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## Message from Chief and Deputy Chief

Dännch'a! Welcome to the spring edition of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council quarterly newsletter. The dark shadows of winter are receding and the long-awaited days of light are returning!

The past few months seem to have flown by. Both the Chief and Deputy Chief have participated in a multitude of federal and territorial meetings. Along with other Yukon First Nation Chiefs and Modern Treaty First Nations and Self Government Indigenous groups, Chief Kane met with Prime Minister, the



Right Honourable Justin Trudeau and several Federal ministers at the Canada-Modern Treaty and Self-governing First Nations Forum in Ottawa on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Topics covered in the meeting included progress achieved and next steps, collaborative fiscal policy, proposed implementation policy, negotiations loans repayment, a proposed Modern Treaties oversight body, following a distinctions-based approach, and advancing new policies. The Lands Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC) had their Leadership Meeting in February, where many of these discussions continued. Movements forward continue with respect to child welfare and Indigenous language legislation and housing. In terms of negotiations loans forgiveness, the Federal Government recently announced 1.4 billion over 7 years for repayment of negotiations loans that were incurred during our Land Claims Negotiations which means TKC will receive approximately 15 million dollars over the next 7 years. In addition, as the co-chair of the Chief's Committee on Education, Chief Kane, along with other members of the CCOE, met with representatives of Indigenous Services Canada and Crown Indigenous Relations to further our intention to gain more control of education of Yukon First Nations students. As a result, 1.2 million of funding was received by CYFN to further this education initiative. Closer to home, in December and in February, Chief Kane and Deputy Chief Peters participated in Yukon Forums, as well as monthly Yukon First Nations leadership meetings. On January 18<sup>th</sup>, Chief and Council met with the City of Whitehorse Mayor and Council for an intergovernmental meeting. Here, the Declaration of Commitment and working collaboratively on mutual interests was emphasized. A joint TKC Elders-Council meeting was held on February 19<sup>th</sup> which allowed for open dialogue between the two governing bodies. Citizens continue to meet once a week with the Dadaghay Development Corporation to further develop plans for our new Administration Building. As you will read about in this newsletter, we are also continuing our efforts to build community unity within Ta'an Kwäch'än. We are very proud of citizens and the effort that is being made to strengthen our community and learn more about our culture and traditions. The Spring Break Culture Camp took place at Helen's Fish Camp in which our youth and citizens took the opportunity to spend time out on the land and learn/practice our traditional ways.

Please continue to watch for events in our monthly bulletins, on our website and on Facebook.

In unity,

Chief Kristina Kane & Deputy Chief Christina Peters



## Shrō Kwàthän nì j



On January 18, Members of Whitehorse City Council, the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation gathered at City Hall to unveil the new *Welcome to Whitehorse* signs containing Southern Tutchone as well as both First Nations' crests.

"When the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report in 2015, we knew we had to take action in healing those affected in our community," said Mayor Dan Curtis. "The promotion of First Nations languages and culture was a big part of the Declaration of Commitment we all signed last June, and these signs are a step forward in our ongoing efforts to implement specific actions that are meaningful to our First Nations partners."

They contain a welcome in Southern Tutchone, **Shrō Kwàthän Nì j**, which means, "It's good to see you."

"Ta'an Kwäch'än Council is very proud to have Southern Tutchone, Ta'an Kwäch'än Kwiinje on the *Welcome to Whitehorse* signage. This signage is a part of increasing awareness and recognition within our community about the First Peoples and the traditional territories of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Kwanlin Dün First Nation. We look forward to further opportunities to share our language and culture with the broader community," said Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Chief Kristina Kane.

"Residents and visitors alike will again be greeted to the land where Whitehorse rose alongside Chu Nínkwän (the Yukon River) in a language that has been spoken here for thousands of years. The City of Whitehorse, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Kwanlin Dün First Nation have fostered a tripartite relationship built on a strong sense of community and mutual respect. This signage is a symbol of our commitment to one another, and it is a commitment to all who live and visit here," said Kwanlin Dün First Nation Chief Doris Bill.

## Council Notes

In recent months there was significant activity between the Councils. During this time, the Council activated the Constitutional Review Committee and appointed five members to represent the five traditional families. The Constitutional Review Committee was mandated by the General Assembly of March 2018 to review the Constitution as a whole and report back to the General Assembly with recommendations at a later date. As of the printing of this newsletter the Committee is underway with an average of two meetings scheduled per month. Council also appointed Citizens to a variety of internal and external to TKC Committees. John S. Bunbury was appointed to the Shallow Bay Zoning Committee and Coralee Johns to the Education Commission. For a full list of vacancies and opportunities available for you please contact Council Clerk, Elisha Sidoun. Chief and Council committed to taking part in various initiatives such as a (FNLED) First Nations Labor and Employment survey, a Community Safety Plan, a

collaborative meeting with the City and an Assembly of First Nations Housing Data collection survey. Chief and Council donated \$5000 towards the organization of the Millennial Town Hall event which is a territorial wide Youth gathering. The Council also donated \$2000 to the Whitehorse Food Bank and the same sum to the Salvation Army. Chief and Council approved the Research Protocol Policy which was first drafted by TKC Citizen Caroline Grady during her time at TKC as a Governance Summer Student in 2017. The draft was reviewed by Heritage Technician, Anne Marie Miller, Legislation and Policy Analyst Donald Easterson, and Chair of the Elders Council Bill Bruton. It was then presented to the Elders Council who recommended that it be passed with some changes. Council reviewed the new draft, added a recommendation and in turn, approved it. This policy is in line with Chapter 13 of the Final Agreement and will provide TKC administration with a set of procedures to ensure that the heritage resources are always protected.





Chief and Council also put a new set of Honoraria Regulations into first reading. This document sets out the topic of how much Citizens will be compensated for their time and is now open for discussion at both the Council table and at the Elders Council. Our reactivated Youth Council may also provide input. The Youth Council met again and approved the Rules of Procedure to govern their meetings. During this time, the presence of our Youth Councilors was noted at the Joint meeting of the Councils and at different Committees and Council meetings. Youth Councilor Brandon Smith represented TKC with great dignity at the Land Claims Agreement Coalition meeting in Ottawa at the end of February. Three Youths from our Youth Council attended a week-long intensive leadership training at the end of March. In terms of appointments on different Councils, Elder Alice McGuire resigned from Council as Elders Representative in order to focus on the Constitutional Review Committee. While Elder Louise Clethero is her alternate on Council, the decision on who to appoint will be on the agenda of the next Elders Council meeting. Youth Councilor Jocelyn Cletheroe has also attended Council as the Youth Representative.

After diligent review, Chief and Council approved the annual budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. There was also an approval to enter into new Financial Transfer Agreement negotiations with the Government of Canada. These efforts are led by our Implementation Officer, Barb Joe and a contracted negotiator.

Last, but not least, the Council decided to replace the two pickup trucks, two All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and two snowmobiles for the usage of the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department. The Council also asked for the drafting of a Code of Conduct in order to ensure the long-term use of these vehicles along with any others.

### *Spring is finally here!*

In Ta'an Kwäch'än Kwinje, we say *Ädaläl* for Spring! Here are some other phrases you can use this time of the year:

Is it warming up outside? *Kwäjänädhelq?*

Yes, it is warming up! *Äghay, Kwäjänädhèl.*

Is the snow melting? *Yäw äjëdä ladq?*

Yes, the snow has melted! *Aghay, yäw ädèlät*

*From the Southern Tutchone Phrase Book*

*Ta'an Män dialect by Nakhela Bunbury*

*\* Disclaimer: This is not a guaranteed weather forecast!*

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### **Looking for work opportunities?**

We would love to meet with you!

**TKC is accepting resumes for  
casual/on call employees.**

Positions include cooks, receptionists &  
other fill-ins as needed.

Please send your resumes to  
[rkufeldt@taan.ca](mailto:rkufeldt@taan.ca) and include your  
area of interest and availability.

We look forward to working with you!



# Update from Mundessa:

## Past, Current, Future

In light of some recent questions received by citizens, the following is a brief history of Mundessa Development Corporation (MDC), followed by details on where MDC is today, and suggestions as to where we would be in the future.

For many years, MDC was the delivery agency for programs, services and employment opportunities for TKC citizens. This included such programs as student summer employment, Fire Smart, Thirty-Mile Patrol, community development projects, heritage projects, socioeconomic development, various training programs, and so on. Then, after 2002 when TKC became self-governing, many of the programs and services were taken up by the TKC government. MDC was no longer the contracted agency for the TKC government. To have continued in our mandate would have meant duplication of programs and services, and the threat we would become not only redundant, but obsolete. It is understandable some members did not have a clear idea of our purpose or usefulness to its members. For clarification, all TKC citizens are members of MDC.

Our legitimacy and continued existence were questioned when citizens sought to dissolve the non-profit corporation three months after the 2017 Annual Members Meeting (AMM). The thought was to liquidate MDC and distribute the realized dollars to individual TKC citizens. This effort was introduced by resolution at the General Assembly of 2017 and carried into the Special General Assembly of 2018. The Board of Directors were forced to defend Mundessa legally and spent considerable time, effort, and money doing so. As a separate legal entity, MDC operates from a different set of laws from the TKC government or any branch of the government, including the General Assembly. As expressed by our legal counsel, any member of MDC may seek to dissolve the corporation but there is a legal process for doing so. If successful, all our assets must flow to

another non-profit organization.

Prior to the 2017 AMM, we asked TKC Council for support through a three-year Contribution Agreement, based on work completed in our 25-Year Strategic Plan. It was thought core-funding dollars could be made available from TKC to the non-profit, as we have few dollars meant for administrative support and overhead. The reality is, without core funding we will be forced to liquidate assets. In short, we are asset rich but cash-poor. Cash-flow is always a problem and we will continue to ask TKC Council for financial support. We have not been successful in our efforts to date and welcome your ideas and suggestions to help resolve this impasse. We do not like to spend what little money we have on renting an office for example, but we need a base from which to operate. We have used our space for meetings and for summer camp so TKC youth are able to enjoy it. We have offered our space to TKC for meetings of Youth Council (so they could also use like a safe “club house” for youth), we have offered our space to the TKC Education Department for after-school tutoring and to the Elders Council for get-togethers.



**Mundessa Development Corporation's purpose: To promote the social, cultural, education and economic development of the members of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.**

As a viable organization, first organized in 1975, we believe we can still be relevant forty-four years later. The Board of Directors is committed to providing programs and services, which are of benefit to its members. Our efforts over the last few years has gone towards development of an On-The-Land Learning Centre and our focus has been on support of TKC youth and education opportunities. As a non-profit organization, MDC can potentially access other program and service dollars that are only available to non-profits.



Most territorial or federal funding agencies require a cash contribution by the proponent. These contributions can be between 30%-50%. Such funding agencies always want to know if the TKC government is in support of our funding proposals and that we can contribute our fair share of funding dollars. So far, we cannot.

The Economic Development Fund, currently valued at over \$3million, were dollars set aside in the TKC Final and Self-Government Agreements and is meant for economic and employment opportunities, as well as capacity development or contracting opportunities for the subsidiary corporations of TKC. MDC has never accessed these dollars.

With respect to financial reporting, in the fiscal year 2016/17 after severance from TKC's administrative support, the Board of Directors of MDC directed the CEO to perform audits dating back from 2011 forward. These financial statements were presented by our auditor, BDO at the July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 AMM. The financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2018 were approved by the Board of Directors on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and subsequently presented to our members at the February 2019 AMM.

We will continue to seek support for the realization of our Learning Centre. If we are successful in getting core-funding for MDC, we will be able to hire a general manager and other staff as need be. Further, we will be able to continue delivery of programs and services not at odds with TKC's government departments.

We continue to encourage participation from all Ta'an Kwäch'än Traditional Families. Regardless, of quorum difficulties, the Board continues to update our members through the TKC newsletter and both TKC Council and the General Assembly annually.

In unity,

Jacqueline Bazett

President & CEO

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## Spring Camp 2019

This year, the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Spring Camp was held in partnership with the Skookum Jim Friendship Center Traditional Parenting Program. Almost 70 participants gathered at Helen's Fish Camp for a week of on-the-land knowledge transfer that included trapping, language and ice fishing! There was moose hide tanning and traditional craftworks as well. Kick sled travel proved to be a fun way to get around the grounds and the frozen lake, while we still could. An early spring gust brought a rapid snow melt early in the week, and where there was snow one day, the next we could see the grass coming up through mud patches.

Plans changed as plans do, but always in a good way. We were going to have a lesson and demonstration from John Bunbury on trapping and skinning a beaver, but it was a lynx that was gifted to camp. John demonstrated the skinning and care of the lynx for the camp participants.

Thank you to the TKC Heritage and Education Departments, the Teachers and Land Stewards who put on a wonderful Spring Camp! We can't wait to see what is next!



*Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Youth and Skookum Jim Friendship Centre Traditional Parenting Program got together for Spring Camp 2019 (More spring camp photos on center spread!)*

# Lands Resources and Heritage Gathering

The Ta'an Kwach'an Council Lands Resources and Heritage (LRH) Department held the first LRH Gathering for citizens on January 25-26, 2019.

As a first time event the entire team pulled together to develop the program. The objectives of the event were to: showcase department successes, gather input from citizens, and strengthen the relationship between citizens and their staff. Across the spectrum of activities that LRH works on day to day, staff regularly finds that a lot of citizens are not aware of the full range of project that they work on. Some citizens are very familiar with the Fox Creek Salmon Restoration Project or have participated in Land's Act meetings. However, they are not as aware of work the department does around commenting on development projects, or collecting water quality data, or how wildlife monitors deal with issues they see on the land, or the type of maps LRH staff produce, or the amount of heritage and traditional knowledge that has been collected over the years. There are also a lot of questions staff answer regarding settlement land. Staff was finding that not all citizens are aware of the land base that they have within the traditional territory. Some people didn't know about any of our rural settlement land parcels, or community settlement land parcels and our site specifics. With the addition of 5 new staff members over the past year. Part of the gathering was intended to introduce new staff to the citizens.



*Greeted by the sun!*

LRH wanted a format that would allow citizens to speak directly to the their staff that are working on projects that they want to know more about. On day one, a trade show was set up to showcase to citizens this work. Each staff member had the opportunity to explain through displays and one-on-one conversations the work that they do.

However, it is not only TKC citizens interested in what the LRH Department is doing. LRH opened the Friday afternoon to our outside partners. Project partners like Yukon Government, City of Whitehorse and



*The TKC Lands, Resources and Heritage Crew*

Not-for-Profit Environmental Groups were welcomed to come and meet LRH face to face. Staff mostly know these partners through email. Staff was pleasantly surprised when the room that afternoon was packed. Almost everybody that LRH invited showed up. It was a good little meet and greet and networking opportunity to strengthen working relationships.

Looking ahead staff sees value in having more education workshops in this format so that citizens can be brought up to speed on the information coming from the department, so that they can make informed decisions about Lands, Heritage and Resources.

There was a community dinner served on Friday night, with traditional foods on the menu. After dinner videos of the land claims process were shown, and well received.



The second day of the gathering was a presentation-based schedule. There was a round of introductions. LRH also used questionnaires related to the Past, Present and Future of Land Claims, and evaluation forms to gather as much information from citizens as they could. The questions were passed to the citizens, and their answers were gathered and digitized for future use. There was a “Lands 101” information session to educate and refresh memories of definitions of terms used in Lands discussions and the Agreements. Following the event LRH staff met to share their observations and all members had examples of

of how they achieved those objectives. Building on this success the TKC Lands, Resources and Heritage Department will be looking to host more educational workshops and feedback sessions to promote communication and citizen driven initiatives.

### Count On It!

**Six:** Kwälak’ü ye ñich’l (five and one)

**Seven:** Kwälak’ü ye ñèki (five and two)

**Eight:** Kwälak’ü ye taäch’e (five and three)

**Nine:** Kwälak’ü ye ñänin ch’e (five and four)

**Ten:** Nänech’e

## The Constitutional Review Committee Is Now Up And Running

We encourage Citizens to bring forward their issues with TKC’s Constitution to the Five representatives from the Traditional Families:

**Maggie Broeren – Delilah Pillai**

**Chief Jim Boss – Shirley Beattie**

**Susie Jim – Bonnie Harpe**

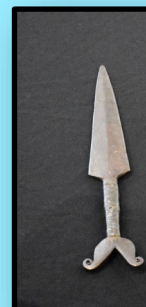
**Jenny LeBarge – Jackie Bazett**

**Jenny Dawson – Gloria Peters**

This Committee will be meeting twice a month to review the Constitution ahead of the Fall 2019 TKC General Assembly.

You may choose to contact the members individually or you may send your issues to **Clerk of the Council, Elisha Sidoun** at [clerkofcouncil@taan.ca](mailto:clerkofcouncil@taan.ca) and specify to what members you want your issues forwarded to. If you are unsure if it is a Constitutional Issue, you should still contact the above-mentioned.

**The quality and inclusiveness of the Committee work increases with the participation we get from Citizens!**



*From gathering in town to gathering at Helen*





*'s Fish Camp, we've been having us some fun!*



Chief Kane addresses the audience at The Arctic Inspiration Awards. The Arctic Inspiration Prize recognizes and promotes the extraordinary contribution made by teams in the gathering of Arctic knowledge and their plans to implement this knowledge to real world applications for the benefit of the Canadian Arctic, Arctic Peoples and therefore Canada as a whole.

## Mr. Smith Goes to Ottawa

In February, Brandon Smith traveled with Chief Kane and TKC Implementation Officer, Barb Joe to Ottawa. He attended the Land Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC) meetings and participated in the Gordon Foundation negotiations simulation exercise. During some free time Brandon and other SGYFN youth received a tour of Parliament Hill with MP Larry Bagnell. Brandon also had the chance to speak directly to Minister Bennett at the Leadership meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>. He expressed concerns about being a youth and hoping there will be progress made on some of the files by the time he is older.



*Brandon with Minister Bennett and other future leaders*

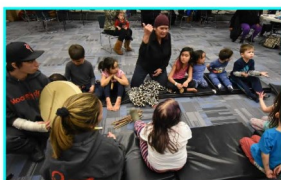


### Seeking Ta'an Kwäch'än Hand Games Players!

We are building a TKC team to take part in the **Hand Games Tournament** for the APTN Televised National Aboriginal Day Broadcast June 22, 2019 at Shipyards park!

The Hand Games event is open to ages 12 and above! All that is required is a willingness to learn, a little team spirit and a passion for the game!

If you are interested in being a part of our Hand games Team, or if you are able to teach hand games signals, contact Ben Monkman @ 334-8306 or email: [youthsupport@taan.ca](mailto:youthsupport@taan.ca)



### Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Online:

Follow TKC online at [www.taان.ca](http://www.taان.ca).

Tune in for community information, citizen news and upcoming events.

Follow us on facebook!





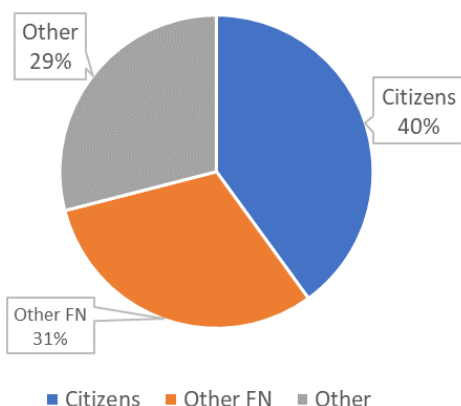
# The Employment & Development of TKC Citizens

Since the approval of the TKC *Preferential Hiring Policy* in May of 2013, there has been a notable increase in the representation of TKC Citizens within our own workforce. More specifically, the percentage has gone from 40 to 52 percentage of overall employees, and the number of TKC Members up from 13 to 20 Citizens. The *Preferential Hiring Policy* ensures that “qualified” TKC Citizens are afforded preferential treatment over all other candidates for the same position. This applies to all positions, whether full-time, part-time or casual. Specific examples of success are reflected in the preceding two newsletters where 5 of the 6 new employees welcomed to the Team are TKC Citizens.

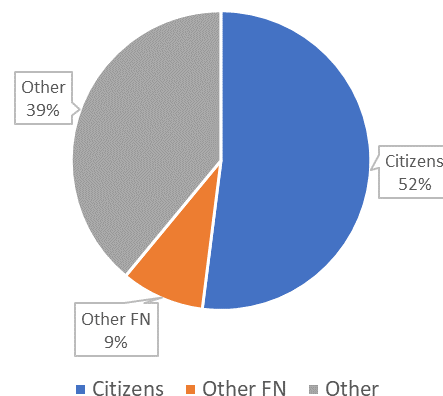
In addition to the policy itself, there are other important contributors to this success. This includes support and assistance for education and training. In recent years the summer student program has been modified to provide interested students with work that is not only meaningful to themselves in their career, but relevant to the needs, programs, and services of TKC. In the summer of 2018 TKC employed 8 Summer Students, up from 2 Summer students in the summer of 2014. Further, increased efforts to inform and reach out to Citizens through various means such as Facebook and the continued use of the TKC website, about vacancies as they arise has also helped.

Once hired within the team of all our valued and committed employees, ongoing formal training and development are both encouraged and supported. This is a common practice within many organizations and is a key factor in employee retention. As a responsible employer, TKC not only seeks to recruit the best qualified individuals that are available at a particular time but strives to do its best to retain them once on board. While there is clearly an expressed preference, we also value the additional insights and perspectives that a mix of employees of diverse backgrounds and experience can bring to TKC in the delivery of its programs and services. A respectful workplace and the acknowledgement of individual and collective commitments, efforts, and contributions have also led to a reduced turnover in recent times, within all ranks. While acknowledging the many employees that work for TKC, it is also important to recognize and appreciate that many TKC Citizens have been very successful in pursuing their career interests with other employers, throughout Yukon and elsewhere.

Staffing Percentage, December 2013



Staffing Percentage, March 2019



## Community Gathering Sessions 2019

The 2019 TKC Community Gathering Sessions took place over two weekends in March. For the first weekend that took place March 01 and 02, we gathered at Mount McIntyre and took in community activities and facilitated presentations.

Friday night was for games and culture! Nicole Smith led us in the Welcome Song and Kayden Leas and Kiawna Leas showed us some hand games moves that we hope to turn into a TKC Hand Games Team!

Nicole brought the language in games with the younger citizens. Saturday was a day for

information. This was facilitated by *Doing the Hand Game Shuffle*

Marylin Jensen and Thomas

Shepherd of Social Innovation. This included a beautiful presentation on Dūlé Law and Customs of the Ta'an Kwäch'än, delivered by Shirley Adamson. Shirley also presented on the historical impacts of the Indian Act and colonization on the people of Ta'an.

Over the noon hour we took in a presentation from guest speaker Drew Lafond. Mr. Lafond delivered information on Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Indian Act, addressing loss of "Indian Status" under the Indian Act

definitions and requirements that exempted Indigenous Women from the same rights afforded to Indigenous Men.



*Doing the Hand Game Shuffle*



*Drew Lafond presenting on Bill S-3*

More information on Bill S-3 can be found at [www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca](http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca).

There was delicious food served up by our cooks, and we took in the opportunity to visit and catch up. Name tags with our logo and respective clan representations were made available.

The photo booth, run by Stewart Tizya, captured some of the beautiful regalia that many wore.

We took some space at the end of the day to reflect on the weekend with emphasis on expressing gratitude to someone in the community.

The second weekend took place at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre on March 29 and 30. We played language games, presented by Nicole Smith, that had us asking "Ye ka ładeya?" By the end of the game, we all knew that

means: "What are you hunting for?" and some of the animals we could respond with, such as "shūr shāw," (grizzly Bear) "mbay" (Sheep) and "gà." (Rabbit) The following day was filled with knowledge transfer opportunities that included presentations by

Barb Joe on Implementation, and a presentation by Shirley Adamson that was a little bit of knowledge sharing on Dūlé and some traditional story telling. Roberta Auston presented on the Community Safety Plan, and Francis McGuire and Julie Laliberte held a focus group discussion with questionnaire on Early Learning and Childcare Needs.



*Participants in group exercise*



*Anne-Marie giving the Potlatch presentation*



On Saturday afternoon, Dr. Ukjese Van Kampen presented a Southern Tutchone Art History lecture that was educational, inspiring and surprising. TKC Heritage Technician, Anne-Marie Miller delivered a presentation on Southern Tutchone Potlatch, how we did it, and how it is to be done.

Through out both days, Roberta Behn led the group through mini-drum making and other sewing projects. She is going to turn us into artists and crafts people yet!

We look forward to holding more gatherings, and we strive to implement the suggestions and requests made by the citizens to deliver what they would like to see in future gatherings.



### *Prime Ministers Forum*

Along with other Yukon First Nation Chiefs and Modern Treaty First Nations and Self Government Indigenous groups, Chief Kane met with Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau and several federal ministers at the Canada-Modern Treaty and Self-governing First Nations Forum in Ottawa on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Topics covered in the meeting included progress achieved and next steps, collaborative fiscal policy, proposed implementation policy, negotiations loans repayment, a proposed Modern Treaties oversight body, following a distinctions-based approach, and advancing new policies.



TKC Youth Council Representative, Brandon Smith, gives opening remarks at the 50th Annual Polar Games on January 30th. The Polar Games brings together athletes in the 6th grade throughout the Yukon to celebrate team sports and athletics.

## *It's all Relative*

Äma: Mother

Ätà: Father

Äsųą: Grandma

Äsia: Grandpa

*From the Southern Tutchone Phrase Book, Tàá'an Män Dialect, by Hazel Nakhela Bunbury. Available at TKC*

## Sixties Scoop Support for TKC Citizens

Survivors of the “Sixties Scoop” sued the Federal Government of Canada. The courts have approved a settlement between the survivors and Canada that provides compensation for loss of cultural identity for certain survivors of the Sixties Scoop. If you know of any Ta’an Kwäch’än citizens who may have been impacted by this, please inform them of their opportunity to make a claim.

### Eligibility:

This lawsuit applies to all Indigenous Canadians (registered Indians as defined in the *Indian Act* and Inuit persons or people eligible to be registered Indians or Inuit) **who were removed from their homes in Canada between January 1, 1951 and December 31, 1991 and placed in the care of non-Indigenous foster or adoptive parents.**

Eligible individuals must have been alive on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to be eligible for the settlement.

The lawsuit claims that children who were victims of the Sixties Scoop lost their cultural identity and suffered psychologically, emotionally, spiritually and physically. They were also deprived of their Status, aboriginal and treaty rights, and monetary benefits to which they were entitled pursuant to the *Indian Act*, RSC 1985, c I-5 and related legislation and policies.

### Make a Claim for Money:

You may be eligible for a financial claim. To do so, you must complete a *Claim Form* and send it to the Claims Administrator by August 30, 2019.

You may access support to assist you with the claim:

1-(844)-2874270 with questions, or visit [www.sixtiesscoopsettlement.info](http://www.sixtiesscoopsettlement.info);  
or email [sixtiesscoop@collectiva.ca](mailto:sixtiesscoop@collectiva.ca).

### For More Information, Contact:

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Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Department of Health and Education would like to remind citizens that a Tutoring Program is available for school-aged children. TKC, in partnership with LDAY, provides one-on-one tutoring and is funded through Yukon Government Department of Education. LDAY works to pair the student with the tutor that works best with their needs and concerns. This service is free to our citizens, from kindergarten to grade 12 living in the Yukon. It would be great to hear from parents about any educational supports that they feel would benefit their children. Our Youth Outreach Support Worker also has Thursday drop-in office hours at Porter Creek Secondary school (Rm. 225) from 12-3pm, and a Wednesday Lunch at Elijah Smith Elementary. Please contact Ben Monkman at [youthsupport@taan.ca](mailto:youthsupport@taan.ca) or call 334-8306 for more information.



**Zach Sequin at the 42nd Annual Yukon Native Hockey Tournament**



*Above: The Ta'an Kwäch'än Youth and Skookum Jim Friendship Centre at the TKC Spring Camp.*

*Below: Having fun on the frozen lake!*



## Call for Artists

**Ta'an Kwäch'än Council**  
Administration / Gathering Place Planning Workshops

Are you a Ta'an Kwäch'än Citizen with drawing skills?

Are you willing and able to develop conceptual drawings of the Gathering Place / Administration Building?

**We need to hear from you! ASAP!**

Contact Ben Asquith, at [dadaghay@northwestel.net](mailto:dadaghay@northwestel.net)  
or 867-332-7898



## Our Place Names

### Ts'al Shāw Ay (Coghlan Lake)

Ts'al Shāw Ay is another lake that is located east of Lake Laberge. The Southern Tutchone name translates into “Big Frog Den” and the lake was named after a giant frog animal that was thought to live in a den located in a bluff overlooking the lake. Elder Louis Smith stated that this animal was believed to have killed a group of people that



climbed up the bluff to investigate. Coghlan Lake was named after Charles Coghlan, who came to the Klondike in 1898 and ended up living and trapping by the lake. Late Elder Irene Smith, remembered that her mother, Alice Sam, stayed at Coghlan Lake in the winter months to go trapping.

### Tàkwädàdhà (Marsh Lake)

Tàkwädàdhà translates to “sand washes up on shore.” Traditionally, Marsh Lake was known as an important fishing lake and a place for ducks, geese and swans. It was known as an important stopping-point during seasonal travel. Non-First Nations people often referred to Tàkwädàdhà as “Mud Lake” and was named Marsh Lake in 1883 by Lieutenant Frederick



Schwatka of the American Army after Professor Othniel Charles Marsh, a paleontologist at Yale University from 1866-1899.



*Feeling  
Overwhelmed?*

## **YSS** YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

*What is YSS?*

Youth Support Services at Skookum Jim Friendship Centre is a program for all youth aged 12-24. We are a team of support workers who are here to help you with (almost) anything!

*YSS Can Help You:*

- Get Identification
- Navigate Government Services
- Housing and College Applications
- Connect to Resources
- and more!



Monday - Friday:  
9 am to 5 pm



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## **TKC Mountain Bike Night**

Youth Outreach Support is holding a once a week mountain biking night for the month of May. Bike rentals are being donated, along with helmets, and will be for beginner/intermediate skill levels. If you have your own bike feel free to bring it. Space will cap out at 6, so first come first serve for spaces, with a waitlist. A coached first session will go over some skill building for the first night of the program.

**16-29 years of age, with a little experience on mountain bikes/trails**  
**Every Tuesday in May, 4:30-6:30 pm**

**No cost!!!**

**Contact Ben Monkman (334-8306) or**  
**[youthsupport@taan.ca](mailto:youthsupport@taan.ca) to register.**



**Jordan's Principle ensures First Nation children receive the public services they need.**

Does your child need health and medical support? Examples of eligible funded services are: speech language therapy, occupational therapy, specialized medical equipment, parental FASD training, and sensory toys. Please call CYFN at 1-833-393-9200 and speak to one of our staff.

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