



Ädałàl/Spring Newsletter

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Newsletter, Spring Quarter, 2020

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Thank you **Janeva Pope (Grade 8)** for sharing your beautiful painting. (above) For more submissions by Janeva and other TKC youth who are taking part in TKC's Creative Challenge, please see page 6.

Message from Chief and Deputy Chief

Dännc'h'a! On behalf of Ta'an Kwäch'än Chief and Council, we would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate our Citizens. With your hard work and perseverance to stay safe and healthy by following the Chief Medical Health Officer's guidelines, we have pulled through an incredibly tough few months. While the impacts and risks of COVID-19 are not over, we are transitioning to a new, more relaxed phase. 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 more than 10 people;
- Limit travel to rural communities; and
- Self-isolate for 14 days if you have just returned to the territory or if you have had contact with someone with COVID-19.

The safety, health, and wellbeing of TKC Citizens remains our top priority. We have worked hard to ensure supports are available and being provided to all of our Citizens. Please reach out if you have any questions and we will work to assist you.

The operations of TKC government have continued throughout this hard time. Chief Kane and Deputy Chief Peters have participated in regular Yukon First Nations Chiefs' caucus meetings, meetings with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Government of Yukon's Premier and Ministers, CYFN Leadership meetings, Yukon Forum, National Assembly of First Nations meetings, and Yukon Region-Assembly of



First Nations meetings. Council has been meeting on a weekly basis. We have adapted our methods for meetings to ensure safe practices; utilizing teleconference and video conferencing technologies to ensure the work continues. We would like to thank all our staff for their ongoing commitment and adaptability in making sure our government remains effective.

Please keep watch on our website and on our Facebook page for updates and information on TKC programming. We also have our monthly bulletin that is mailed out to Citizens.

As we continue to navigate these challenging times, remember to reach out to loved ones — our Elders, young people and others who may be struggling with isolation. Together we will get through this. Wishing everyone health and happiness. Stay strong and stay safe.

In unity,
Chief Kristina Kane & Deputy Chief Christina Peters

Council Notes

As 2020 progressed, we faced the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic that engulfed the globe. The Elders Council halted its meetings immediately out of precaution.

Prior to the beginning of the crisis, Council dealt with the referrals from the General Assembly – GA Motion 2020-07. Elder Hazel Nakhela Bunbury appeared before the Council and a Ta'an Language Working Group was established to focus on the Ta'an language. Elder Bev Miller appeared before the Council to present the suggestions she had brought to the General Assembly. Council recognized the need to incorporate the following ideas in our legislation: Whistleblowing Act and amendments for the Elections Act concerning bribery and voting under the influence. Council will continue to address additional suggestions submitted at the last GA by Elder Ruth Massie and Elder Alice McGuire soon.

Chapter 19 of the Self-Government Agreement indicates the sums of negotiations loan repayments to be transferred back to TKC. Between now and 2025, TKC will receive approximately \$13.8 Million. These funds will flow to the Compensation Fund where it cannot be spent as per General Assembly direction.

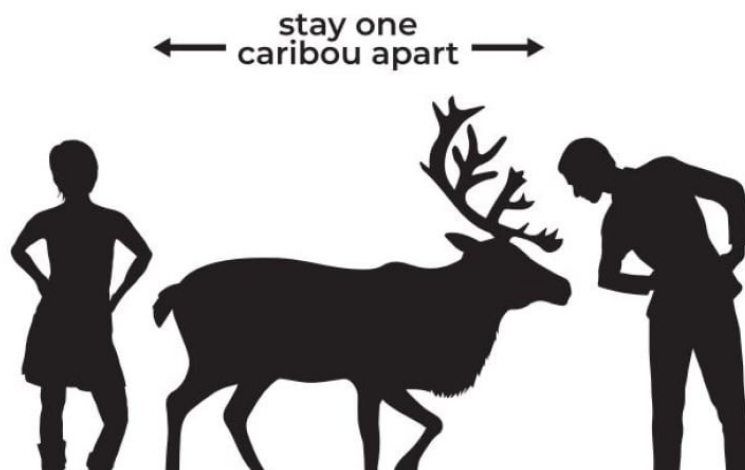
Several developments in the Lands, Resources and Heritage department occurred with the agreement with YG to withdraw large portions of TKC's R-Blocks from potential gold mining. A feasibility study to replace the McIntyre Fish Incubation facility was also approved by the Council.

In March, Council approved the 2020-2021 budget after careful review of all the revenues and expenditures. Later in the month the COVID-19 situation was weighing increasingly on our lives. Council went to meetings almost on a weekly basis to be responsive and keep abreast of all developments. Concerns for the safety, wellbeing and health of the Ta'an Citizens have been top priorities at the Council table.

Council weighed the options and services that could be made available to Citizens. While the Elders Council had already halted its activity, Council instructed that all other meetings be suspended until June. Council approved a COVID-19 relief payment of \$500 to TKC Citizens and \$250 for Citizens under 18. In addition, TKC has been attentive to the needs of our most vulnerable and have provided meals on wheels for our Elders and additional supports for our Social Assistance clients. While TKC donated money to the Whitehorse Food Bank, food hampers containing essentials were also prepared and widely distributed amongst TKC Households.

Chief and Council meetings are now being held in videoconference with all Councillors participating from home. We all look forward to the time we will be able to convene both the Council and Elders Council for a proper in-person meeting.

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Language Working Group

Kwänje (Ta'an Language)

TKC Citizens have embraced new efforts to preserve and revitalize the Ta'an language. Citizens have participated in two public meetings so far of the Ta'an Language Working Group which was established to develop new initiatives and activities to promote the Lake Laberge dialect of Southern Tutchone.

These preservation initiatives follow direction from the TKC General Assembly held in January 2020. The General Assembly gave direction in support of a motion brought forward by Ta'an Elder Nakhela Hazel Bunbury to the TKC Government to prioritize efforts to preserve and revitalize the Ta'an dialect.

Following the General Assembly, Nakhela made a presentation to Chief and Council in February, where the creation of a working group was fully endorsed by members of Council.

A series of dinner meetings were then organized with the first two meetings held in March 2020. Nakhela made presentations at the meetings which included discussions on how to move forward.

In the past, TKC has enlisted the expertise of Nakhela in the creation of a popular Phrase Book and a collection of Elders Stories. These publications are

extremely popular in efforts to preserve the Ta'an dialect and are being used throughout the Yukon as well as in teachings at the Hidden Valley and Elijah Smith elementary schools.

"Ta'an dialect is important and we need to pass it to our children," Nakhela says, adding, "It's really important to me as an Elder that we find ways to preserve it."

"This is our land. They always introduce it as Ta'an land, and when I do a prayer or a welcome, I do so in our language because we are the original people here. I'm still doing it, but there is no reason why we can't train some of our people to continue using the language."

Due to COVID-19 concerns TKC has postponed future dinner meetings until further notice, however, work is continuing. For more information, or to become a part of the working group please contact Anne-Marie Miller. The next meeting will be announced on the TKC website and on Facebook.

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NEW ACTIVITIES, NEW FRIENDS, NEW MEMORIES — Kadin Hare, TKC Citizen and youth leader was called upon for some words of encouragement at the launch of the Polar Games held in Whitehorse January 30-31, 2020. During the Games, Yukon Schools' Athletic Association brings together hundreds of Grade 6 students from across the Yukon to participate in sports for medals and awards.

Moose Harvest Public Engagement

This Spring, TKC submitted comments to both Pauline Frost, Yukon's Minister of Environment, and to the Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board in support of the proposed Wildlife Act Regulation Changes regarding licensed moose harvest in the Yukon. Most moose management units within TKC's Traditional Territory are experiencing harvest levels which may be near or above the limits of a sustainable harvest level. These proposed regulation changes aim to implement harvest management tools within TKC Traditional Territory. Examples of potential harvest management tools include enacting permit registration hunts and introducing off-road vehicle restrictions in areas with high hunting pressure, such as the Sifton-Miners Range.

To gather community knowledge and scientific information regarding these proposals, TKC LRH staff hosted a community dinner with Citizens, the

Laberge Renewable Resources Council and the Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board. Staff and Citizens also participated in public engagement processes and consulted with the Southern Lakes regional biologist. Views and feedback gathered from TKC Citizens during these processes strongly support conservation measures to decrease hunting pressure and increase moose populations within TKC Traditional Territory. The public comment period for these proposals ended May 15 and we look forward to further consultation with Yukon Government on these important regulation changes.

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Young Leaders On The Move

On February 9 and 10, 2020 three TKC youth joined Indigenous Leaders from across Canada to take part in a special Modern Treaty Simulation forum held in Ottawa.

TKC Citizens Sarrah Telep, Kadin Hare and Adrianna Smith attended the national forum.

The Modern Treaty Simulation is a new concept by the Gordon Foundation's Treaty Negotiators of the Future and is a project designed to build inter-generational connections and transfer knowledge from negotiators to new leaders, who in coming years will play crucial roles during negotiations between Canada and their communities.

On the first day of the simulation, participants engaged in insightful discussion with experienced negotiators, including Dave Joe, a negotiator of the Yukon Umbrella Final Agreement. The youth spent the second day negotiating a section of a Wildlife Harvesting and Management Chapter of a mock modern treaty. On the third day, they negotiated the implementation plan for a section of the Chapter negotiated by a different group. Everyone had a turn representing a negotiator from a First Nation, federal, and territorial government. This simulation is helping to ensure that

the insights and experience of negotiators (former and current) are passed on to the next generation and that connections are being made across Indigenous Nations and groups to advance a better path towards self-determination. Plans are now underway to continue simulation activities, including preparations for a Yukon online treaty simulation.



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Creative Challenge

In March, TKC launched a Creative Challenge project, which offers a chance for youth and Citizens to share their artistic pursuits, such as drawing, painting, poetry, writing, photography, and other creative accomplishments. Gift cards will be available as well as coverage in upcoming issues of this newsletter. Those submitting entries should feel free to be as creative as possible. Submissions can also include works that have been created in the past. Here are submissions so far. We thank everyone for taking the time to submit their works.

On My Own

by Madison Sutherland (Grade 8)

In my culture

Your clan is your identity

It shows who your family is

Where you sit at a potlatch,

Who you can marry.

As babies you are given the same clan as your mom.

Your clan is passed down from each female generation.

You are taught to be proud of your clan

Respect your Elders. Listen, learn.

I am a Wolf

We are loyal protectors.

My mom gave me this clan as her mom passed it to her.

I am proud of who I am.

I am a Wolf.



By Hazelyn Broeren
(Grade 1)

"I used cultural experiences and the poem, "I Grew Up" by Lenore Keeshig-Tobias for inspiration. I enjoy writing and learning about my culture and I've always been proud of who I am. This poem explains how the clan system works in my culture." - Madison Sutherland



By Janeva Pope (Grade 8)

Please submit your works or arrange for us to help with submissions by emailing Ben Monkman at youthsupport@taan.ca or Janet Smellie at communicationoffice@taan.ca.



Post Secondary Graduates

Jenna Duncan

Jenna just completed a Bachelor of Science Degree from Simon Fraser University. While completing her degree, Jenna had the opportunity to complete a semester in the Bamfield Marine Science Centre on Vancouver Island. This world-class research centre is a shared campus for the Universities of Victoria, British Columbia, Alberta and Simon Fraser University. Congratulations Jenna, all of your dedication and hard work has paid off!

Alysha Kufeldt

Alysha, who previously earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Trinity Western University, has now graduated from the Yukon Native Teacher Education Program (YNTEP) from the University of Regina in cooperation with Yukon College. Alysha earned a GPA of 4.0, so she will be graduating with *Honors with Great Distinction*.

Alysha, we wish you the very best with your teaching career! The kids will be lucky to have you, Ms. Kufeldt!

Alison Harpe

Alison has now completed and passed her final online course to fulfill the requirements of the Northern Justice and Criminology Diploma Program at Yukon College. Congratulations Alison, and all the best with your future career aspirations!

Desiree Coad-Broeren

Desiree has graduated from the Culinary Arts Program from Yukon College. The program, designed to meet the need for qualified cooks in the

High School Graduates

Brooklyn Massie, F.H. Collins
Taylor Yeulet, Porter Creek Secondary



Please see the *Summer Issue of the Newsletter* for full coverage of our graduates!

Time Well Served!

*Rose Irvine
to embark on
new journey*

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council celebrated a valuable staff member in February, with the retirement of long-serving employee Rose Irvine. On February 5, 2020 Chief Kane presented Rose with some gifts of appreciation during a special event where fellow staff members, family and friends gathered to wish her a fond farewell.

Rose, a member of the Jenny Lebarge Traditional Family, has worked for the Ta'an Kwach'an for more than 25 years, beginning her work in the early days of the land claim. She leaves TKC after a long-serving post as Accounts Payable Clerk. She is looking forward to retirement and spending lots of time with her grandchildren.



"We don't want her to go," admitted Chief Kristina Kane, who noted Rose has been an instrumental member of the TKC staff throughout the government's evolution. "She is dedicated and kind and a wonderful person to work with," Chief Kane said, adding, Rose was usually the first employee in the office every day. "Feel free to come back for eight o'clock in the morning anytime. We will miss having you here!"







Citizen Safety is TKC's Key Priority

The safety, health and wellbeing 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 of Health'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. It presents a gradual and phased 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 more than 10 people; 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 and by email: covid19info@gov.yk.ca. Citizens should still call 811 HealthLine for health-related information and 911 for medical emergencies.

First Nation's Join Forces to Work Together

Yukon First Nation Leaders sent a message of unity at the end of March urging all Citizens, and Yukoners alike, to adhere to and implement the public health measures set out by the Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health. YFN Leaders have been undertaking collaborative efforts to monitor the pandemic as events unfold. Regular contact with government officials remains in place to ensure accurate and the most recent information is being provided to communities and Citizens. The seriousness of the situation needs to be met with an equal response. Yukon First Nation Leaders agree that with many rural and remote communities and all with minimal health resources, that the Yukon Chief Medical Officer's COVID-19 health measures must be acted upon and respected.

"Keeping up to date on these measures and cooperating is critical at this time in order to keep our Elders and our Citizens safe during this pandemic," explained Chief Kristina Kane. "Yukon First Nation Leadership meets regularly with Yukon Health Officials. We are working together at all levels of leadership, but we need cooperation from all our Citizens to protect our communities."

Assembly of First Nations Yukon Regional Chief Kluane Adamek noted this is a time where we must come together and take the direction of health officials seriously.

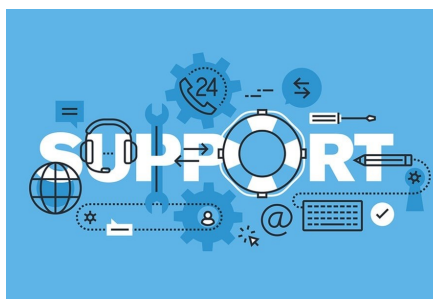
"There is a role and responsibility for everyone – youth, Elders, leadership and our communities – and we must all continue to support our most vulnerable. We are urging all Yukon First Nation Citizens to follow these steps to ensure the health of all communities. Let us work together to keep people safe."

Ta'an Offers Citizen COVID-19 Navigation Service

TKC is offering a new service to help Citizens navigate federal and territorial emergency COVID-19 funding. TKC's Citizen Navigator provides Citizens with up to date information on territorial and federal funding eligibility, the application process, and other available resources and relief services. Brianna Bourassa is Ta'an Kwäch'än Council's Research/Policy Officer and is serving as TKC's Citizen Navigator during this time.

How does this navigation service work?

TKC's Citizen Navigator service is similar to most services offered by TKC. There is a designated phone number and email for the position and I'm available Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. Citizens can either call me directly or send me an email with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19. My phone is always close by and my email always on—I'm here to help when needed.



What is your main role as Navigator?

It's difficult to interpret federal or territorial information when there isn't a global pandemic, so this shifting COVID-19 landscape makes it especially difficult to have the most up to date and accurate government information. Navigating information is one part of the COVID-19 equation, but there's also the emotional aspect of experiencing a pandemic. During an uncertain time with long wait-times and a steady flow of alarming statistics, I'm hopeful that having direct contact with someone over the phone is helpful to TKC Citizens.

Does this service help deal with increasingly long delays and wait times with these agencies?

The service allows Citizens to get the right information faster and subsequently helps to avoid delays of misinformation. Accessing federal services via the telephone will be time consuming no matter what, but with this service the phone number will be tested and confirmed as the correct number for a person's specific needs.

What do you do to ensure you are on top of all the programs and services now available?

I'm constantly checking both federal and territorial

government websites, listening to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's daily announcements, and keeping up with federal, territorial and international COVID-19 reporting. I compile the data and helpful links to share with Citizens.

Can and do you offer third-party assistance?

I have called federal and territorial COVID-19 helplines with specific questions on behalf of Citizens without revealing any names or identifying any personal information. This information gathering removes the barrier and deterrent of long wait-times to receive situation-specific information. I'd rather not discuss any situation specific questions, but rather more general situations that I've been helping with, such as what type of income counts towards the minimum income requirement for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), what funding is available for those who don't qualify for CERB, and taxes-related information.

Why is this new service so important for TKC Citizens?

I think it is important for Citizens to feel supported during a time where there's so much global uncertainty. Sifting through a constant stream of information can feel both discouraging and stressful. I'm hopeful that this position helps Citizens feel less alone in their search for COVID-19 response benefits and services.

How many Citizens have you helped so far?

I've had approximately 15-20 COVID-related conversations with Citizens.

Is this a service that will continue? I'm unsure how long this position will continue, but I'm sure it'll be around for as long as it's needed.

Brianna Bourassa, TKC Citizen Navigator
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Welcome to the Team!



**Brianna Bourassa,
Research/Policy Officer**

Brianna is new to the Wilderness City, having arrived here in October of 2019 after a cross-country trek from Atlantic Canada.

Although she'll always be *une montrealaise* at heart, Brianna lived most recently in foggy Saint John, New Brunswick, where she decamped to after graduating from McGill University. Brianna left McGill with a double major in political science and history, specializing in Canadian federalism, Indigenous politics and developing countries.

While living coastal, Brianna handled New Brunswick's international adoption program, advocated for justice system reform as a board member of the Elizabeth Fry Society, and spent every Saturday working with local artists at the Buckland Merrifield Art Gallery. Brianna's

thrilled to call the Yukon home and start her next chapter at the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council as a Research/Policy Officer and COVID-19 Citizen Navigator!

Please join us in welcoming Brianna to the Ta'an Team!!! You can reach Brianna at 332-2298 or email research@taan.ca.



**Lynda Blanchard
Accounts Payable Clerk**

Lynda is pleased to join the team at Ta'an Kwäch'än Council as Accounts Payable Clerk. She is a member of the Trondëk Hwëch'in First Nation and has worked several places in the Yukon. Lynda is a graduate from studies in Business Administration. She also has a certificate in Culinary Arts. Her work history includes five years with Chief Isaac, as well as 15 years with the Yukon Government. Lynda has also enjoyed serving as a camp cook and assistant camp manager. Her hobbies include cooking, reading, sewing and gardening.

Please join us in welcoming Lynda to the Ta'an team.!!! You can reach Lynda at 668-668 ext. 303 or email payables@taan.ca

Canadian Firearms Safety Course

Four TKC Citizens participated in a special Canadian Firearms Safety Course in February. Citizens who took part in the one-day course learned topics that ranged from the evolution of firearms to proper and safe storage, firing techniques and procedures, safe handling and carry procedures, and basic firearms safety. The four participants will also now be able to acquire a Canadian Firearms Safety Certificate (CFSC).

The benefits of this course, once completed and you have passed, is that you then may apply for your Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) which will allow for the purchase of firearms and ammunition.

Our goal is to keep everyone safe and assist those with the ability to purchase and transport firearms by completing this training for harvesting and recreational purposes. Stay tuned to the Facebook page and website to learn of upcoming courses being provided. If you would like to be put on a contact list for the next course, please contact our Natural Resources Technician at resources@taan.ca and we will arrange for an upcoming course.

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Citizens' Human Resources Database “in the works”

Alex McKenna
Education and Employment
Training Coordinator



I hope this update finds you all well, healthy and safe. I imagine we have all had to make many changes in our daily lives to adjust to the realities that COVID-19 has brought to us and the world. In one way, it has been nice to slow down a bit but also challenging at times, especially with the ‘not knowing’ how long we may have been doing this for. For us as Indigenous people, being community-oriented is in our DNA and not being able to gather with our extended family members or be there for our loved ones who are grieving is extra hard on the heart and mind. I hope you are being gentle with yourselves, reaching out to talk with loved ones over the phone, using technology to stay connected and making sure to take breaks from it all when needed. Sometimes we need to just enjoy the quiet, have a nap or go for a walk and connect to Mother Earth.

For myself, I have been tasked with trying to find a good balance with my work and home life and so far, so good. I am a part of the TKC Development Department and we have been working this past while to help all TKC students, from kindergarten to post secondary. We have been in touch with each other, communicating with our funders, our supervisors, and reaching out to our students. Service Canada, the funding agency for the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ISETS) program which I deliver, has been offering up suggestions for moving forward and helping us adapt to the changes as they come in.

A component of the ISETS program, is helping approved TKC Citizens with work gear to start a new job. Many of these Citizens work in the construction sector or in camps, i.e. mining or firefighting.

*** If you are a TKC Citizen that needs work gear, please send me an email with your contact information to: training@taan.ca or call me at (867) 332-9202.**

*** For those of you who are attending school under the ISETS program, I have sent an email to you with questions so that we can explore options together. If you haven't already responded, I look forward to connecting with you soon.**

*** If you are a TKC parent or student, with school-aged children and are in need of assistance, please connect with one of us in the Development Department and we will do our best to assist you.** There are a few things we may be able to do to make the transition easier for you and your children to do schoolwork from home.

Prior to COVID-19, Lori Graham from DDDC and I were working on developing a human resource database of TKC Citizens. This database will contain a Citizen's skills, education, business information, available equipment, etc. The goal is to maintain it regularly. This is a very valuable tool in connecting TKC Citizens with future job opportunities, short-term work, business contracts/tenders, training courses and other future opportunities. Please feel free to reach out to myself or Lori with your information and we will be in contact with you as soon as we can.

**Alex McKenna, Education and Employment
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Da Daghay Development Corporation

“Helping Ta’an Kwäch’än Council achieve financial independence”

In February, DDDC met with the Shareholder and we were able to close the 2018 Annual Shareholder Meeting (ASM). At this meeting, we presented the bylaws to the Shareholder for their consideration and we will be working with the Shareholder to secure a date for the 2019 ASM. The DDDC office remains open throughout this COVID-19 time to ensure we are available to tenants; we conduct business primarily by phone and by email. Each morning, as part of our COVID-19 Operational Business Plan, the office is wiped down with Lysol and we have both soap and sanitizer readily available.

River Bend Phases I, II

All units at River Bend are currently occupied and the turnover rate for TKC Citizens remains low. DDDC wants to let Citizens know that we keep all applications on file and as soon as a unit becomes available, we send the applications to an independent party for scoring to ensure an impartial process. We will use the same process for allocations of new units as soon as Phase II is complete (by Christmas 2020). Work has continued on Phase II during the pandemic (construction is an essential service) with the proper safety protocols being followed. We have started to do work on level 2 of Building 5 and Building 4 is now ready for electrical and plumbing work. DDDC is proud to have Little Rivers Contracting, CMAC Electrical and Choice Plumbing & Heating as contractors for these major contracts. Little River Contracting, CMAC Electrical and Choice Plumbing & Heating are TKC Citizen-owned businesses. Throughout the project we have employed 10 TKC Citizens to work on the construction crew.

Procurement

DDDC is asking TKC Citizens who have businesses to contact us so we can assist your business in the tendering process for YG contracts. DDDC will monitor the tender and bidding process to follow up

and provide advocacy and support. If you are looking for work, please contact us.

Administration Building & Community Gathering Centre

Funding proposals have been submitted to the Federal and Territorial Governments and planning on this exciting project continues.

Yukon First Nation Wildfire (YFNW)

YFNW won the Arctic Inspiration Prize this year and had two TKC-youth, who are part of the fire crew, attend the ceremony in Ottawa in February. The video of the ceremony is on DDDC’s Facebook page if you want to watch the prize ceremony. This year, Beat the Heat is looking forward to another exciting year and of our new applicants, fifty per cent of them are female. Some of the training for the new recruits will be done at Helen’s Fish Camp.

Playground at River Bend

River Bend will be the home for the “Shantlän Playground” in the next few months. The playground will host Southern Tutchone sound panels that feature Irene Smith. When children press the button, it will play the audio for greetings, people, weather and names. DDDC is exceptionally proud to have this unique feature on our playground. In addition to the amazing language panels, the playground will have exciting features such as a zipline, rubber mulch base and exercise equipment.

We are located at 2237 2nd Avenue, Suite 200 (Waterfront Station) and our office hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday. We encourage all TKC Citizens to visit our website www.dadaghay.com or follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information and to learn about future opportunities.



Above, a model of the “Shantlän Playground”, which is coming to the River Bend subdivision. At left, crews have been completing Building 4 and 5.



Attention Citizens:

Da Daghay Development Corporation is creating a database of Citizen-owned businesses and skilled tradespeople in preparation of future development projects on TKC Traditional Territory.

If you are a:

- Business Owner
- Contractor
- Skilled Laborer
- Goods or Services Provider

We want to hear from you!

Please contact Lori at 867-667-6609 or lori@dadaghay.com

All participants will have their name included in a draw with a chance to win a \$200.00 gas card!

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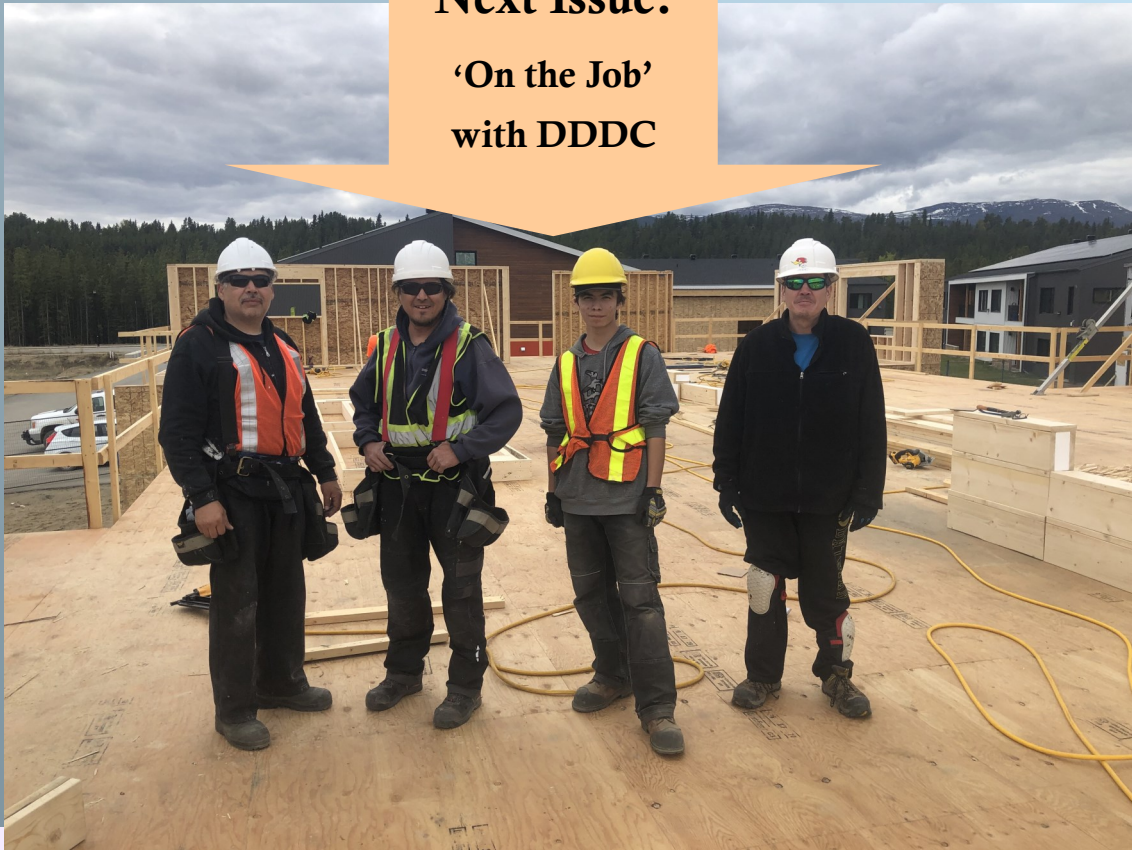
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Kwäch'än Council**

Citizens: Please remember to forward
your changes of address.



Next Issue:

**'On the Job'
with DDDC**



**Do you have a story you would like to see featured in the newsletter?
We are looking for stories and photos (new and old) of Citizens to feature!
Contact the Communications Office at 668-3613 ext. 204, or by email at
communicationsoffice@taan.ca.**