

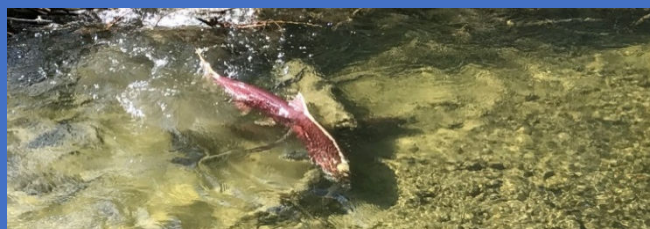


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEF

Dear Citizens:

As we transition into fall, we hope you had an enjoyable summer with family and friends. Regardless of the season, we always work towards exceeding the expectations of our Citizens as is reflected through the work of the Council and staff over the last few months.

Some of the activities we have been involved in:

- Council of Yukon First Nations General Assembly, Carcross, YT
- Assembly of First Nations Language Conference, Vancouver, BC
- Assembly of First Nations General Assembly, Winnipeg, MB
- Yukon Inter-Tribal Watershed Council's Biennial Summit, Carcross, YT
- Welcoming of the Prime Minister to Ta'an Kwäch'än Council's Traditional Territory
- Meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau, Whitehorse, YT
- Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Outreach Program, Canadian Region
- CYFN leadership meetings



Chief Kristina Kane welcomes Prime Minister Trudeau at Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre on September 1, 2017.

The role of Chief has expanded to include Tribal Chief for the Southern Tutchone Tribal Council (STTC). STTC will be hosting a Fall Gathering on October 14 with activities that focus on language and song. We hope to see you there to show your support for building lasting friendships and to take pleasure in Southern Tutchone song and dance.

We are excited to announce the first four units for Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Citizens in the new River Bend housing project is on schedule for late-fall move in. It is our intention to continue to address the housing needs of our Citizens.

We have been pleased to provide our Citizens with employment opportunities this summer as we delivered on projects within our Traditional Territory. We also acknowledge that through our recruitment activities we have been able to continue to attract highly qualified applicants. We still require more effective strategies to retain those hired in order to help bolster stability and resiliency.

We invite Citizens to help build a strong foundation for our Government by serving on committees and attending our Annual General Assembly on October 28 and 29. We also look forward to sharing the outcome of the comprehensive Strategic Planning exercise and other initiatives.

In the meantime, for those on the land who are hunting or pursuing other traditional pursuits, stay safe!

In the spirit of unity,

Chief Kane and Deputy Chief Telep

RIVER BEND BUILDING ONE IS ON SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER MOVE-IN

*River Bend construction
site, September 2017*

Da Daghay Development Corporation confirms that construction of River Bend is now 80% complete. Building One is being fitted with interior finishing, trimmings, and paint. Building One is on schedule for completion and will be move-in ready for November. Building Two is being drywalled and external siding is going up, while Building Three is receiving a mechanical rough-in. The paving of roadways and parking stalls is now complete, as well.

Da Daghay Development Corporation is working with Total North Communications Ltd. to look into solar panel options for the River Bend development. It is also exploring options for Phase II of River Bend, which could see an additional 28 units developed on-site in the next couple years. More information will be released as it becomes available.

Attention all TKC Citizens interested in housing

Grey Mountain Housing Society is accepting applications from Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Citizens interested in affordable housing at River Bend.

Please contact Grey Mountain Housing Society to obtain an application.

Phone: 867.633.4880

E-mail: gmhadmin@northwestel.net



HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE



Michelle Lavalley-Miyahama and Shawn Seguin were some of the Citizens who stained the Administration Building. "We're doing it for our fellow Citizens," Seguin said. "One day we can tell our kids that we painted our Administration Building."

The Housing and Infrastructure Department has been busy this summer. We stained the exterior of the Administration Building as summer drew to an end. We utilized Citizen labour for this project.

In addition, the Housing and Infrastructure Department provides regular maintenance on Ta'an owned houses, water and sewage deliveries, and garbage pick-up on Ta'an owned housing at the Lake.

A partnership with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is being finalized to provide repairs to two Ta'an houses at the Lake. This will result in the replacement of a roof and a replacement of a septic field at another residence. If your

home requires repairs, contact the Housing and Infrastructure Manager for an assessment.

The Housing Department provides subsidies for elders, such as an annual heating subsidy, which covers cordwood, heating oil, propane or hydro-electric heating. In addition, utility subsidies are provided to those who qualify. To inquire, please contact the Housing and Infrastructure Manager 668.3613 ex. 501.

SUMMER DAY CAMP: A SUCCESSFUL FIRST

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council held its first Summer Day Camp, and it was a huge success! The five-week camp served up to eight children daily and was led by awesome summer

students: Alysha Kufeldt and Sophie Knezacek.

The children soaked up the sunshine, cooled down in the water park and had a blast. They put on miles going to the play grounds around the city, and went on weekly adventures to the beach, the Whitehorse Fish Ladder, the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, the Canada Games Centre for swimming, and to the Adäka Cultural Festival. Roberta Behn taught them how to make medicine bags and they made all kinds of creations from tie-dyed shirts to painted flower pots. Participants also made a beautiful mosaic titled, "Taa'an Män," which will be showcased in the Health and Education Building, so come and check it out!



"The Wolf and the Crow represent each Citizen within TKC, and their tracks represent unity and relationship—qualities that we hoped to foster in the children who attended the camps. The background setting is based upon the layout of Lake Laberge, the traditional land of Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. The vibrant colours represent the fresh perspective that our children, and leaders of tomorrow, bring to our adapting First Nation." Alysha Kufeldt and Sophie Knezacek, Summer Day Camp Leaders, 2017

MUNDESSA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ZOOMS INTO OVERDRIVE

The Mundessa Development Corporation's (MDC) board of directors' mandate is to deliver programs and services for Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Citizens which involve arts, heritage and culture and any services of a socio-economic and environmental nature. After being stagnant for three years, the MDC has had quorum at the board level restored. After a review of our strategic plan, the Board of Directors decided that our future focus for community development would involve education and support for our TKC youth.

To that end, as the TKC Department of Education lacked space and funds to host a day camp, the MDC provided the space, and purchased all supplies and food for the kids during a summer of fun-filled activities. The day camps were offered at no cost to the TKC families, and employed two Citizens. We hope that this wonderful collaboration will be repeated next summer!

Mundessa also successfully hosted an Annual Members Meeting (AMM) on July 25, 2017. The Board of Directors reported that we are completely current with all filings since the last AMM in 2014. Corporate reporting with Canadian Revenue Agency; Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada; and Yukon Corporate Affairs is complete without any outstanding issues.

As a requirement for all non-profit corporations, the members reappointed our legal counsel, LaMarche & Lang, and our accountant, BDO Canada.

BDO performed a complete review of all financial reporting since 2011 and a financial review of the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Of particular importance was the board's desire to record the real estate evaluations of nine, fee-simple properties held on behalf of the members, the property known as Deep Creek Centre and all other assets not previously recorded. This resulted in a significant increase to the overall valuation of the corporation which now sits at a healthy \$2,297,629.

We have no outstanding debts or encumbrances, so this number represents 100% equity. Members are encouraged to contact Jackie Bazett for a copy of the financials, jbazett@northwestel.net

At the Annual Members' Meeting, Jacqueline (Jackie) Bazett was elected for her third three-year term as President. Edythe Maloney remains in the other position as Secretary Treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors include John Burdek, Joe Jack, Richard Jones and Colin Adamson.

Mundessa Development Corporation is working with Da Daghay Development Corporation for future development of Deep Creek Centre. As it has an institutional zoning, we have thought of an educational focus, with perhaps on-the-land learning and possible involvement from the Yukon Department of Education or Community Services. Jackie is forwarding applications for support funding to various agencies and hopes to engage TKC citizens soon.



Summer Day Campers, Phoenix Kane, Tayvin Calbery and Dalton Kane make medicine pouches with Roberta Behn at the Mundessa Corporation's headquarters on Jarvis Street.



Preparing for fry release: (Left to right) Summer student Nathan Smith, staff members Felicia Gordon and Testloa Smith, summer student Jenna Duncan.

OUR TOMORROW'S CHILDREN AT WORK TODAY

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council had a total of six students gaining experience throughout the summer with implementation of the continuing Summer Student Hire Program.

This spring, we gathered valuable input from the post-secondary and high school students as to how they saw themselves serving a role within the government. Health and Education; Lands, Resources and Heritage; Finance; Governance and Administration departments coordinated with the Capacity Working Group to draft job descriptions specific to the departments' needs.

We're thrilled to say the employment program was a success! Chief and Council committed \$50,000 from the FTA [Federal Transfer Agreement]

towards summer student employment and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council accessed wage subsidy funding through the First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Strategy (FNIYES) Program and the Canada Summer Jobs Program (in partnership with the Canadian Wildlife Federation). Due to these additional monies pursued, TKC provided full-time hours for a total of three months to each of our post-secondary employees, as well as our high school student.

They really enjoyed working for and learning more about their First Nation. Since the jobs they held ran parallel to the field of study they're enrolled in, this really cemented their commitment to their chosen fields.

We wish the students continued success in their post-secondary education and look forward to the possibility of them serving Ta'an Kwäch'än Council in the future.

- Jenna Duncan, majoring in Biology, believed this was her best field assignment to date. Learning how to tag and track salmon has meant more to her as a real-life experience than any books she has studied.
- Stanley Cletheroe's electro-fish technical training worked well for him, as well as for the rest of the fish and wildlife members on the Lands, Resources and Heritage team.
- Nathan Smith has tackled his first full-time job and worked with many of the folks in Lands, Resources and Heritage Department. Not every task was glamorous, but as team player Nathan dove right in.
- Alysha Kufeldt, studying to be a teacher, developed five weeks of day camp programming and interacted with the kids daily.
- For the day-camp assistant, Sophie Knezacek, this was her first time working at TKC and she was pleasantly surprised at how much she enjoyed her time with the youth.
- Caroline Grady, a first-year law student, relished the research around governance and policy development as it fit well with her minor in Indigenous Studies.
- For Dean Smarch, in his final year of Business Administration, we regrettably were unable to offer training on Accounts Payable. However, Dean picked up the slack and assisted in completing the TKC asset inventories for many of the departments. We kept him busy and applaud his tenacity!



Kashtyn Leas and Daniel Jackson enjoy a train ride.

CULTURE CAMP 2017 SIZZLES

Ta'an Kwäch'än Culture Camp, held August 7 to 11, 2017, was a camp like no other. On Friday, August 4, we had to abandon our usual gathering place at Lake Laberge due to the large number of wasps. Although we had to scramble to make alternate plans, we pulled it off, and had a very successful fun-and sun-filled week. Despite the logistical challenges, we couldn't have picked a better week weather-wise.

- *Monday*

Our week began with a visit to the Whitehorse Fish Ladder, followed by lunch and hiking at Chadburn Lake. Next was a visit to the S.S. Klondike National Historic Site. Then we finished the day by playing at the

Whitehorse Lions Splash Park in Rotary Peace Park.

- *Tuesday*

We visited Kwäday Dän Kenji, the Long Ago Peoples Place at Champagne. Then we went to Haines Junction to tour Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' Da Kų Cultural Centre.

- *Wednesday*

We were off to the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, which the participants decided to hike around rather than catch the bus! We then headed to Deep Creek for a picnic and everyone completed a medicine pouch.

- *Thursday*

This was probably our most 'exciting' day! We travelled to Fraser and caught a train on the White Pass and Yukon

Railroad Route. At a stop at Bennett, we were all happily surprised to see Chelsey (Harvey) and her husband who had just finished hiking the Chilkoot Trail! At Carcross, our cooks had lunch waiting for us, and then we all enjoyed the wonderful beach. To those who have never experienced the train ride, we strongly encourage everyone to try it! The breathtaking views are not to be missed.

- *Friday*

We were invited to join the youth of Kwanlin Dun First Nation at Jackson Lake. We spent the day doing crafts, a little bit of fishing, and we also participated in some fun traditional hand games.

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to our cooks for the week, Charlotte Kane and Jackie Bear Williams. To our two Citizens who joined us from Germany, Max and Amanda, we would like to say that we truly enjoyed having you with us again this year. Sorry we couldn't get you any gophers this year Max, but come again next year and we will try our hardest to serve you up your favorite delicacy. To all who came and spent part of their summer with us, we would like to say thank you. We hope to see you again next year for more adventures!

ELDER JULIA BROEREN SHARES MORE THAN KNOWLEDGE AT THE FISH LADDER



Elder Julia Broeren offers soapberry 'ice cream' to eager summer visitors at the Whitehorse Rapids Fish Ladder.

Over the past year, Yukon Energy Corporation partnered with the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Kwanlin Dün First

Nation to enhance First Nations programming at the Whitehorse Rapids Fish Ladder. Elder Julia Broeren offered wisdom and guidance as Ta'an Kwäch'än Council's Elder.

Every Wednesday afternoon, she could be found in the First Nations' tent at the ladder, talking to people and sharing her homemade bannock, jam, and soapberry ice cream.

Visitors loved the prize draws that she had, and they delighted in winning Ta'an Kwäch'än Council pens, flashlights, hats, key chains and "stickers for the kids," adds Julia.

"I met so many people from Europe and Africa," Julia recounts. "One fellow came from the Botswana softball team. He loved my

bannock, he ate it all up! He came back on another day with the whole crew!" Julia says that most visitors wanted information about First Nation people, and that they were interested to hear about her life and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Traditional Territories.

As for herself, Julia enjoyed sitting in the tent by the water and meeting so many nice people. "I even met someone I went to school with in Grade Three!" she says, surprised. Julia concludes, "I enjoyed it very much. It was fun and I would like to go back next year."

Elders get involved!

If you are an Elder and would like to be involved in this or other opportunities, contact the Clerk of Council, 668.3613 ex.210, clerkofcouncil@taan.ca or to have your name put on the list!

JACKSON LAKE HEALING CAMP

Jackson Lake Healing Camp, just outside of Whitehorse, is a land-based healing camp. Established in 2010, it is open to all Yukoners dealing with substance abuse issues, the impacts of violence, trauma or impacts of residential school.

Photo: Jackie 'Bear' Williams, Marlene Johns, Shawna Tizya on a beautiful day in summer.



TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL DANCE GROUP

Are you interested in starting up and participating in a Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Dance Group? We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 5:30 at the Health and Education boardroom to have dinner and discuss the endless possibilities. We can learn songs and dances and pass our knowledge to the next generation. If you have any questions, call Heritage Coordinator Roberta Behn, rbehn@taan.ca, 668.3613, ex. 403.



A drum, eagle feather and two small drums.



SUMMER OUTINGS

Tuesdays were wonderful days in the summer, the day when “Outings at Ta'an” took place with our Family Support Worker and Ta'an Kwäch'än Citizens. Many outdoor activities took place, from nature walks, to beach days and berry picking. Some people even tried their hands at making healing spruce pitch salve.

Photo: Spruce pitch salve was the focus of one of this summer's “Tuesday Outings at Ta'an.”

BACK TO SCHOOL

Now that everyone is back to school, we want to remind families that successful students consistently attend school. Ta'an Kwäch'än Council will be piloting a new school attendance program called Steps to Success, a program made possible through a funding contribution from the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society in partnership with Yukon Education. We will reward those TKC students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 who have high attendance rates or who have improved their attendance during the school year. Students will be acknowledged for their efforts and receive cool prizes and awards! We will be sending out a sign-up form for those who wish to participate.

Please remember that students in Whitehorse can have access to free one-on-one tutoring. For information, contact Education Support Worker, Jessica Bryant, jbryant@taan.ca, 668.3613, ex. 408.



Back to school brings opportunities for one-on-one tutoring and attendance prizes!

Want to keep active? Any registered Citizen is entitled to Canada Games Centre passes, either 10 punch passes or monthly passes. Come in and fill out a form or contact Roberta Behn, rbehn@taan.ca, 668.3613, ex.403.

TKC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

“Steps to Success”



Any student who misses a day of school misses an opportunity to learn!



WIN PRIZES
FOR **BEST &
MOST
IMPROVED**
ATTENDANCE

During the 2017/18 school year, the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council will be awarding TKC students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 for their efforts to attend school.

WHY??? Because Attendance Matters!!!

**This program is made possible through a funding contribution from the*
Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society in partnership with
Yukon Education.*

Applications to sign-up are available at the Health and Education Department. For more information, contact Jessica Bryant at 668-3613 ext. 408 or jbryant@taan.ca.

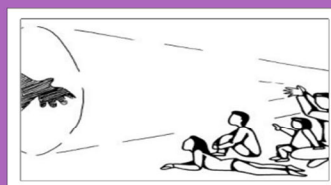
Äsuą K'e

“Grandmother’s Ways”

**Mondays from 4:30-6
Sept 18th-Dec 18th 2017***

**Excluding Statutory Holidays*

**@ Dusk’a Learning Centre
47 McIntyre Drive**



Parent/Child story time—taught in Southern Tutchone

Storytelling/Rhymes and Songs are an integral part of this program and these will be taught in Southern Tutchone along with Ta'an oral histories. The program is facilitated by Linda Harvey and Nicole Smith

A healthy meal will be provided at each session.

Geared to families with children aged 0-6 but all ages are welcome



This is a collaboration between Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Kwanlin Dün First Nation.

**For more information call:
Roberta Behn 668-3613 ext 403**

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
¹ Trapper education workshop 8:30 am	² Trapper education workshop 8:30 am. Äsqä K'e 4:30 to 6 pm	³ Dance group start-up meeting 5:30 pm	⁴ Traditional sewing group 5 pm	⁵ National Family Week Dinner 5 to 6:30 pm Whitehorse United Church	⁶	⁷
⁸	⁹ Thanksgiving Office closure Statutory holiday	¹⁰	¹¹ Traditional sewing group 5 pm	¹² Trapper education workshop 6 pm	¹³ Trapper education workshop 8:30 am Elk tag draw date	¹⁴ Southern Tutchone Fall Gathering. Trapper education workshop 8:30 am
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²²	²³ Äsqä K'e 4:30 to 6 pm	²⁴	²⁵ Traditional sewing group 5 pm	²⁶	²⁷	²⁸ General Assembly 8:30 to 5 pm Mt. Mac Rec. Centre
²⁹ General Assembly 8:30 to 5 pm Mt. Mac Rec Centre	³⁰ Äsqä K'e 4:30 to 6 pm Hallowe'en event 5 to 7 pm	³¹ Happy Hallowe'en				

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			¹ Traditional sewing group 5 pm	²	³	⁴
⁵	⁶ Äsqä K'e 4:30 to 6 pm	⁷	⁸ Traditional sewing group 5 pm	⁹	¹⁰	¹¹ Remembrance Day
¹²	¹³ Office closure	¹⁴ Post-secondary funding application due 4:30 pm	¹⁵ Traditional sewing group 5 pm	¹⁶ Trapper education workshop 6 pm	¹⁷ Trapper education workshop 8:30 am	¹⁸ Trapper education workshop 8:30 am
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December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Äsqä K'e 4:30 to 6 pm	5	6 Traditional sewing group 5 pm	7	8	9
10	11 Äsqä K'e 4:30 to 6 pm	12	13 Traditional sewing group 5 pm	14 Citizen Christmas Party Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre 5 to 8 pm	15	16
17	18 Äsqä K'e 4:30 to 6 pm	19	20 Traditional sewing group 5 pm	21 Christmas Open House 9 to 3 pm	22	23
24	25 Office closure	26 Office closure	27 Office closure	28 Office closure	29 Office closure	30
31	Jan. 1 Office closure					

EVENT CONTACTS—Check our website taan.ca for event updates!

Amanda Leas, 668.3613 ex. 203, aleas@taan.ca

Christmas Open House, 117 Industrial Road
General Assembly, Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre
Hallowe'en Event
Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Citizen Christmas Party

Jessica Bryant, 668.3613 ex. 408, jbryant@taan.ca

Post-secondary funding application due. Applications at taan.ca or at the Health and Education building.

Phil Emerson, 668.3613 ex. 602, pemerson@taan.ca

Elk Tag Draw
Yukon Environment Trapper Education Workshop

Roberta Behn, 668.3613 ex. 403, rbehn@taan.ca

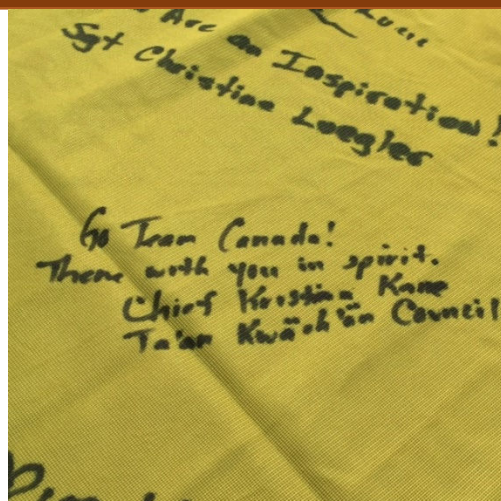
Äsqä K'e, Dusk'a Learning Centre, 47 McyIntyre Drive
Dance Group, Health and Education Building
Ta'an Kwäch'än Council National Family Week Dinner, 5 to 6:30 pm, Whitehorse United Church
Traditional sewing group

Shannon Walker, 335.1320, southerntutchone@northwestel.net

Southern Tutchone Fall Gathering presented by Southern Tutchone Tribal Council, Helen's Fish Camp

INVICTUS GAMES: SUPPORTING THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION

On July 13, Chief Kristina Kane was pleased to lend support to the 2017 Invictus Games, the only international sporting competition that honours wounded military. On its cross-country tour, the flag's first stop was Whitehorse where it was signed by Chief Kristina Kane along with other dignitaries and veterans. The Invictus Games' flag was scheduled to arrive in Toronto for the opening of the games on September 23, 2017. Sixteen nations are set to compete at the third Invictus Games, founded by Prince Harry in 2014.



Chief Kristina Kane signs the Invictus Games flag as an officer looks on.

KADIN HARE GRABS HOLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

My name is Kadin Hare and I am from the Maggie Broeren family. I have had a great summer full of opportunities. Here are some of the highlights.

First, I attended the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Strategic Planning Citizen event. It was a learning experience because I had no idea what strategic planning even was until I spent the day listening to the facilitator. It gave me a good sense of where TKC could go and how it can grow in the process.

I also attended the Youth Strategic Planning dinner held at Boston Pizza. There we talked about many things and learned that Save-On Foods was asking for applications. It was great and I now work at Save On because of that experience!

In late June, I attended the CYFN General Assembly in Carcross as a youth delegate. It was a great experience sharing the table with all the leaders from the Yukon, I learned a lot and had a great time.

In August, I was hired for two casual positions at TKC: the first was to paint the Administration Building and the second was as a youth leader for the TKC summer culture camp. I had a blast as a youth leader, the kids were great and we got to travel to various locations and stayed really busy!

Some things I learned this summer on how to become more engaged are;

- Don't be shy, take every opportunity that comes by!
- Look at employment opportunities with TKC and make sure you apply
- Go to the youth meetings, they are fun and very beneficial to getting to know the First Nation

If you would like to become more involved, call the TKC office to ensure they have your contact information for meetings and other opportunities that arise.

Kadin Hare is a TKC youth and go-getter!



GIVE US A SHOUT

TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL YOUTH
Leave your contact info at 668-3613 or
youthcoord@taan.ca to keep in touch
about events, employment and more!

DEVELOPMENTS IN TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL EDUCATION

In May 2015, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Education hosted an Education Strategy Retreat. During this event, the community provided lots of great ideas on how to improve our education programs.

Central to the work of incorporating ideas into our programming is the development of an Education Policy Manual. This manual takes a 'life-long learning approach' to education and includes major revisions to the currently approved *Post-Secondary Student Support Program Policy*.



We are excited about this work and anticipate that we will have the final draft manual ready for Council review by summer 2018. The draft policy manual includes seven chapters:

1. Early Childhood Education
2. Elementary to High School Years (K-12)
3. Transition Years
4. Post-Secondary Education
5. Adult Training and Development
6. Educational and Training Opportunities for Elders
7. Administrative Processes



Remember to stop and not pass when a school bus's lights are flashing.

Some key features include:

- An emphasis on supporting student success at all levels and minimizing barriers for learning
- Opportunities for life-long learning
- Strategies for preserving TKC language and culture
- Support during transitions for preschool; elementary to high school; high school to post-secondary; and preparation for employment
- Equal value placed on different types of post-secondary programs: college, trades, university etc.
- Flexibility for assisting citizens with unique career goals
- Supports for citizens seeking employment, within the TKC government and elsewhere
- Strategies for helping Elders stay active in the community
- Consistent and transparent administrative processes
- Provisions for annual review and updating of policies

If you would like to provide input to this project or have questions, you are invited to contact Lynn Sparks, Health and Education Manager at lsparks@taan.ca or 668.3613 ex. 401. Call, email or drop in for a chat!

ELK TAGS, TRAPPER EDUCATION

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council has been issued one elk tag in the buffer area of the Takhini herd. This opportunity started in 2016 and will conclude at the end of 2020 hunting season. We are looking for interested Citizens who would like to be enter in a draw to be held on October 13, 2017 for an opportunity to hunt elk in the buffer zone.

Stipulations for winning the ticket are that you cannot have harvested an elk last year (2016/17). If you are selected, a Yukon Government conservation officer will issue an elk permit. You will require a resident hunting license and an elk seal in addition to the permit. There will be specific terms and conditions regarding: the area where the permit is valid (Takhini Buffer Area); the season (September 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018); and the reporting requirements.

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council would like to encourage Citizens to utilize vacant trap lines within TKC traditional territory. Yukon Environment is running a Basic Trapper Training workshop in Whitehorse September 28 to October 2, 2017. Any interested citizen should contact the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department or the Renewable Resource Technician as three seats are available to TKC and the course registration fee can be paid by the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department. If you are interested in attending the course you can find some information at [taan.ca](http://www.env.gov.yk.ca/hunting-fishing-trapping/trappereducation.php) or at <http://www.env.gov.yk.ca/hunting-fishing-trapping/trappereducation.php>.

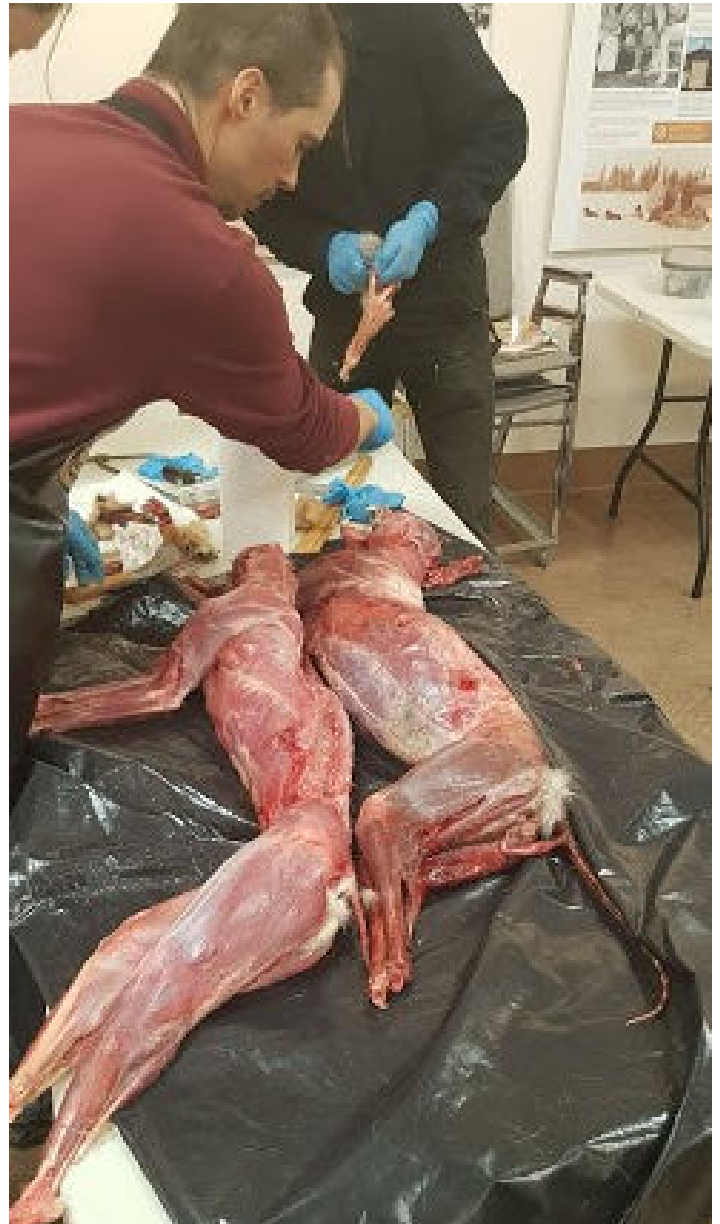
If you are unable to attend the fall trapper workshop, it will be offered throughout the year in the communities and again in Whitehorse in February, and TKC is able to reserve up to three seats for each workshop.

DEBRIS REMOVAL

Funding has been obtained through Indigenous Northern Affairs Canada for site cleanup on settlement lands. In addition to completing remediation work on C-10B and C-37B, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council wants to use some of the funding for the removal of abandoned vehicles and debris on residential properties. If Citizens would like cars and debris removed from their property please contact the Lands, Resources, and Heritage Department in order to utilize this funding.

Register for Workshops and Elk Tag Draw

Contact Phil Emerson, Renewable Resource Technician, pemerson@taan.ca 668.3613 ex. 602 about the elk tag draw or to register for hunter education workshops, or if you have questions.



Ryan Sealy, Trapper Education Coordinator with Environment Yukon, instructs how to take care of pelts and carcasses.

HOOTALINQUA GETS CLEANED UP

The Lands, Resources and Heritage Department entered into a contractual agreement with the Historic Sites Unit of Yukon Tourism and Culture to clean and remove brush from two heritage sites in the traditional territory of Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, Hootalinqua and Shipyard Island, just beyond the north end of Lake Laberge.

This opportunity was viewed as a positive initiative to provide employment and to engage Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Citizens in heritage site stewardship. Shawna Tizya, Jordan Van Heel and Stan Cletheroe spent a week at the sites in July. They cut down brush and cleared the overgrowth on surrounding trail paths to allow for accessibility.

They cleaned up the areas around historic buildings and the *S.S. Evelyn/Norcom*.

Although the sites are managed by Yukon Historic Sites and Yukon Parks, under an agreement with the Yukon Government, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council maintains and monitors the busy camp/rest areas along the Thirty Mile (Tágà Shāw Jādali).

The Yukon River was named a Canadian Heritage River because of its connection to the Klondike gold rush and the era of steam paddle-wheelers. The Thirty Mile section was reported to be the hardest part of the river to navigate between Whitehorse and Dawson City due to the strong current, shoals and rocky bottom. Many paddle-wheelers were damaged travelling along this portion of the Yukon River.

The *S.S. Evelyn/Norcom*, the remains of which are currently located at Shipyard Island, was built in 1908 at St. Michael, Alaska, for the Merchant's Yukon Line.

As well as cargo, it could accommodate 85 first class passengers. It was eventually bought by White Pass and Yukon Route to provide service between Whitehorse and Dawson City.

A number of Ta'an Kwäch'än people established wood camps that provided wood for the sternwheelers. Many First Nation individuals also worked on the ships, or as stevedores who docked and unloaded the boats. The *S.S. Evelyn/Norcom* was damaged during a trip on the Thirty Mile River and was abandoned at Hootalinqua. The associated ship machinery was then used in the steamer *S.S. Keno*, which was later commandeered by Frank Slim, a well-respected Ta'an Kwäch'än river boat captain.

Many thanks to the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Citizens who participated in the clean-up of these heritage sites and contributed towards important heritage stewardship!



S.S. Evelyn/Norcom before the clean up



S.S. Evelyn/Norcom after the clean up.

INITIATION OF THE SHALLOW BAY ZONING COMMITTEE

In 2014, the Yukon Government was approached by some residents of the Shallow Bay area to consider possible zoning changes which would allow for subdivision of rural residential lots in the Shallow Bay area. Shallow Bay currently falls under the Whitehorse Periphery Development Area Regulation.

An expansion of the Mayo Road Development Area could facilitate the subdivision of privately titled lots. However, from feedback received at a March 2017 public meeting, Yukon Government recognizes that the establishment of a zoning committee would assist with the development of a new regulation specific to the Shallow Bay area (*see map*) and would be the most appropriate option.

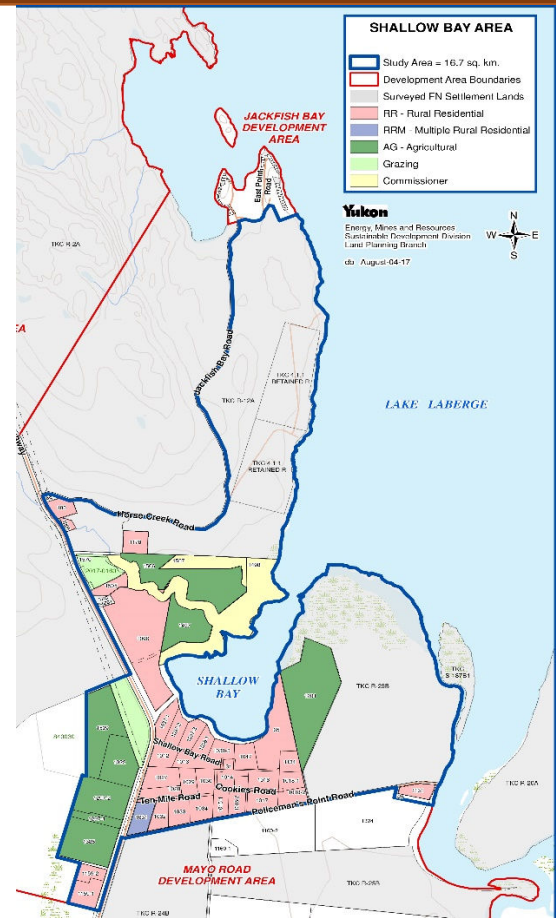
The Yukon Government is seeking individuals interested in serving on the zoning committee to assist with the development of a new zoning regulation for Shallow Bay. The committee will include representation from Shallow Bay community members and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, and will be chaired by an independent facilitator.

Shallow Bay is very rich in Ta'an Kwäch'än Council cultural and traditional resources, which is why

it will be important to have TKC representation on the committee.

The Lands, Resources and Heritage department is accepting Expressions of Interest and is seeking to fill two seats on the zoning committee that will represent TKC during the Shallow Bay Zoning Committee process.

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council will be providing honoraria for meetings attended. Please submit a written Expression of Interest (via mail or e-mail) with information about yourself to the TKC Lands, Resources and Heritage Department, 117 Industrial Road, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2T8. Submission deadline will be October 13, 2017. For more information, contact Natalie Leclerc, Land Use Planning Coordinator, nleclerc@taan.ca, 668.3613 ex. 604.

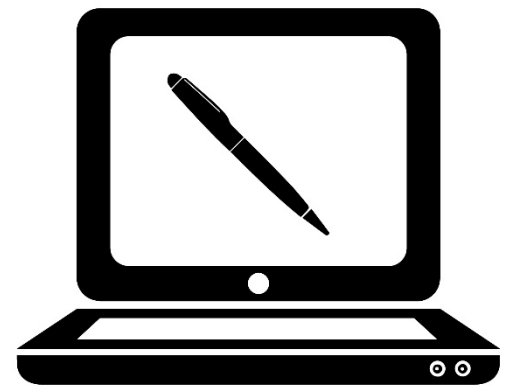


Shallow Bay area

Apply to Serve on the Shallow Bay Zoning Committee!

Submit your name for consideration by October 13 if you have a familiarity with the land-use issues and interests in the area; an ability to represent the larger interests of the Shallow Bay community in an objective and equitable manner; and a willingness to make time to participate in the zoning development process.

Contact Natalie Leclerc, Land Use Planning Coordinator, nleclerc@taan.ca, 668.3613 ex. 604.



WELCOMING STAFF TO TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL

Katelyn Friendship: Executive Assistant

Katelyn Friendship has called the Yukon home for close to 10 years. Katelyn has worked on a variety of community-based projects with Yukon First Nations and in communities across the North, particularly with respect to climate change adaptation, food security, and health. She has also been a minute-taker for First Nation governments and councils.

As the new Executive Assistant to the Chief and Deputy-Chief, Katelyn is excited to be working with Ta'an Kwäch'än Citizens to learn and experience firsthand the implementation of Self-Government Agreements. Katelyn loves travelling, wandering the incredible landscape of the Yukon, gardening, and picking berries with family and friends. "I look forward to meeting and working with everyone!" You can reach Katelyn at executiveassist@taan.ca or 668.3613 ex 204.



Elisha Sidoun: Clerk of the Council

Elisha Sidoun is the successful candidate for the position of Clerk of the Council. Even though a Canadian at birth, Elisha has just arrived from Israel where he had lived for the past two decades. Elisha worked as an Intelligence Manager in a risk assessment firm mainly contracted by private sector corporations operating in Africa. He also worked in several positions in the Israeli public sector, notably the Municipality of Jerusalem, as well as the Israeli Ministry of Justice. Elisha completed both a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, Anthropology and Political Science, as well as a Master's degree in Conflict Resolution at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

This is his first time in the Yukon and he is "more than honored to serve the Council and the original inhabitants of this wonderful land. I thank you all and I'm looking forward to working with you." Contact Elisha at clerkofcouncil@taan.ca or 668.3613 ex. 210.



Lian Goodall: Communications Officer

Lian Goodall joins Ta'an Kwäch'än Council as Communications Officer with several decades of experience as a writer, editor and communications project manager. She has written for more than 15 publications including the *Yukon Mining and Exploration Directory 2014-2015* and has four non-fiction books published. She has edited books and worked as the English editor for the National Capital Commission, Ottawa. As a project manager, Lian's teams have produced communication pieces for tourist organizations, the Government of the Northwest Territories, Parks Canada and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.

Lian is passionate about communicating and is excited about helping to create messages for Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. Please feel free to send her potential news items or announcements for the newsletter. Contact Lian at communicationsoffice@taan.ca or 668.3613.



Roberta Behn: Heritage Programs Coordinator

Roberta Behn has moved to the position of Heritage Programs Coordinator. You've probably known Roberta in her role as the Health and Wellness Coordinator, so taking up this position fits well within her wheelhouse. She has served Ta'an Kwäch'än Council well during her ten years here, always going above and beyond for fellow colleagues, Citizens and family.

Her previous experiences in planning and implementing health, wellness and cultural programs to meet the needs of TKC Elders and Citizens will make for a smooth transition. Roberta has always been a beacon of light when it comes to traditional knowledge, skills and teachings. We can't wait for her to continue to share her wisdom and teachings. Get in touch with Roberta at rbehn@taan.ca or 668.3613 ex. 403.



A CAUSE TO CELEBRATE: FOX CREEK SALMON RESTORATION PROJECT

For Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator, Deb Fulmer, this summer was more than special. There were no Chinook salmon in Fox Creek before 2013, but salmon adults were observed actively spawning this year. Fulmer rejoices, “The fish are coming back.”

Observation is a key part of the project, as it builds skills and fosters Citizen engagement. Fulmer states it was a “phenomenal year for experience, training and knowledge.” There were a number of successful activities that received strong support from summer students, staff, volunteers and some very helpful organizations. From tagging, to release, to telemetry and sonar, the Fox Creek Salmon Restoration Project went swimmingly.

In June, young wild fry from last year’s spawning activity were observed emerging from the substrate. In mid-July, approximately 33,000 Chinook salmon fry were released into Fox Creek at the annual public event enjoyed by all ages who turned out to release fry.

Working on the project were a number of young Ta’an Kwäch’än Council Citizens who had some amazing experiences and learned solid skills. For example, Jenna Duncan is a third-year biology student at Simon Fraser University and second year summer student with Ta’an. She trained to tag fish at the Whitehorse Rapids Fish

Hatchery and is now the only person in the Yukon qualified to tag fish. This means she puts a small coded wire used for tagging into the snouts of the fry when they weigh only one gram and are .05 centimetres in length.

At the McIntyre Creek Incubation Facility in July, Jenna led tagging activities with fellow students Stan Cletheroe and Nathan Smith, as well as staff members Deb Fulmer, Testloa Smith and Felicia Gordon, who clipped the fish’s adipose fins. Once the fish are retrieved as adults, the tags will give the information to determine how old they are and where they were raised.

In August, the summer student team participated in the Canadian Wildlife Federation Radio Telemetry Project. To determine if the Whitehorse Rapids Dam effects the upstream migration of Chinook salmon, team members helped net salmon and insert a radio transmitter for tracking. Team members also took part in the Takhini River Sonar Project when they got to use an underwater sonar viewing monitor. “We did not see any of the more than 800 migrating fish,” Fulmer admits, “but it was pretty cool to see the entire bottom of the river.”

Thanks goes to Yukon Energy Corporation, the owner of the Whitehorse Rapids Fish Hatchery and the supplier of broodstock and eyed eggs, as well as Lawrence Vano for raising strong, healthy eggs to the eyed stage.

Yukon College operates the McIntyre Creek Salmon Incubation Facility, raises the fish from eyed egg to fry stage and provides excellent training for Ta’an Kwäch’än Council Citizens and staff.

The projects receive technical support from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and in particular, Trix Tanner, Sean Collins and Maggie Wright. Elder Betsy Jackson graciously offered prayer and guidance. Citizen Coralee Johns, who founded the project, helps annually, and many Citizens and members of the public offered support. We anticipate that we will have even more to celebrate next year!



Elder Betsy Jackson releases the first bucket of fry.



Stan Cletheroe



Southern Tutchone Tribal Council Presents
A Southern Tutchone Fall Gathering
October 14th 2017 at Helen's Fish Camp

Please join us as we gather on the Traditional Territory of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council on October 14, 2017 at Helen's Fish Camp.

The STTC has a theme of traditional songs this year. There will be facilitators from each member nation to guide us in singing traditional songs and creating a new song.

Breakfast, lunch and feast provided. Please bring your potlatch bags, drums and any other instruments you wish. There will be local performances and lots of great door prizes.

Take the opportunity to get together to enjoy our shared culture and each other's company for the day.

There will be several casual employment opportunities for Southern Tutchone Citizens with priority going to TKC Citizens. STTC will be posting for the following positions:

***3 cooks**

***1 event assistant**

If you have ideas to support this event, if you would like to apply or if you have any questions please contact STTC Executive Director Shannon Walker at **335-1320** or southerntutchone@northwestel.net



Our vision statement is—**Pride and solidarity in the Southern Tutchone Nations**

Our mission statement is—**We bring Southern Tutchone people together using events based on culture, language and heritage**



Notice to all Citizens
Please attend our
Annual General Assembly



October 28-29, 2017

9:00am-5:00pm

Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre



ALL CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Delegate forms are available at TKC's
 main office and on the TKC website.
 Forms must be submitted prior to the start of the GA.

**DEADLINE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
 AMENDMENTS IS OCTOBER 4th, 2017**

Submit amendments and delegate forms to
ClerkOfCouncil@taan.ca

Transportation available, please call the office prior to
 October 27th to arrange pick up.

For more information contact
Amanda Leas—*aleas@taan.ca*
 117 Industrial Road, Whitehorse Yukon
 (867) 668.3613 ext. 203

Any changes further to this will be reflected on the website
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