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Monthly Bulletin – July 2020

- **TKC LAUNCHES OFFICE RE-OPENING PLAN**

TKC has launched its reopening plan in accordance with the steps set out by the Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health. To ensure the safety of all staff and Citizens throughout this time of transition, TKC will remain closed to walk-in traffic. All Citizens or other visitors are encouraged to make an appointment in advance of coming to TKC, to better control and plan for the number of people on the premises at any given time. Also, all cheques, normally available for pick up will be mailed. To ensure safe-distancing steps are followed by staff, and to limit traffic at the office, there will be no exceptions to these measures. TKC Citizens will be kept up to date on programs and services on our Facebook page and website at www.taan.ca.

- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – Deadline July 3, 2020**

Complementing this bulletin is a notice of current employment opportunities. These are for: Natural Resources Technician, Education Support Worker, Family Support Worker, Homecare Worker, Research and Project Officer, and Administrative Assistant. Please follow the process noted therein to submit your application. Preference will continue to be given to qualified TKC Citizens. The closing date is July 3, 2020 for all these positions.

- **SUMMER CAMP SPOTS SECURED FOR TKC CHILDREN – Applications will be first-come, first-serve basis**

TKC's Development Department has secured spots for TKC children aged 5-14 to participate in Yukon University's and Rivers to Ridges' summer day camp programs taking place throughout the summer. These seats are age-specific and available for specific weeks throughout the summer. We will be filling spots on a first-come, first-serve basis with each child getting at least one week of summer programming. We will fill the remaining spots based on preference and the number of spots available. Applications are available at www.taan.ca. Please submit all complete applications to the Youth Outreach Support Worker, Ben Monkman. Applications can be sent by email to youthsupport@taan.ca or dropped off at the Main Administration Building. For further information about the camps above and TKC summer programming for children and youth, please contact Ben Monkman at (867) 334-8306.

- **MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM TO CONTINUE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2020**

TKC's Health and Wellness Department is continuing to offer hot and nutritious meals to Elders in need throughout this time of adjusting to COVID-19. The department will continue to deliver four weekly meals to those in need until the end of June 2020. The department has hired two part-time TKC Citizens to prepare the meals, which are delivered by TKC Homecare Workers. This temporary service has also enabled Wellness department staff to assist families in other areas including regular check-ins for Citizens. For more information please contact Heather Griffiths at (867) 668-3613 ext. 409 or email wellnessmanager@taan.ca.

- **INCOME ASSISTANCE APPOINTMENTS NOW AVAILABLE**

Starting in July, all TKC Citizens in need of income assistance will be able to make face-to-face appointments with TKC's Income Support Program staff. Appointments must be made in advance and appointment's can be booked now, for upcoming appointments in July. For further information, or to book your appointment, please contact Thalia Hare, Income and Social Support at (867) 668-3613, ext. 406 or email incomeassistance@taan.ca.

- **POST-SECONDARY FUNDING – Deadline July 15, 2020**

Thinking about going to college or university this fall? The funding deadline for post-secondary studies is coming up on July 15th, 2020. Applications are available on the TKC website or from the TKC Health and Education Building. For more information, please contact the Development Manager, Jessica Bryant, at (867) 668-3613 ext. 408 or email developmentmanager@taan.ca.

- CANADA GAMES CENTRE (CGC) MEMBERSHIP UPDATE DUE TO COVID-19**

If you possess a membership for the Canada Games Centre that was in effect as of March 2020 it may have been suspended due to the closure of the CGC. TKC has been provided a list of names from CGC and will be contacting those Citizens on the list shortly. Pursuant to the Physical Activity Fund Policy, all members must submit a renewed application for each fiscal year. If you have any questions, or if you require to have your membership renewed, please contact Health and Wellness Coordinator, Roberta Auston at (867) 668-3613 ext. 407 or email healthandwellness@taan.ca. Thank you for your cooperation.
- ATCO ELECTRIC INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AWARDS– Deadline extended to August 15, 2020**

ATCO Electric’s Indigenous Educations Awards Program, a program set up to support First Nation students across Canada, has been extended until August 15, 2020. There are three different awards available: Merit Award (\$500) – for students completing Grades 10-12, including upgrading; Bursaries (\$1,000) for students enrolled in trade, diploma or certificate programs; Scholarships (\$1,500) – for students enrolled in degree or graduate programs. There is a maximum of one award per applicant per year and students must re-apply each year if they wish to be considered. For more information on the application process please contact (867) 633-7000 or go to www.atcoelectricityukon.com to download an application.
- CANDO 2020 VIRTUAL YOUTH SUMMIT – August 10-13, 2020**

Applications are now available for a special virtual youth summit organized by the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers or CANDO. While the physical Youth Summit has been cancelled for 2020, CANDO is pursuing an alternative virtual event to unite youth from across Canada. The event is now being planned and will be held via zoom video conferencing. 60 youth from across Canada will be selected to participate as delegates. There will be prizes and other incentives for all selected delegates, including the opportunity to be invited to participate in the 2021 Youth Summit. Applications are now available. For more information and the application form, go to: www.edo.ca/youth/economic-development-youth-summit-2020.
- CITIZEN INPUT NEEDED TO UPDATE TKC’s TRAIL DATABASE**

The Lands, Resources and Heritage (LRH) department is seeking Citizen input to review information within TKC’s trail database. There are multiple upcoming projects regarding trails/heritage routes sponsored by other governments. LRH staff is looking to improve understanding and communicate Citizen perspectives on trails/routes of importance. LRH aims to provide comments on trail use and concerns, as well as history and stories related to trails within TKC’s traditional territory through these projects. If you would like more information or to provide input, please contact Natalie Leclerc, Land Use Planning Coordinator, at (867) 668-3613 ext. 604 or email nleclerc@taan.ca. All comments are welcome.
- LAKE TROUT WANTED FOR RESEARCH PROJECT – Fuel assistance available**

Mary Gamberg, an Arctic wildlife contamination researcher at Yukon University, is looking to collect 20 whole lake trout from Lake Laberge this summer for sampling by the Northern Contaminants Program. This is part of a long-term study looking at fish health, contaminants in fish, and food safety. A few samples will be taken from each fish, and the fillets returned to each person who makes a submission. For those providing fish, \$40 will be paid for each submission for assistance with fuel. For further instructions for submitting fish or if you’d like to know more about this study (including past results), please contact: Kristina Beckmann, Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator, (867) 668-3613 ext. 603 or email fishandwildlife@taan.ca.
- SUMMER SALMON RESTORATION ACTIVITIES ONGOING**

Fox Creek salmon restoration activities will continue this summer, with physical distancing measures in place to protect staff. Monitoring projects planned include juvenile trapping, creek walks to monitor adult returns, carcass surveys, and beaver dam notching or removal. We are also working on getting a video counter set up on the creek to count returning adults. Unfortunately, there will be no fry release this year, as the Whitehorse Hatchery did not have enough fry to donate. For more information, please contact: Kristina Beckmann, Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator at (867) 668 3613 ext. 603 or email fishandwildlife@taan.ca.

Take care and stay safe!