



# Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

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## Monthly Bulletin – February 2020

- **PRE-NATAL AND PRESCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM CANCELLED!!! - January 30, 12:00pm-1:30pm: Health & Education Kitchen**  
TKC Family Support would like to advise Citizens it has cancelled the free lunch program scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Health and Education Kitchen at TKC's office at 117 Industrial Road. TKC Family Support is planning to hold a parents' supper on **Thursday February 27, 2020**. More details about this dinner will be available soon. For more information please contact Julie Laliberte, Family Support Worker at 668-3613 ext. 405 or 335-2502 or email [familysupport@taan.ca](mailto:familysupport@taan.ca).
- **CALLING ALL FIRST NATION ARTISTS – Deadline January 30, 2020**  
The Yukon First Nations Graduation Society is in search of the official 2020 logo. Your artwork could be chosen to be displayed on promotional materials, diplomas, gifts and more. Artist are being asked to submit their original art no later than January 30, 2020 to [yfngraduation@gmail.com](mailto:yfngraduation@gmail.com). You may submit more than one design. The winner will receive a \$500 honorarium. If you have further questions, please contact 335-1929 or email [yfngraduation@gmail.com](mailto:yfngraduation@gmail.com).
- **DÄN K'E INTENSIVE WORKSHOPS – TKC MAIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – FEB. 1-2 (10am-4pm)**  
The Southern Tutchone Tribal Council is presenting Dän k'e Intensive Workshops this winter to engage Citizens of KFN, TKC and CAFN in intensive language learning. Workshops, facilitated by Luke Campbell, will be held on January 25 & 26 2020 (10am-4pm) at the Jacquot Hall in Burwash Landing, and the weekend of February 1-2 (10am-4pm) at the TKC Main Administration Boardroom/Kitchen. Participants will prepare preserved foods to take home, help build language through a special video demonstration and share songs that will promote language and culture with a variety of special guests. Space is limited to 10 participants. For further information, please contact STTC Executive Director Shannon Walker at 335-1320 or [southerntutchone@northwestel.net](mailto:southerntutchone@northwestel.net).
- **COMMUNITY-BASED SALMON MANAGEMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP – February 3, 2020**  
C/TFN and KDFN have initiated salmon management planning for the Southern Lakes region, and TKC is invited to get involved. The first event will be a salmon celebration and planning workshop taking place at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Center on February 3, 2020. TKC staff is coordinating Citizen participation and seeking interested Elders, youth, those that practice traditional fishing activities or have a passion for salmon conservation and management. This will be a facilitated workshop to discuss the purpose of the plan, what has been done so far, and to gather perspectives and priorities for the plan moving forward. For further information contact Kristina Beckmann, Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator at 668-3613 ext. 603 or email [fishandwildlife@taan.ca](mailto:fishandwildlife@taan.ca).
- **TKC DANCE GROUP - 5:00pm-7:00pm, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2020, Mundessa Development Corporation, 509B Jarvis Street**  
The TKC Dance Group holds a practice every other Monday (weather permitting) at the Mundessa Development Corporation headquarters at 509B Jarvis Street. Everyone is welcome. Dinner is provided. For more information please contact Roberta Behn at 668-3613 ext. 403 or email [rbehn@taan.ca](mailto:rbehn@taan.ca).
- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - TKC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -Posting deadline February 7, 2020**  
After a 3-year personal commitment to TKC, David Steele our current Executive Director, has recently expressed his desire to pursue other career interests. As such, the Executive Director position is now being posted. With that David has indicated his willingness to participate in a transition role for an unspecified period as required. If you or anyone you know has the required qualifications and may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply. The initial posting expires February 7, 2020. Please refer to poster enclosed for more details.

- ADÄKA CULTURAL FESTIVAL - A CELEBRATION OF NATIONS – ARTIST DEADLINE February 28, 2020**

TKC visual and performing artists interested in taking part in the Adäka Festival have until February 28 to apply. If you are an artist from outside of Whitehorse and require full or partial sponsorship to help with travel and accommodations you need to submit your application by January 31, 2020. If you are an artist living in Whitehorse the deadline is February 28, 2020. The Adäka Cultural Festival brings Yukon First Nations artists together with Indigenous artists from across Canada and around the world to share and celebrate their creativity and culture with local, national and international audiences. This year, Adäka will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to mark this important milestone, the festival will showcase artists from all key cultural groups from across Canada, making it “A *Celebration of Nations*’ and national in scope. Applications are open to traditional or contemporary emerging and master Indigenous artists in the visual arts, traditional and contemporary crafts, traditional & contemporary fashion, music, dance, drumming/dancing, storytelling/spoken word, film/media art and theatre categories. Online and PDF Applications can be accessed at [www.adakafestival.ca](http://www.adakafestival.ca).
- COMMUNITY UNITY WORKSHOP – March 28-29, 2020**

Plans are now under way for a Community Unity Workshop on March 28-29, 2020. The goal of the workshop is to further build upon relationships and open communications for TKC Citizens. More details will be released soon. Please contact Roberta Austin, TKC Health and Wellness Coordinator at 668-3613 ext. 407 or email [health@wellness@taan.ca](mailto:health@wellness@taan.ca).
- TKC VILLAGE FIRESMART ACTYIVITIES ONGOING THROUGHOUT WINTER 2020**

The TKC FireSmart crew will be undertaking FireSmart activities in selected areas around the Village until March 31<sup>st</sup>. The objective of FireSmart is to reduce the amount of spruce and pine trees around the village; decreasing the potential for a large fire. The crew will be selectively removing live and dead trees to increase spacing between trees, pruning remaining low-lying tree limbs and reducing surface debris. If you have questions regarding FireSmart please contact Denise Gordon, Natural Resources Technician by phone at 668-3613 ext. 602 or email [resources@taan.ca](mailto:resources@taan.ca).
- ÄSU,Ä, K’E GRANDMOTHER’S WAYS - Every Tuesday, 5:00pm-7:00pm Dusk’a Learning Centre**

TKC, in collaboration with Kwanlin Dün First Nation, will be running weekly parent/child Southern Tutchone language lessons, taught by Nicole Smith. Dinner is provided and transportation can be arranged. Contact Julie Laliberte, Family Support Worker at 668-3613 ext. 405 or email [familysupport@taan.ca](mailto:familysupport@taan.ca) for more details.
- REQUEST FOR HUNTERS FOR DONATIONS OF TANNING MATERIALS**

TKC’s Health and Education Department is seeking materials for an upcoming hide tanning workshop and is putting out a call to hunters for any spare moose or caribou hides that could be put to good use at an upcoming hide tanning workshop. All donations will be greatly appreciated! Please contact Roberta Auston at 668-3613 ext. 407 or email [healthandwellness@taan.ca](mailto:healthandwellness@taan.ca).
- GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE**

The Canada Revenue Agency’s Whitehorse Tax Office is available to help all Yukoners who have a modest income and a simple tax situation complete 2019 tax returns for free. Volunteers are available through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Volunteers will also be able to assist you in determining if you are eligible for the GST/HST tax credit or are entitled to other tax credits and deductions. To find a volunteer call the Whitehorse Tax Office at 1-833-615-2383.
- REGALIA FUNDING AVAILABLE**

High school students who are graduating this year are eligible for \$500 for regalia for the Yukon First Nations Graduation ceremony. The First Nation Graduation Ceremony has been set for May 29, 2020 at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. A reception has been scheduled for 12-2pm with the ceremony starting at 2pm. For more information, please contact Ben Monkman at 334-8306 or email [youthsupport@taan.ca](mailto:youthsupport@taan.ca).
- ARCTIC WINTER GAMES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – March 15, 2020**

It’s not too late to volunteer for the upcoming Arctic Winter Games AWG2020. Organizers are still on the hunt for energetic volunteers to join AWG20’s fast past team. Areas include logistics, venue management, parking, security, signage and transportation. When you register to volunteer, you will be asked to select areas of interest. Other areas include helping welcoming and sending off contingents, photography, ticket sales and security. If you’re interested in registering go to <https://awg2020.org/volunteer/register-to-volunteer/> or call 393-2020.