



Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

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Monthly Bulletin – January 2022

TKC Christmas Office Closure:
December 23rd - January 3rd, 2022
We will reopen Tuesday, January 4th at 8:30am.



The following services are available on an on-call basis over the Christmas break:

Elders Fuel Services and General Emergencies:	Peter Borotsik (867) 332-0331 infrastructure@taan.ca
Lands Issues:	Lands & Resources Manager, Dave Irvine (867) 334-7477 lrhmanager@taan.ca
Elders Services, Income Assistance, and Citizen Support:	Wellness Manager, Heather Griffiths (867) 335-0630 wellnessmanager@taan.ca
Communications:	Communications Officer, Janet Smellie (867) 334-5298 communicationsoffice@taan.ca
Finance and General Emergencies:	Finance Manager, Andrew Johnston (867) 334-7360 ajohnston@taan.ca

Note: TKC will continue to keep Citizens up-to-date during the holidays with the latest COVID-19 case numbers, public exposure notices and all public advisories on its website at www.taan.ca.

- **CANDIDATES FOR DEPUTY CHIEF ANNOUNCED FOR JANUARY 17, 2022 BY-ELECTION**

There are three candidates running in the upcoming by-election for the position of Deputy Chief: Brenda Sam, Christina Peters, and Doris Anderson. A preliminary voters list is posted at TKC's Main Administration Building and at the CRO Office (#214 – 206 Jarvis Street - Elite Hotel). Please verify your name is on the list. Any requests for revisions to the list must be directed to the Chief Returning Officer (CRO), Colleen Craft at (867) 689-1071 or email tkcelection.2021@gmail.com. An official voters list will be available on December 18th. The by-election is set for Monday January 17, 2022, from 8:00am-8:00pm at the Yukon Inn Fireside Room. For information on mail-in voting (December 16-January 17), mobile voting (December 18-January 14) or early vote (December 18-January 14), please go to www.taan.ca or contact the CRO.

- **HOW WE WALK WITH THE LAND AND WATER INFORMATION SESSION – January 19, 2022**

TKC's Lands, Resources & Heritage (LRH) department will be hosting a "How We Walk with the Land and Water" drop-in information session on January 19th between 1:00pm-6:30pm, at TKC's office at 9042 Quartz Road (Griffiths Heating). This session is intended to engage TKC Citizens on the project. More information about the project is available at howwewalk.org. Citizens are welcome to let us know if you are planning to attend. Drop-in attendance is also welcome during the event. COVID-19 protocols will be strictly adhered to. Please contact Natalie Leclerc at (867) 668-3613 ext. 604 or email nleclerc@taan.ca for further information.

- **“CITIZENS ON THE LAND” NEW YEAR’S EVENTS PLANNED – January/February 2022**

LRH staff are offering Citizens a chance to take part in two bison hunts in 2022. The first trip, scheduled for the week of January 17 will be open to adult Citizens, 18 and older, and be on a first come, first-serve basis. A second ‘women-specific’ “Citizens on the Land” trip will take place starting February 8. The groups will be travelling by snowmobile, overnighing in winterized tents, and learning on-the-land hunting traditions and survival skills. No experience is necessary to participate. LRH has winter clothing available if needed, just let us know what items you require. Registration is required for both trips. If you are interested in participating or want to learn more, please contact Dawn Hansen at (867) 668-3613 ext. 602 or email resources@taan.ca.

- **THIRD ANNUAL FIRST NATION EDUCATION CONFERENCE – January 19-20, 2022 -Carcross Yukon**

Citizens interested in attending “From Cradle to Community Member: A Vision for Full Circle Indigenous Education”, a two-day conference on January 19-20 in Carcross can register now. Guest speakers include Ryan McMahon, who is an Anishinaabe comedian, podcaster and writer who has audiences rolling with laughter and savouring his truth-telling. Kendall Netmaker is an award-winning Cree entrepreneur, author and gifted speaker who inspires change at all levels. You can see the tentative draft agenda on the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate Facebook page or contact Jessica Bryant at (867) 668-3613 ext.408 or email developmentmanger@taan.ca.

- **CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH – Ongoing Initiative**

TKC Development Department would like to recognize youth who participate in education, sports, cultural activities, community engagement, and any activity where they shine! TKC would like to start *Celebrating Our Youth* by recognizing Kiawana Leas, Madison Sutherland, and Stewart Tizya. Please go to www.taan.ca to help us celebrate their accomplishments. We would love to hear from you, the community, on any young person that you would like to have recognized in a positive way. Contact Ben Monkman at (867) 334-8306 or email youthsupport@taan.ca.

- **COVID-19 VACCINES NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN Ages 5-11 – Ongoing**

The Government of Yukon began COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children aged five to 11 on December 6. Children will be receiving the Pfizer pediatric vaccine. First and second doses will be administered eight weeks apart. In Whitehorse, the vaccination clinic will be at the Coast High Country Inn Convention Centre. TKC Wellness staff will continue to keep everyone updated of the latest COVID-19 developments at www.taan.ca. For assistance with registering for vaccine clinics or general information, including access to rapid test kits, please contact Natalie Hare at (867) 668-3613 ext. 402 or email adminassist@taan.ca.



Take Care and Stay Safe!

Watch our website and Facebook for updates

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