



Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

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Monthly Bulletin –October 2021

- **TKC ELECTION – October 18, 2021**

An election for Chief of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council is set to take place on October 18th. No nominations for Deputy Chief were received. A copy of the Election Writ, Official Voters List and all poll information are available at www.taان.ca. All election-related inquiries are to be made to Chief Returning Officer, Colleen Craft, at (867) 689-1071 or email tkcelection.2021@gmail.com. The TKC Election Office is located at Elite Hotel, 206 Jarvis Street, Suite 213, Whitehorse, Yukon. The mailing address for the TKC Election Office is P.O. Box 31532, Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 6K8.

- **SACRED FIRE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 – Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre (KDCC)**

Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) will be hosting a day of sharing, healing and ceremony to support the impacts of residential schools on September 30 between 11am and 4pm at the KDCC. To commemorate the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a drumming procession led by members of the Walk for Healing Nations, will begin at the Healing Totem on Main St. at 11am and will go to the KDCC. We encourage everyone to bring your drums. Counsellors will be on hand throughout the day. A community meal, sponsored by Northwestel will also be available. Dress warm. Covid-19 protocols will be in place. For more information, please visit cyfn.ca.

- **YUKON FIRST NATION ART PROGRAM – October 4, 2021 - February 4, 2022**

TKC has partnered with Yukon University to offer a Yukon First Nation Arts Program to Citizens this fall, and we are looking for two TKC Elders to attend the program to provide their expertise, guidance and support. The program will include beadwork, sewing, traditional footwear, fine craftwork, drawing/carving and small crafts/product development. The hours for the Elder roles are flexible, but there will be an expectation that Elders attend the program on a part-time basis over the 12-week program. The scheduled program will take place Monday through Friday (9am to 4pm) from October 4, 2021 to February 4, 2022 at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. Honoraria will be provided (TKC rates apply). The deadline to put your name forward is September 24, 2021, however, if the positions have not been filled by this date, late applicants will be considered. For more information or to put your name forward, please contact Barb Crawford at (867) 668-3613 ext. 410 or training@taan.ca no later than September 24, 2021.

- **YUKON UNIVERSITY – Special Introductory Trades Programs**

TKC Citizens interested in pursuing a career in the trades may benefit from three upcoming courses at Yukon University. Introduction to Welding (October 12-29); Introduction to Millwright/Stationary Mechanics (November 1-19); and Introduction to Heavy Equipment Technician/Mechanics (November 22- December 22). These non-credit courses are aimed at students interested in pursuing full-time programming by providing the fundamentals of each trade. For more information and assistance, please contact Barb Crawford, Education and Employment Training Coordinator, at (867) 668-3613 ext. 410 or email training@taan.ca.

- PUMPKIN CARVING KITS AVAILABLE– Reserve now for October 28-29, 2021 pickup**

With Halloween festivities just around the corner, TKC will be offering families special Pumpkin Carving Kits. To make sure we have enough, families must reserve their kits first. The kits will be able to be picked up from the TKC Wellness Building on Thursday, October 28th from 1pm-7pm or Friday October 29th from 10am to 4pm. To reserve your kit, contact Debbie Anderson, TKC Community Education Liaison Coordinator at (867) 668-3613 ext. 413 or email CELC@taan.ca. Plans for a Halloween Costume Contest are also under way. Details for that event still being worked on, so stay tuned. Full details will be posted to www.taan.ca and TKC's Facebook page.
- CITY OF WHITEHORSE – ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL – October 21, 2021**

On October 21, 2021, Whitehorse residents will elect a new Council, comprised of a Mayor and six Councillors, for a three-year term. For the first time, Whitehorse voters can register to vote, update their address, and apply to vote by mail, online. Everyone will be eligible to vote in advance, by special ballot, if requested. The City of Whitehorse Election Office is located at City Hall, on Second Avenue. General inquiries and more information is available at www.whitehorse.ca/city-council/election-2021 or by contacting elections@whitehorse.ca.
- ONLINE SERVICE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF VACCINATION - Ongoing**

An online service to provide a proof of vaccination credential is now available. The credential is a secure, government-issued proof of your COVID-19 vaccination status. The vaccination card Yukoners received when they were immunized proves you are vaccinated and is currently accepted as proof in many situations. However, in some cases this may not be the case, such as for international travel. The new credential format is part of ongoing efforts in Canada and across the globe to standardize proof of vaccination. You can request your proof of vaccination credential online at yukon.ca/vaccine-proof or on the phone via the COVID-19 InfoLine at 1-877-374-0425, seven days a week, 7:30 am, to 8:00 pm.
- MAPPING THE WAY CONTEST FOR YOUTH – Deadline October 31, 2021**

Mapping the Way wants to highlight the important role of General Assemblies within First Nation governments in Yukon. Over the next two months, we're asking First Nation youth, under the age of 30, to submit a short explanation of a policy, program or topic covered at their First Nation's General Assembly and its importance. Be creative! Submissions can be a short paragraph, 90-second video, photo, drawing or piece of artwork that explains the policy, program or topic and its importance. All submissions will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a *Mapping the Way* gift basket. Please email all submissions by October 31st to mappingtheway.ca@gmail.com.
- POST-SECONDARY SUPPORT PROGRAM FUNDING – Deadline: November 15, 2021**

The Post-Secondary Student Support Program funding application deadline for January 2022 studies is November 15th. Application forms are available at www.taan.ca. There are also several scholarships and grants available. If you need any assistance with applications or programs, please contact TKC's Education Support Worker at (867) 668-3613 ext. 401 or email educationsupport@taan.ca.

Take Care and Stay Safe!

Watch our website and Facebook for updates.

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