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## Monthly Bulletin –June 2020

- **SAFETY FIRST - A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS AS YUKON BEGINS REOPENING**

The safety, health and well being of TKC Citizens remains our top priority as TKC government prepares to reopen services. To ensure the safety of all staff and Citizens during this time, TKC is developing its reopening plan in accordance with the steps set out in the Chief Medical Officer's plan to lift COVID-19 restrictions throughout the Yukon. *A Path Forward: Yukon's Plan for Lifting COVID-19 Restrictions* is available on TKC's website at [www.taan.ca](http://www.taan.ca). It presents a gradual and phased in approach to lifting COVID-19 restrictions with a focus on protecting communities and vulnerable residents. TKC Citizens will be kept up-to-date as our plans are developed and implemented. During this time of transition, it is very important for everyone to continue to follow the Six Steps to Staying Safe: Physical Distancing (at least two metres away from those that aren't members of your family); Wash your hands frequently (using soap and water or hand sanitizer with at least 60 per cent alcohol); Stay at home if you are feeling sick; Do not gather in groups of 11 or more and keep two metres apart; Limit travel to rural communities; Self-isolate for 14 days if you have just returned to the territory or if you have contact with someone with COVID-19. TKC Citizens can also reach out to a new COVID-19 InfoLine at 1-877-374-0425 between 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. seven days a week. Non-medical COVID-19 information is also available online at [www.yukon.ca/covid-19](http://www.yukon.ca/covid-19) and by email: [covid19info@gov.yk.ca](mailto:covid19info@gov.yk.ca). Citizens should still call 811 HealthLine for health-related information and 911 for medical emergencies.

- **FOOD HAMPERS FOR FAMILIES – PICK UP - MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> 1PM TO 4PM, TKC ADMIN BUILDING**

Administration has been on top of the COVID-19 situation from the start. As a precaution, TKC purchased dry goods for families, in case the need for some food staples arose. As it looks like we will not be faced with the food shortage many predicted, TKC is putting food hampers together for families. Last week, hampers were distributed to Elders. TKC will be doing a "drive thru" hamper pickup in the TKC parking lot **May 27 & 28, 2020 from 1:00pm-4:00pm**. Please note that there is **one** hamper per household. First come first served. Please contact Amanda Leas at (867) 668-3613 x203 if you have any questions.

- **RESTORATION PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TKC BUSINESS OWNERS**

With the completion of Environmental Assessment studies carried out from July 2019-April 2020, preliminary restoration planning of the former Pete and Irene Placer Claim (AKA Kopp property site) on TKC Settlement Land R-9A is now moving forward. Lands, Resources & Heritage staff would like to extend the opportunity for TKC business owners to visit the site to learn about potential Yukon Government contract opportunities. Please note that this site visit will be for information purposes only and is not a guarantee of future work opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about restoration activities contact Denise Gordon, Natural Resources Technician at (867) 668-3613 x602 or email [resouces@taan.ca](mailto:resouces@taan.ca).

- **FAMILY FUNDING FOR STUDENTS AVAILABLE**

Families with children in Kindergarten to Grade 12 facing the impacts of COVID-19 are eligible for \$250 per student from the Government of Yukon. Face-to-face classes are suspended for the remainder of the 2019–20 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students are learning from home with support and guidance from teachers and school staff. This funding will help to offset costs for Yukon families. The primary caregiver for a family should apply for the funding through Sport Yukon, who will issue the funding on behalf of the Department of Education. To apply, please visit: [sportyukon.com/events-page/news](http://sportyukon.com/events-page/news). You can also contact Sport Yukon at (867) 668-4236 or [info@sportyukon.com](mailto:info@sportyukon.com) for support. If parents have not received the application or need assistance, please contact Ben Monkman at (867) 334-8306 or email [youthsupport@taan.ca](mailto:youthsupport@taan.ca).

- 2020 YUKON FIRST NATION GRADUATION AWARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 29, 2020**

Even though the 2020 Yukon First Nations Graduation Ceremony has been cancelled due to COVID-19, recognition of the achievements of the 2020 graduates will be going ahead and students can still be nominated for awards. A list of awards and an online nomination form will be circulated by the end of May. The selection timeline is unknown at this time and updates will be sent out when available. All students should be registered. **If you haven't sent in a registration form, please do so by May 29th.** There is also a call-out to share photos of students regalia on Facebook at [facebook.com/yfngraduation](https://facebook.com/yfngraduation). In early June, there will be an ad in the Yukon News with a list of names of the 2020 graduates. For more details please contact [yfngraduation@gmail.com](mailto:yfngraduation@gmail.com) or (867) 335-1927.
- TKC'S CITIZEN NAVIGATOR – COVID-19 FUNDING OPTIONS**

TKC is offering a service to help Citizens navigate federal and territorial emergency COVID-19 funding. TKC's Citizen Navigator can provide Citizens with up-to-date information on COVID-19 funding options such as the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, Canada Emergency Student Benefit, Employment Insurance, and other potential streams of funding available to TKC Citizens. The Citizen Navigator can provide information on territorial and federal funding eligibility, the application process, and other available resources and relief services. Contact Brianna Bourassa at (867) 332-2298 or [research@taan.ca](mailto:research@taan.ca).
- HEALTH AND WELLNESS OUTREACH SUPPORT AVAILABLE**

TKC's Health and Wellness staff are reaching out offering phone support for those who might need social contact during the COVID-19 pandemic. Elders Support is also available for those who need assistance. This service will be evaluated on a case by case basis and may include services such as picking up and delivery of groceries/prescriptions, and phone support for those in need. For more information contact Health and Wellness Coordinator Roberta Austin at [healthandwellness@taan.ca](mailto:healthandwellness@taan.ca) or Heather Griffiths, Wellness Manager at (867) 335-0630 or [wellnessmanager@taan.ca](mailto:wellnessmanager@taan.ca). Income assistance and other health appointments are only being done over the phone, with all cheques currently being mailed to Citizens. For more information please contact Income Support Worker, Thalia Hare at [incomeassistance@taan.ca](mailto:incomeassistance@taan.ca).
- SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM – DEADLINE EXTENDED**

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 June-August 2020. Other Citizen-driven employment ideas may also be considered. Contact Bobbie Kufeldt at 668-3613 x208 or email [human.resources@taan.ca](mailto:human.resources@taan.ca).
- CREATIVE CHALLENGE – CALLING ON ALL TKC STUDENTS – PRIZES AND PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES!**

TKC is offering all students who would like to share their artistic pursuits, such as drawing, poetry, writing, photography, and other creative accomplishments, a chance for recognition and prizes. Gift cards will be available as well as recognition through coverage in upcoming issues of the TKC newsletter. Students should feel free to be as creative as possible. Submissions can also include works that you have created in the past and are proud of. Please submit your works or arrange for us to help with submissions by emailing Ben Monkman at [youthsupport@taan.ca](mailto:youthsupport@taan.ca) or Janet Smellie at [communicationsoffice@taan.ca](mailto:communicationsoffice@taan.ca).

*Please watch our website and Facebook for updates*

[www.taan.ca](http://www.taan.ca)

***Take care and stay safe!***