



# Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

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## Monthly Bulletin – March 2020

- **AWG 2020-CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN TKC-SPONSORED AWG 'WARM UP' TENT**  
Would you like to be involved in the upcoming Arctic Winter Games coming to Whitehorse March 15-21, 2020? Ta'an Kwäch'än Council is seeking interested Citizens to be a part of festivities, working in the TKC sponsored 'warm up' tent outside the KDCC for the week of the Games. Duties include greeting athletes, coaches, Elders, etc., making tea and bannock, and serving to visitors as they enter the tent. If you are interested please contact Office Manager, Amanda Leas at 668.3613 ext. 203 or email [aleas@taan.ca](mailto:aleas@taan.ca) to have your name added to the schedule.
- **PRE-NATAL AND PRESCHOOL Parent's Supper CANCELLED!! Thursday February 27, 2020 – TKC Education Kitchen**  
TKC Family Support has had to cancel its parents' supper scheduled for **Thursday February 27, 2020**. 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).
- **TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN LANGUAGE WORKING GROUP MEETING, Monday March 2, 2020 – Hellaby Hall**  
There will be a meeting of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Language Working Group on Monday March 2, 2020 from 5pm to 8pm at Hellaby Hall in Whitehorse. Dinner will be provided. Learn more about language revitalization with Elder Nakhela Hazel Bunbury. Learn more about activities being planned and how you can become involved. For more information, please contact Anne-Marie Miller, TKC Heritage Technician at 668-363 ext. 608 or email [heritagetechnician@taan.ca](mailto:heritagetechnician@taan.ca) or contact Elisha Sidoun, TKC Clerk of Council at 668-3613 ext. 210 or email [clerkofcouncil@taan.ca](mailto:clerkofcouncil@taan.ca).
- **TKC COMMUNITY DINNER – MOOSE REGULATION CHANGES, Wednesday March 4, 2020, 6-9pm – Whitehorse Public Library**  
The Lands, Resources & Heritage Department is hosting a community dinner for TKC Citizens to discuss proposed Wildlife Act regulation changes to licensed moose harvest in the Yukon. YG Southern Lakes Biologist Lars Jessup will be offering a presentation and answering questions. The Laberge Renewable Resources Council will also be in attendance. If you would like to attend please contact Denise Gordon at 668-3614 ext. 602 or email [resources@taan.ca](mailto:resources@taan.ca).
- **YUKON FIRST NATIONS GRADUATION REGALIA EXHIBITION – DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS MARCH 2, 2020**  
A callout for submissions from all Yukon First Nations to help create a travelling visual arts exhibit to celebrate Native Graduation is now underway. Sponsored by Teslin Tlingit Council, the Yukon Arts Centre and the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, partners are calling for items that include graduation dresses, regalia, vests, moccasins, jewellery or accessories. Compensation will be provided for those pieces loaned for the exhibition, which is set to open at the Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre and will travel to many Yukon Cultural Centres until the Fall of 2022. Pieces submitted must have been worn to at least one First Nation graduation ceremony. If you are interested in submitting an item for consideration, the committee is accepting high resolution photographs accompanied by a detailed description of the garment and the year it was worn. More than one item can be contributed. Online application forms are available at: [www.yukonartscentre.com](http://www.yukonartscentre.com). More information is also available by contacting Exhibition Curator Lisa Dewhurst at 333-6396 or email at [lisa.dewhurst@yac.ca](mailto:lisa.dewhurst@yac.ca).
- **TKC SPRING CAMP, March 23-26, 2020 – REGISTER BY MARCH 10, 2020 - Helen's Fish Camp**  
TKC's annual Spring Camp will take place March 23-26 at Helen's Fish Camp. We are offering many traditional outdoor activities and we will have fun learning, making new friends, and renewing old friendships! Weather permitting, events include kick sledding, rabbit snaring, ice fishing, animal skinning, language games, and crafts. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Be sure to dress for the weather. Registration is due by **March 10, 2020**. Forms are available at the TKC Health Building. Any youth under 8 years of age will need to be accompanied by an adult. For more information please contact Ben Monkman, Youth Outreach Support Worker at 334-8306 or email [youthsupport@taan.ca](mailto:youthsupport@taan.ca).

- ATTENTION POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS – Funding deadline March 15, 2020**  
 The post-secondary funding deadline for the spring and summer semester is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please contact Jessica Bryant at 668-3613 ext. 408 or email [jbryant@taan.ca](mailto:jbryant@taan.ca) for more information.
- TKC COMMUNITY UNITY GATHERING, March 28-29, 2020 –Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre’s Multi-Purpose Room**  
 Plans are now under way for a TKC Community Unity Gathering set for March 28-29, 2020 to be held at the multi-purpose room at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. There will be knowledge sharing, historical impact discussions, culture and arts workshops, and much more! Breakfast, lunch and honoraria will be provided. Childcare will also be available for both days. Please contact Roberta Auston, TKC Health and Wellness Coordinator at 668-3613 ext. 407 or email [healthandwellness@taan.ca](mailto:healthandwellness@taan.ca).
- TKC HOME RENOVATION FUND EXPIRES MARCH 31, 2020**  
 Citizens interested in applying for funding from the TKC Home Renovation Fund need to get their applications in by the March 31, 2020 deadline. The renovation fund is open to TKC Citizens who both own and occupy their own home, within TKC Traditional Territory to receive support for renovation needs that help to address various health, safety, and environmental issues. Renovations of this nature could include replacement of unsafe entry stairs, installation of a new fuel tank, repairing damaged or failing plumbing systems, upgrading an unreliable heating system or replacement of broken windows. If you have a pressing need in one or more of these areas, or something of a similar nature, please contact TKC Executive Director, David Steele, at 668-3613 ext. 201 or email: [ED@taan.ca](mailto:ED@taan.ca) to discuss eligibility and potential access to this fund. Please note that the intent of this policy is to help those Citizens in greatest need. Reimbursement for work done previously back to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 may be considered.
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FUND - DEADLINE FOR RECEIPTS MARCH 31, 2020**  
 TKC Citizens who are eligible for reimbursement through the TKC Physical Activity Fund need to submit receipts by March 31, 2020. The fund, available to all TKC Citizens who are residents of the Yukon is available for a wide range of activities including access passes at the Canada Games Centre, sports/fitness membership and registration fees, sports/fitness equipment, and athletic footwear. Citizens are entitled to up to \$540 in funding per fiscal year. Please contact Roberta Auston at 668-3613 ext. 407 or email [healthandwellness@taan.ca](mailto:healthandwellness@taan.ca) for more information.
- SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM – CLOSING DATE APRIL 1, 2020**  
 Thinking of where you want to work this summer? Looking to gain experience or continue building on your skills? TKC is looking for Summer Students! You could work in any of the following departments: Lands, Resources & Heritage; Housing & Infrastructure; Wellness & Development or Administration. Placements are from May-August 2020. Other Citizen-driven employment ideas may also be considered. Contact Bobbie Kufeldt at 668-3613 ext. 208 or email [human.resources@taan.ca](mailto:human.resources@taan.ca). Closing Date April 1, 2020.
- CALL FOR TKC CITIZENS & BUSINESSES**  
 Da Dagghay Development Corporation is creating a database of Citizen-owned businesses and skilled tradespeople in preparation of any employment opportunities that may arise from future development projects in TKC Traditional Territory. If you are a Business owner, Contractor, Skilled Labourer or Goods and Services Provider we want to hear from you! All participants will have their name included in a draw to win a \$200.00 gas card! Please contact Lori Graham, Economic Development Officer at 667-6609 or email [lori@dadaghay.com](mailto:lori@dadaghay.com).
- 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. 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\_A K’E GRANDMOTHER’S WAYS - Every Tuesday, 5:00pm-7:00pm Dusk’a Learning Centre**  
 TKC, in collaboration with Kwanlin Dün First Nation is 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.
- 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 Dün 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).