, we worked to bring additional services and programs to the neighbourhood, to fill the gaps for people living in that area of the city. Through this position, I was able to hear many stories from individuals who were struggling to access support for themselves and their families. I recognized that, creating safe spaces for people to tell their stories and advocate for themselves, is the way that change happens for individuals and communities. Combining my community outreach and political background, I am happy to support Ta'an Kwäch'än Council in whatever way I can. I am always here with open ears!

# Myles Dolphin Communications Coordinator mdolphin@taan.ca



Hi! I'm a former Yukon News reporter who was born and raised in a small town just south of Montreal, in both English and French.

I taught English as a second language around the world for several years before completing my BA in English Literature at Concordia University.

I took my first journalism job in Yellowknife in 2012. I've also worked at newspapers in Hay River, Igaluit and Whitehorse.

When I'm not glued to a computer screen I enjoy hiking and camping around the territory, playing soccer and learning new recipes. I also volunteer with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yukon.

I'm very excited to be taking on this new role with the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and encourages Ta'an citizens to reach out to me with any stories, initiatives or projects they would like to share with the greater public.

# **July 1** Canada Day

**July 1-7**Adäka Cultural
Festival in Whitehorse

July 9
Southern Tutchone Tribal Council GA
Helen's Fish Camp

July 28-31
Moosehide Gathering in Dawson City

August 5-7
Whitehorse Mission School Reunion
Helen's Fish Camp

August 26-28
TKC General Assembly at Helen's Fish
Camp

Community workshops coming in Fall 2016!

# Job opportunity

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council is looking for a TKC Citizen to assist with the 30 Mile Patrol. We are scheduled to complete a total of seven (7) trips, involving servicing of seven (7) campsites along the 30 Mile.

We are looking for:

- Ability to work outdoors under all weather conditions
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs. (mostly wood)
- Knowledge of Bear Aware and/or safety when encountering wild animals
- Be comfortable working in and around boats
- Punctuality is essential
- Willingness to work extended work day (8-12 hours)

As per policy, this position is for TKC citizens who self-declare in their cover letter and/or resume. Competition open until position filled.

Human.resources@taan.ca

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Message from the CEO (Ben Asquith):

DDDC hosted a successful Career Fair and Design Unveil for our River Bend development on April 11, 2016 at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre which saw approximately 200 local visitors. The Career Fair featured a wide range of Government, local organizations, and business services that were available to help support TKC citizens in obtaining new work and exploring new employment opportunities within the projects of the development corporation.

During this event, we also unveiled the new designs for our River Bend project which will feature 42 new units ranging from one, two, and three bedrooms. This is the largest development for TKC to date and we are very excited to be providing affordable housing options, contracting, and employment opportunities to TKC citizens and Yukoners alike. Construction will begin later this summer.



We have began consulting with the Riverdale Advisory Committee in order to explore new development options with Lot C-64B/D on Nisutlin Drive in Riverdale.

This year, we have doubled the size of our Fire Crew and began exploring opportunities for year round employment which include Fire Smart, Search and Rescue, and Emergency Response.

A special thank you to our Board of Directors and Chief and Council for their continued efforts, hard work, and dedication.

For more information on our developments and business portfolio, please visit our newly redesigned website at <a href="www.dadaghay.ca">www.dadaghay.ca</a>



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

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