

Flat Mountain, Yukon

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## Fall 2016 Newsletter

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### Fun in the sun

See pictures of our summer events and activities on pages 7-8.



### Ready, set, swim!

Read about the current and upcoming projects for the Lands, Resources and Heritage department on pages 4-5.

## Message from the Chief and Deputy Chief

Danchea!

It was a busy summer at Ta'an Kwäch'än Council with a lot of time spent out on the land and preparing for the fall and winter. We are excited by what is to come in our community as we have heard a lot of feedback from the community in the last few months.

We are both committed to working with Administration to fulfill a number of key priorities including Economic Development, Housing, Mental Health, Protection of the Land and Employment.

We are guided by our vision, "to build a diverse economy which will provide security, stability and wealth to sustain our self-governing nation." In order to do so we must focus on Economic Development. In September we went to the 2016 National Aboriginal Business Opportunities Conference. We were able to learn from Chief Clarence Louie of Osoyoos Indian Band and CEO of the Osoyoos Indian Band Development Corporation has built great economic success in his community. At the conference, we connected with many others bringing new ideas back to the work we are doing at TKC and in collaboration with Da Daghay Development Corporation. We will continue exploring meaningful partnerships with all levels of government as well as the business sector.

With continued economic development, it will bring more jobs for Ta'an Kwäch'än citizens. The DDDC River Bend project has begun and we will continue to see more jobs opening up. Further, Health and Education continues to look for more opportunities for citizens to go through education and training programs. We look forward to continuing to work with government and private sector partners to ensure that TKC citizens can access employment in their field and gain experience working under mentors. Talk to us and our Human Resources Unit and Health and Education Department can help to connect you whenever possible.

ATCO manager Jay Massie with Chief Kristina Kane and Deputy Chief Michelle Telep at this summer's Premiers Meeting

Internally, we are working on new policies and reviewing our current legislation to ensure that it contributes to good governance and the needs of citizens. There will be many consultation processes coming up to contribute your thoughts to any new or reviewed legislation. We look forward to seeing you out at these sessions, to ensure that your thoughts and expertise are incorporated. We hope to review legislation with the goal of ensuring it reflects the culture and traditions of Ta'an Kwäch'än people, allowing our ways to be passed on through law.

We also look forward to the opportunities we will continue to have to work together through the upcoming Community Workshops which we hope to see happen in November, February and Summer 2017. We have an opening in our community to begin to forget the past and work together for the betterment of our First Nation. It is so common we forget, why we are here. We remind ourselves daily that "our vision for the citizens of the Ta'an Kwäch'än is for the preservation, balance and harmony of our traditional territory. We will honour, respect, protect and care for our environment, people, economy and traditional culture as practiced by our elders." In order to carry out what we were tasked with by our elders we need unity, harmony and healing to happen. We hope to share stories with each of you at

the upcoming Community Workshops and hear from you what you believe is needed for our nation to progress for our future and that of our children.

The Territorial Election is coming up quickly. With an election comes opportunities to ensure that the priorities of our government and citizens are heard and that the platform promises reflect what we would like to see for our community. We encourage citizens to communicate with us or with the candidates what you would like to see happen to ensure that Ta'an Kwäch'än people have a voice in this election.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visited on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The Ta'an Kwäch'än people have a history of welcoming people onto our territory. We were very happy to be a part of their visit to our Traditional Territory.

Respectfully,

Chief Kristina Kane and Deputy Chief Michelle Telep



# Health and Education update

## Staff news

Raelina Jobin, Education and Employment Training Coordinator, left her position in August. Annie Bernard is back to help out until the position is filled.

Reanna Mohammed joined the team on Sept. 6, replacing Stephanie Sullivan as Family Support Worker. Reanna comes to us with a lot of experience working with Yukon First Nations in a variety of Health and Social capabilities.

On Sept. 8, we welcome Jaylene Ellard, our Social Work Practicum student. Jaylene will be with us 4.5 days a week, until mid-December. She will be helping us out in a variety of ways.

Nicole Smith has resigned as Youth Coordinator. Thank you Nicole for your dedication to TKC youth activities.

## Information/Updates

**Canada Games Centre passes** will be available for all citizens in October. Contact Roberta Behn (rbehn@taan.ca)

Roberta's **Traditional Sewing Group** continues to meet every Wednesday evenings, starting at 5 p.m. This group continues to be as popular as ever.

**Foot care** is available for Elders and citizens with diabetes – contact Roberta for more information.

**Pre/post natal support** – pregnant women and new mothers in Yukon are eligible for \$75 monthly nutrition support – contact Reanna.

The **Enhanced Service Delivery Program** will be coming to an end as of March 31, 2017. Heather (hgriffiths@taan.ca) remains available to meet with any TKC citizen who would like support in determining or reaching their career goals. She is super resourceful and creative in coming up with plans that work. We are looking into ways to continue

### ATTENTION TA'AN KWACH'AN COUNCIL CITIZENS

#### NEW TUTORING PROGRAMS FOR TKC STUDENTS IN K-12

The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council's Education Department is excited to announce that it will be offering two new tutoring programs for the 2016/17 school year:

##### 1. Individual Tutoring Program:

- One-on-one tutoring for TKC students in Whitehorse (Kindergarten - Grade 12)

##### 2. Drop-In Tutoring Program:

- Open tutorial sessions for exam preparation in all subjects (math, biology, etc.)
- Open to all TKC high-school students in Whitehorse (Grades 8-12)

For more information, please contact the TKC Education Support Worker at:

Jessica Bryant  
668-6302 ext. 408  
jbryant@taan.ca



## FREE TUTORING!!!



### Individual Tutoring Program

- ✓ This program is available to all TKC students in Whitehorse (Kindergarten to Grade 12)
- ✓ This program offers private, one-on-one tutoring with your child outside of school hours
- ✓ This program provides experienced, professional tutors to work with your child in specific subject areas
- ✓ Private tutoring can take place in your home or the tutoring office during times that work for your family
- ✓ **All sessions are FREE!!!**

### Drop-In Tutoring Program

- ✓ This program is for high-school students only (Grades 8 to 12)
- ✓ This program offers 6 exam preparation tutoring sessions during the two weeks prior to exams
- ✓ Sessions are provided on a drop-in basis, but students are encouraged to sign-up (contact the Education Support Worker)
- ✓ This program provides experienced, professional tutors to work with your child in specific subject areas
- ✓ All tutoring takes place on-site at the TKC Health and Education building and a healthy snack will be provided
- ✓ **All sessions are FREE!!!**

**The first step to success starts here!!!**

this service for TKC citizens after the program ends.

**Building Employment Capacity** for TKC citizens: this initiative has been expanded to include representatives from all TKC departments. We are working together to develop initiatives that can help all citizens reach their career goals. Watch for more news on this in the coming months.

**Education policy:** the TKC Education Commission continues to work on revising the Post-Secondary Student Support Program Policy, as well as developing new policy covering the education needs of citizens throughout the life cycle.

**Post-Secondary Education:** TKC is currently supporting 22 TKC citizens in furthering their education (20 under the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and two under the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS).

## Staff

Lynn Sparks – Manager  
Roberta Behn – Health and Wellness Coordinator  
Patti Boss – Home Care Worker  
Reanna Mohamed – Family Support Worker  
Gail Anderson – Income Assistance Intake Worker  
Heather Griffiths – Case Manager – Enhanced Service Delivery Program  
Annie Bernard – Education and Employment Training Coordinator  
Jessica Bryant – Education Support Worker  
Jaylene Ellard, Social Work Practicum Student  
Geraldine Irvine (Administration Staff) - Receptionist

# Lands, resources and heritage update

## Summer Culture Camp

The 2016 Summer Culture Camp was held from Aug. 8-11 at Helen's Fish Camp, with 17 youth registering.

We did Southern Tutchone language lessons, made family trees using the clans and wrote them in Southern Tutchone. We dried salmon, made soap berry ice-cream, made traditional medicine and set gopher traps.

The camp ended with a very well-attended community feast, and youth did a little dialogue in Southern Tutchone.

Thank you to: Charissa Tizya, Kadin Hare, Kara Sweeney and Kaylea Poitrois for awesome youth leadership; Bobby and Daryn Vance for setting the fish net; Charlene Burns and Katheryn Tizya for making some

delicious food throughout the camp; David Bunbury, Nicole Smith and Sam Broeren for teaching Southern Tutchone. Thank you to Dennis Smith for setting gopher traps; the Executive for the awesome swag; and to TKC staff for assisting in the coordination and organization of camp logistics.

Chantelle Blackjack  
Heritage Programs Coordinator



## Chinook Salmon release

The annual fry release, held on July 17, was a great success! Almost 15,000 Chinook Salmon fry were released into Fox Creek as part of a multi-year Chinook Stock Restoration Plan.

## Summer cleanup partnership

The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the City of Whitehorse partnered in June to clean up trash at the old landfill site on Range Road. This work provided short-term employment for Ta'an Kwäch'än Council citizens (picture on the right).

## Ongoing projects:

### Temperature loggers – Yukon River Panel

Data loggers in 18 locations are collecting temperature information every hour. We have downloaded most of these locations in 2016; we still need to get to the low water river/groundwater sites. We made plans with Al von Finster to visit these in early spring 2017, when they visibly flow during spring melt.

### McIntyre Salmon Incubation

TKC staff assisted with maintenance, monitoring and coded wire tagging of Chinook salmon fry.

### Habitat monitoring with KDFN and CTFN

Identify and map key wildlife areas and corridors, heritage and special management areas.

### Caribou management plan

Working with six First Nations and the Yukon Government to develop a caribou management plan.

### Chinook Salmon Stock Restoration

Many fry emerged from the redds, so natural spawning is taking place! We conducted beaver trapping with youth and elders. There are many more beaver in the creek and dams blocking fish passage this year. We are working with elders and citizens to correct this problem. Managing the dams is a full-time job and is hampering migration and monitoring of our adult spawners.

TKC staff members Deb Fulmer, Phil Emerson and summer student Jenna Duncan assisted with the Lake Laberge Lake Trout survey, as well as the Yukon Government Fish contaminants survey.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Deb Fulmer, Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator – [dfulmer@taan.ca](mailto:dfulmer@taan.ca)

## Upcoming projects

### McIntyre Creek Invasive Species Research – Yukon Energy Corp.

Yukon Energy has provided Ta'an with funding to research invasive (fish) species in the McIntyre Creek watershed.

### SL Caribou Studies and YEC Enhanced Storage Concept

CTFN will be conducting extensive studies and developing a management plan for the Southern Lakes Caribou herd in conjunction with TKC, KDFN, TTC, CAFN, TRT, YG, BC and Canadian governments. Moose surveys should be conducted in conjunction with this program or stand alone.

### Water quality monitoring

Conduct ongoing WQ in conjunction with other projects, including Placer Secretariat, RBC Blue Water, Streamkeepers, YRP and YITWSC.

## Staffing

Hired Jenna Duncan, a TKC member and undergraduate biology student at Simon Fraser University. She has been a great asset to our programs and projects this season.

Hired McGill University PhD student Ellorie McKnight under a funding program known as CREATE. Among other things she will be developing a database for our long-term water temperature monitoring program and helping us in the field at no cost to TKC.

### Development of the Draft Fox Lake Local Area Plan

Development of the Draft Fox Lake Local Area Plan continues. An upcoming workshop for TKC citizens, called Vision, Values & Guiding Principles, will take place at a location and time to be determined. Your input is essential!

To learn more, please contact:  
Amanda Taylor, Land Use Planning Coordinator, at 668-3613 ext. 604 or [ataaylor@taan.ca](mailto:ataaylor@taan.ca)

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?



### Policeman's Point (Chu Däsäy)

Located at Upper Laberge at the mouth of the Yukon River. Several Ta'an Kwäch'än people had homes at Chu Däsäy in the early 1900s. Dutch Henry Broeren had a home in this area and Mary Broeren was born here. The English name originates from the Northwest Mountie Police post that was also located here. People also called this spot Scow Point because it was a staging area for Sternwheelers and the location of a roadhouse where passengers would stop to eat.



### Swan Lake (Tl'äw Kwäshän)

"Big grass growing." Named for the large cattails that grow there. It was thought to have been the site of a famous inland war between inland people and the Tlingit. A Tlingit trading group from Klukwan had been killed at Tat'la Män over a trader's quarrel. They sought revenge against the Interior People and killed everyone that was camped at Naalin.



### Teslin River (Dèlin Chù)

"Water running out (from Teslin Lake)" or Hodilin Chù, "water running against the cliffs." The Teslin River has always been an important hunting and fishing area for Tagish, Tlingit and Southern Tutchone people. Tlingit people from Teslin called the river Deisleen, which is similar to the Southern Tutchone (Dèlin Chù) and the Tagish name (Dedeslini). The English version of these combined names became Teslin. (Derek Cooke)

## Summer student experience

My name is Jenna Duncan and I am currently going into my third year at Simon Fraser University as an intended biology major. I had the opportunity to work in a summer student position with the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department with the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. I worked directly under the Fish and Wildlife Coordinator in the position of Field and Data Assistant. I thought that this would be a perfect opportunity to confirm if I was taking the right courses and if I would like a job working in this field in the future! I could not have asked for a better summer job and I feel so privileged to have experienced all that I did this summer, work with the people I did, and in the end confirm that I could definitely see myself in a similar career in the future.

My summer was filled with adventures from trying to locate temperature loggers, to learning how to tag Chinook fry and releasing them into the wild, to helping Yukon Government with one of their fish surveys on Lake Lebarge, and finally the daily adventures of bush whacking through the forest to find beaver dams and spawning salmon in Fox Creek.

I learned so much this summer that it is hard to put it all into words and not write a full novel.

Although I think the most important thing I learned this summer was the importance of salmon to our culture and the struggles that the Chinook salmon have as they try to make their way to the ocean and back. I had the opportunity to monitor the hatchery and wild fry chinook in Fox Creek and also watch the adults come back to the creek to find a place to spawn. Also, I learned how to collect proper data and enter it into the computer system while doing this type of work.

Most (if not all) that I have learned this summer was work related to my field of study, and has given me even more of a drive to keep with my studies so that I can one day get a job working with the wildlife in the Yukon. I want to thank everyone who made this job possible and helped me connect even more to my culture.

(Jenna is a TKC citizen and beneficiary)



# Human resources update

## New hires



David Irvine

### MANAGER OF LANDS, RESOURCES AND HERITAGE

David Irvine is a member of the Jenny LeBarge Family of Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. David, born and raised in Whitehorse, has always had a passion for the land. This took his career path to the great outdoors. He spent 3 years as a Fishery Officer for DFO in the Yukon and Northern B.C. He was then promoted and for the last 16 years was the Senior Wildlife Officer with Environment Canada, Pacific Yukon Region, based in Whitehorse. He enjoys hunting, fishing and outdoors in general with his wife Kim, children Hudson 5 years old and Olivia 3 years old. The Manager of Lands, Resources and Heritage is responsible for achieving goals as identified in the TKC Constitution. In particular, the main focus for all department activities, programs & services shall be *"to exercise our inherent right to manage and control our natural resources"* and to *"implement and exercise the Land Claims, Self-Government and other agreements entered into by the TKC"*.



Reanna Mohamed

### FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

Reanna Mohamed was born and raised in the Yukon. She spent most of her childhood in Haines Junction and later moved to Whitehorse for high school. Reanna has an educational background in Early Childhood Education, Criminology and Northern Social Work. For two years, she was the Family Support Worker in Old Crow and upon moving back to Whitehorse in 2010, worked at the Council of Yukon First Nations as the Health Services Integration Fund Manager for four years and more recently the Working on Wellness and Community Partnership Coordinator. She has also managed Marsh Lake Community Centre and Tagish Community Centre. For years Reanna was quite involved with the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition, the Mental Health Association of the Yukon and Canada without Poverty. Reanna is an avid outdoors person and can often be found climbing mountains, collecting berries and other plants in the woods or on the shore of some lake or river happily fishing away.



Stephanie Tsigoulis

### GOVERNANCE COORDINATOR / CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Stephanie Tsigoulis previously worked for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada in the Treaties and Aboriginal Government sector. She has four years of experience working on modern treaties in Canada, specifically with Nunavut Inuit and the Labrador Inuit. Stephanie also recently participated in a six-month internship with the United Nations Development Programme in Maldives as a Program Coordinator in the Governance Programme. She gained practical experience at the local level on governance related issues, such as youth engagement, community participatory development and local elections. These experiences have led Stephanie with the desire to work closer to Indigenous issues at a local level to gain a better understanding of culture, context, and to see the impact of her work. The backdrop of the Yukon is a perfect canvas for Stephanie to draw on all her experiences and bring that diversity to Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. Stephanie is excited to take on her new role as Governance Coordinator/Clerk of the council.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Diversity Services branch of the Yukon government's Public Service Commission has been assisting job seekers since 2004. To find out more about how the programs can help you, contact Roberta Kufeldt, Human Resources Advisor, at [rkufeldt@taan.ca](mailto:rkufeldt@taan.ca) or 668-3613 ext. 208.





Teresa Jacobs, Payroll Officer, and Chief Kristina Kane serve food during the family bbq on June 16



So much food!



Inside a small cabin at Hootalinqua



What's left of the S.S. Evelyn at Hootalinqua





Summer student Jenna Duncan starts clearing a beaver dam so salmon can pass



Alexander Labarge holds up the Chinook salmon fry he's about to dump into Fox Creek



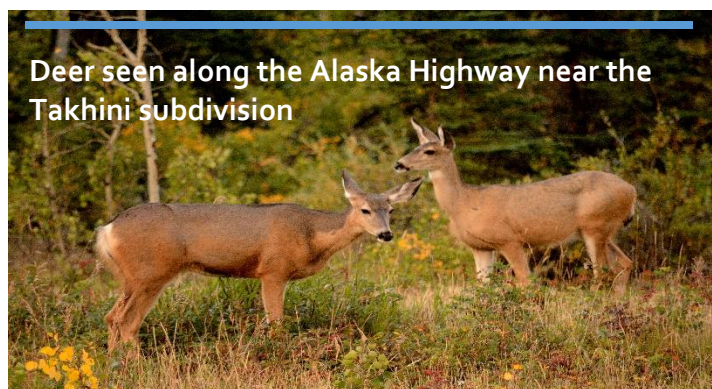
Wildlife Monitor Clayton Kane on Flat Mountain



Salmon harvested during the culture camp



Lands Steward Testloa Smith during a trip up the 30 Mile this summer



Deer seen along the Alaska Highway near the Takhini subdivision



## October

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
3  CANDO – 23rd Annual National Conference & Annual General Meeting	4  CANDO – 23rd Annual National Conference & Annual General Meeting	5  National Family Week Dinner 5 to 7 pm at the United Church	6  CANDO – 23rd Annual National Conference & Annual General Meeting	7	8	9
10	11	12  Traditional Sewing Group 5 to 9 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19  Traditional Sewing Group 5 to 9 pm	20	21	22  "Dig Your Roots" Southern Tutchone Gathering in Haines Junction	23  "Dig Your Roots" Southern Tutchone Gathering in Haines Junction
24	25	26  Traditional Sewing Group 5 to 9 pm	27	28	29	30

## November

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2  Traditional Sewing Group 5 to 9 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9  Traditional Sewing Group 5 to 9 pm	10	11  Remembrance Day	12	13
14	15	16  Traditional Sewing Group 5 to 9 pm	17	18	19  Spruce Bog Craft Fair	20
21	22	23  Traditional Sewing Group 5 to 9 pm	24	25	26  Watson Lake annual craft fair	27
28	29	30  Traditional Sewing Group 5 to 9 pm	31			

## December: • TKC Open House on the 13<sup>th</sup>

- TKC Citizens Christmas Party on the 15<sup>th</sup>
- TKC office is closed on the afternoon of the 23<sup>rd</sup>



## Da Daghay Development Corporation Update

### Message from the CEO, Ben Asquith

As of August 2016, DDDC has official broken ground on the River Bend site in Whistle Bend. We are approximately a month into construction now; site clearing has been completed and concrete pads are being laid. TKC citizens are now on site working, and we are working closely with the contractor to ensure youth employment and youth mentorship opportunities.

If any TKC citizens are interested in employment or youth opportunities, please contact us either by phone at 867-667-6609 or email at [admindadaghay@northwestel.net](mailto:admindadaghay@northwestel.net) or [dadaghay@northwestel.net](mailto:dadaghay@northwestel.net).

We are updating our website with new photos and information weekly. For more information on our developments and business portfolio, please visit us at [www.dadaghay.ca](http://www.dadaghay.ca).

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

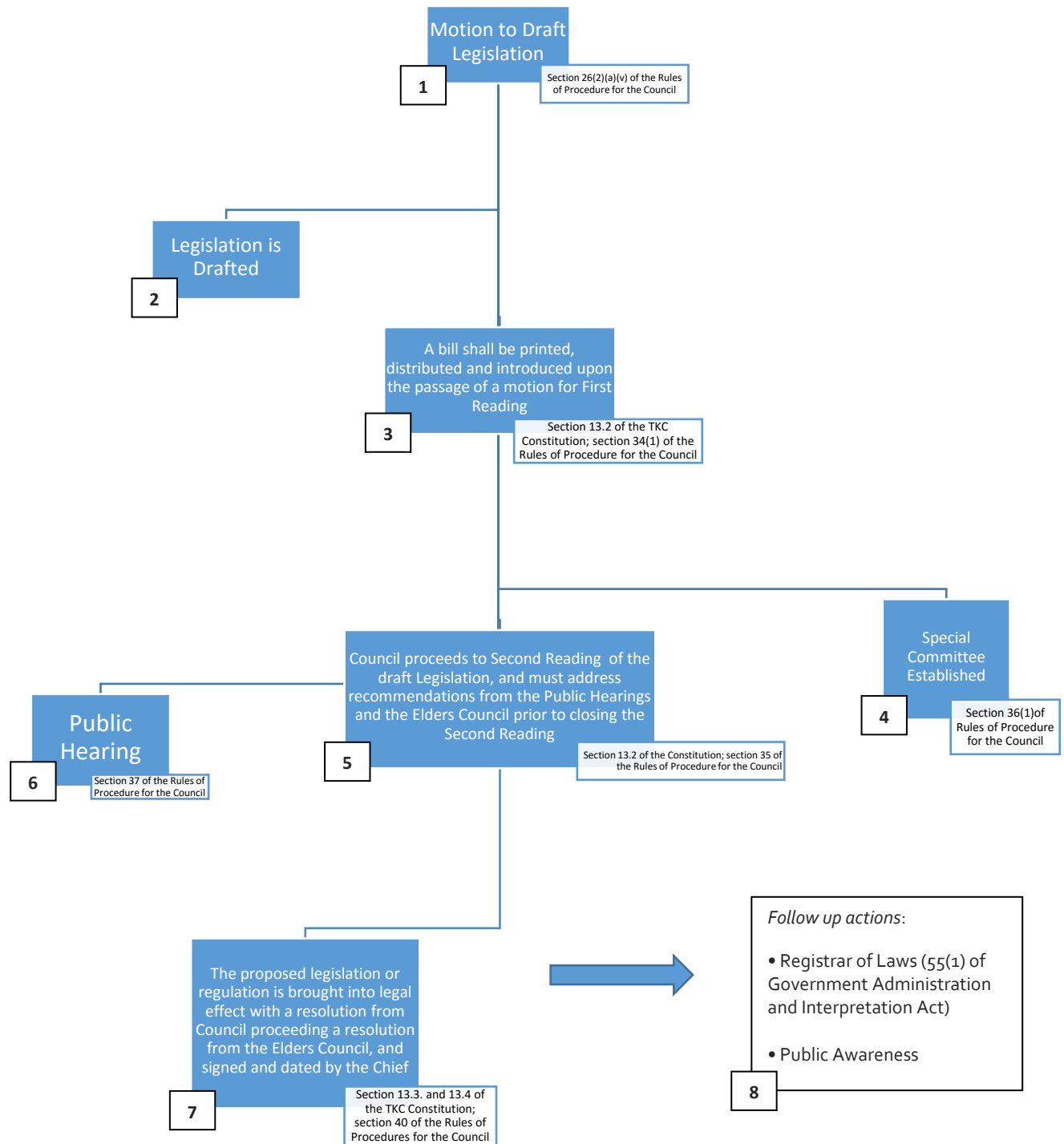


## TKC Legislation - the process to enact a new Act or Regulation:

1. The Council must pass a motion which agrees that a new legislation or regulation must be developed.
2. The legislation or regulation is drafted.
3. Once a draft version of the legislation or regulation is complete, Council must pass a motion to go into First Reading of the draft, where the legislation or regulation shall be printed, distributed and introduced to Council.
4. The Council may decide to pass a motion establishing and appointing a Special Committee to report to Council on whole or parts of a bill and provide recommendations before Second Reading. The Special Committee shall consist of: the responsible Departmental Manager or alternate departmental official, the Governance Coordinator, and others as appointed by the Council.
5. The Council proceeds to Second Reading of the draft legislation or regulation. During the Second Reading, Council may direct the Special Committee to hold a Public Hearing, and Council shall also request Elders Council review and provide recommendations of the draft bill to Council. If the Elders Council approves the draft Legislation, the Elders Council must pass a resolution stating its approval and submit the resolution to the Council. The recommendations provided by the Elders Council must be reviewed by Council prior to the close of Second Reading. Any amendments to the legislation may be made with the passage of a motion.
6. The Council may direct the Special Committee to hold a Public Hearing to obtain information or the opinion of Ta'an Kwäch'än citizens on whole or part of the bill (s. 37 of the Rules of Procedure for the Council). The information and recommendations gathered from the Public Hearing must be reviewed by Council prior to the close of Second Reading.
7. The Council shall meet for the Third Reading and enactment of the proposed legislation or regulation. Council may move a resolution for the passage and enactment of the legislation or regulation, proceeding a resolution from Elders Council. Upon the passage of a resolution from each of the Council and Elders Council, and signing and dating of the Act by the Chief (s. 9.5.9 of the TKC Constitution), the law or regulation will be brought into legal effect.
8. Follow up actions from the Third Reading and Enactment of Law include filing in the Registrar of Laws, and dissemination of information to TKC Citizens. (please see following page for diagram).



## Approval Process for TKC Legislation and Regulations





# DIG YOUR ROOTS

**SOUTHERN TUTCHONE  
FAMILY GATHERING**

**OCTOBER 22-23  
DA KŪ CULTURAL CENTRE**

Southern Tutchone Tribal Council is hosting a fun and interactive gathering for all youth, community members and Elders to rediscover, learn and share information on their family history.

**We encourage everyone to come and bring:**

- Old Family Photos
- Family Trees, Birth & Wedding Certificates
- Family History Charts
- Newspaper Clippings
- Tape & Video Recordings of the Past & Present
- Other Family Treasures (clothing, tools & trinkets)

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