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- **CITIZEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED TO REVIEW TKC'S ELECTIONS ACT—Deadline November 3, 2020**
We are looking for Citizens to participate on a Special Committee to review amendments to TKC's *Elections Act*. This Committee will likely meet four times over the course of three months. We are looking for five Citizens, one per Traditional Family to sit on the Committee. We welcome any Citizen over the age of 16 to put their name forward. If there are more than one Citizen per Traditional Family, we will draw names. If you are interested in participating, please contact Breanna Taylor, Legislation & Policy Analyst by Tuesday November 3 at noon. She can be reached at (867) 668-3613 ext. 206 or by email legislationoffice@taan.ca.
- **ELDERS TEAS PLANNED – November 10 and December 2, 2020**
TKC is planning to offer two special Elders Teas during November and December. Please mark the dates of Tuesday November 10, 2020 and Wednesday December 2, 2020 on your calendars. TKC's Wellness Department is planning to offer information sessions on issues related to Elders and aging as well as some fun seasonal activities. More information, including location and times, will be made available soon. For more information please contact TKC Health and Wellness Coordinator Roberta Auston at (867) 668-3613 ext. 407 or email healthandwellness@taan.ca.
- **CEMETERY COMMEMORATION – Friday November 13, Helen's Fish Camp 1-4pm**
TKC's Culture and Heritage Committee is inviting everyone to a special celebration of this year's restoration work done at the Lake Laberge Cemetery, "Natsèdeway Kennji". This work was completed in September and resulted in a complete transformation of the historical Ta'an Kwäch'än burial ground. TKC's Culture and Heritage Committee oversaw the project which resulted in a thorough re-landscaping of the area, restoration work as well as the construction of a 900-plus linear foot fence. The special celebration, set for November 13, 2020 at Helen's Fish Camp, is to officially thank the Elders involved, along with the work crew. The Committee would also like to thank those TKC Citizens who took the time to volunteer this summer, along with staff who helped make this project a success. For more information please contact Anne-Marie Miller, TKC Heritage Technician at (867) 668-3613 ext. 608 or email heritage@taan.ca.
- **CREATIVE CHALLENGE – CHRISTMAS ART CONTEST – Deadline November 13, 2020**
TKC is offering all students and any Citizens who would like to share their artistic works in the form of drawing, painting, photography or graphic design a chance to take part in a special Christmas Creative Challenge. Each submission will be added to a submission category (based on age) and the winner's art will be featured on special Christmas promotions including cards, virtual messages and more. All entrants will receive a gift card, as well as recognition through coverage on Facebook, TKC's website and the newsletter. Citizens of all ages should feel free to be as creative as possible. Please submit your works or arrange for us to help with submissions, by contacting Kaitlyn Silvester, Education Support Worker at (867) 668-3613 ext. 401, or email educationsupport@taan.ca; or Ben Monkman, Youth Outreach & Support Worker at (867) 334-8306 or email youthsupport@taan.ca. For more information please contact Amanda Leas, TKC Office Manager at (867) 668-3613 ext. 207 or email aleas@taan.ca.
- **CITIZEN MEETINGS – SHALLOW BAY ZONING REGULATIONS – December 9, 2020 & January 6, 2021**
TKC's Lands, Resources and Heritage (LRH) Department will be holding two Citizen-specific consultation meetings regarding zoning regulations in the Shallow Bay area. The meetings have been tentatively set for December 9, 2020 and January 6, 2021. Location and times to be determined. LRH and Yukon Government's Land Planning Branch have been working together through the Shallow Bay Zoning Committee on zoning initiatives in the Shallow Bay area. TKC's LRH Department has organized this

Citizen-specific consultation. Citizens interested in attending are being asked to RSVP their attendance. To RSVP please contact Natalie Leclerc, Land Use Planning Coordinator at (867) 668-3613 ext. 604 or email nleclerc@taan.ca.

- **FLU SHOTS NOW AVAILABLE IN WHITEHORSE – Daily Clinics, Yukon Convention Centre**
TKC Citizens interested in getting an annual flu shot can now do so. Regular clinics will be held starting October 26 until December 17, 2020. All clinics will take place this year at the Yukon Convention Centre (4051 4th Avenue). Typically, influenza is a seasonal disease. In Yukon, we normally start seeing our first cases in late December or January. This fall and winter, flu viruses and COVID-19 may both spread. It is more important than ever that Citizens protect themselves, and others, from all respiratory illnesses – including the flu. Although immunization is the best way to prevent influenza, good respiratory hygiene is very important especially during cold and flu season. This includes always coughing or sneezing into your elbow or a tissue, always disposing of tissues right away and washing your hands often and regularly with soap and water. A full list of clinics is available here: <https://yukon.ca/en/find-flu-shot-clinic>. A complete list is also available at TKC's Wellness and Development building. If you need assistance getting to the clinics please contact Roberta Auston at (867) 668-3613 ext. 407 or email healthandwellness@taan.ca or Heather Griffiths, Wellness Manager at (867) 668-3613 ext. 409 or email wellnessmanager@taan.ca.
- **TKC CITIZENS MAY BENEFIT FROM SELF-GOVERNMENT RULES ON PENSIONABLE EARNINGS**
TKC has approved an amendment to the TKC Self Government Agreement (SGA) that might result in some Citizens seeing a tax reimbursement through their registered pension plans. The amendment will affect Citizens who were Status Indians under the *Indian Act* and who contributed to a registered pension plan between April 1, 2003 to April 1, 2006. The SGA amendment states they should have been exempt from paying income tax during that time and will be reimbursed if they paid income tax on their registered pension plan. This is dependent upon federal approval of this SGA amendment which is now before the Government of Canada. If you think this might affect your pensionable earnings, please contact Barb Joe, TKC's Implementation Officer for more information at (867) 668-3613 ext. 211 or email implementationoffice@taan.ca.
- **MORNING SUPPORT FOR PORTER CREEK SECONDARY STUDENTS - 8am to 9:40am, Room 166**
Ben Monkman, TKC Youth Outreach Support Worker, along with three other Community Education Liaison Coordinators (CELC's), are holding a morning support block for students from 8:00am to 9:40am in room 166 (across from the office). Students are welcome to drop in for one-on-one help, some morning breakfast food or to simply just drop by before heading to classes for the day. There will be a staff schedule posted to show which CELC's are in the class each morning and TKC students are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions please contact Ben Monkman at (867) 334-8306 or email youthsupport@taan.ca.
- **COMMUNITY PERCEPTIONS OF THE RCMP IN YUKON – Online survey until November 30, 2020**
TKC Citizens interested in voicing their opinions about RCMP services in Yukon can do so with a special online survey open to all Yukoners. This survey seeks to better understand community perceptions of the RCMP, and results will be used to help develop policies, programs, and new ideas to help guide the future of policing in Yukon. Previously, town halls have taken place to collect this important feedback, but these forums cannot take place this year due to COVID-19. All information provided will be kept strictly confidential and will be used in a report outlining recommendations to the Yukon's Justice Minister for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The survey is located at www.surveymonkey.com/r/yukon_police_council and will be accepting participants until November 30, 2020. For more information or questions please email yukopolicecouncil@gov.yk.ca.

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