



Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

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Monthly Bulletin – February 2022

- **CHRISTINA PETERS ELECTED AS TKC DEPUTY CHIEF – January 20, 2022**

TKC Citizen Christina Peters was re-elected for a second term as Deputy Chief during a by-election held January 20, 2022. Peters received 59 votes over fellow candidates Brenda Sam (20) and Doris Anderson (34). Deputy Chief Peters is a member of the Jenny Dawson family. She can be reached at (867) 668-3613 ext. 102; (867) 334-6363 or email at deputychief@taan.ca.

- **TKC OFFICES TO REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - Ongoing**

TKC's government offices are closed to the public until further notice. To best protect Citizens and staff from high activity of COVID-19, TKC is requiring public services to be by appointment only. Citizens who wish to contact staff for day-to-day assistance, can find all staff telephone listings at www.taan.ca or contact (867) 668-3612 ext. 202. If you require assistance with vaccine appointments or more information related to COVID-19 testing please contact Natalie Hare at (867) 668-3613 ext. 402 or email adminassist@taan.ca.

- **TKC'S 20th ANNIVERSARY OF LAND CLAIM CELEBRATIONS SET FOR APRIL 1, 2022!**

This year, 2022, marks the 20th anniversary of TKC's signing of its Self-Government Agreement and plans are underway for a special celebration to take place on April 1, 2022. Ta'an Kwäch'än Council signed its final and self-government agreements on January 13, 2002, and officially became a self-governing First Nation on April 1, 2002. Celebration and commemorative events will be announced soon. Please stay tuned to TKC's website and our Facebook page for more information.

- **ELDERS NEEDED FOR OPENING REMARKS, PRAYERS, SPECIAL EVENTS - Ongoing**

Interested in assisting Ta'an Kwäch'än Council's leadership presence at community and territorial events of importance? TKC's Executive is updating its list of Elders who are available to take part in opening prayers and official welcomes for Yukon events. TKC will provide you with necessary briefings and materials and can assist with set up for events that are held virtually. Honoraria will be provided. Our hope is to create a list of potential representatives that reflect on individual interests and availability that we can rely on when needed. Events include First Nation culture, education, and heritage gatherings as well as special occasion public service events. For more information contact Katelyn Friendship at (867) 668-3613 ext. 205 or email executiveassist@taan.ca.

- **YVR ART FOUNDATION (YVRAF) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – IMPORTANT DEADLINE: January 27, 2022**

Artists interested in a unique scholarship program can apply for support through the YVR Art Foundation Scholarship Program. The YVRAF Scholarship program offers \$5,000 awards to BC and Yukon First Nations artists to support their art practice through mentorship and educational opportunities. Artwork is then displayed at the Vancouver International Airport and/or a YVRAF exhibition partner following their scholarship year. YVRAF offers Emerging Artist Scholarships for artists ages 17-29, and Mid-Career Artist Scholarships for artists aged 30+. Past recipients include TKC artist Jared Kane. Kane's artwork "Raven & Creek Mother", a 37-inch circular panel, yellow cedar was produced during a mentorship with artist Keith Wolfe-Smarch and is currently on exhibit in British Columbia. The deadline to apply is January 27, 2022. Contact Program & Administrative Coordinator Bridgette Badowich at bridgette@yvraf.com.

- **LANDS AND RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LRAC) – Deadline: February 25, 2022**

TKC has several vacancies on the Lands and Resources Advisory Committee. One full member is needed for Susie Jim Family and alternate members are needed for Susie Jim, Maggie Broeren, Chief Jim Boss, Jenny Lebarge and Jenny Dawson families. An Elder Representative and a Youth Representative and

alternates are also needed. The LRAC was established in 2018 and meets once per month to review and offer direction and feedback to the LRH department on its programs and initiatives. If you are interested, please submit your Expression of Interest to Kristina Beckman at (867) 668-3613 ext. 603 or email fishandwildlife@taan.ca. The deadline is February 25th, 2022.

- **TKC CULTURE AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED – Deadline: February 25, 2022.**
The Heritage and Culture department is seeking to fill vacant seats on the Culture and Heritage Committee. The committee's role is to keep abreast of cultural and heritage issues and events, make recommendations, and provide support for initiatives to be undertaken by the Heritage and Culture department, and help ensure Citizens are well informed on heritage activities and initiatives. We are seeking representatives for the following families: Jenny Dawson (representative and alternate), Susie Jim (alternate), Chief Jim Boss (alternate), Jenny Lebarge (alternate), Youth (representative and alternate). If you are interested, please submit your Expression of Interest to Natalie Leclerc at (867) 334-1941 or email heritagemanager@taan.ca. The deadline is February 25th, 2022.
- **ELDER REPRESENTATIVE SOUGHT FOR 'HOW WE WALK WITH THE LAND AND WATER – February 25, 2022**
The "How We Walk with the Land and Water" project is looking for one TKC Elder to fill a vacant TKC seat on the Elders Advisory Committee (EAC). This is a pre-regional land use planning initiative between TKC, Carcross/Tagish First Nation and Kwanlin Dün First Nation and is an Indigenous-led process. Each Nation has two representatives. The intent of the EAC is to advise the Steering Committee as well as other committees working under the process. Please submit your Expression of Interest to Land Use Planning Coordinator, Natalie Leclerc, at (867) 334-1941 or email nleclerc@taan.ca by February 25th, 2022.
- **SPRING CAMP TO BE HELD – Coghlan Lake (March 14-17)**
Hello parents and students! TKC is hosting a spring camp March 14-17, 2022. This camp will be hosted at the remote location of Coghlan Lake (1.5-hour snowmachine ride from Braeburn). We can accommodate 12 young people, ages 8-14. This will be a four-day, three-night camp leaving Whitehorse by bus Monday morning and arriving back in Whitehorse Thursday at 4pm. All accommodations, transportation, and food will be provided by TKC. We also have outdoor gear for use if your child is not prepared for winter activities. Please contact Ben Monkman (youthsupport@taan.ca or 334-8306) for a registration form and general information. Confirming attendance as soon as possible will allow us to better prepare for the trip.
- **DRIVING EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE TO NEW DRIVERS**
Are you looking for some driving experience? Already have your learners? TKC, in partnership with Yukon Driving Academy is happy to be able to provide Ta'an Citizens with driving experience. If you are looking to gain hours towards your full license or gain confidence before a road test we can help. Available until April 1, 2022, so time is limited. For more information contact Ben Monkman at (867) 334-8306 or email youthsupport@taan.ca.
- **CAREERS IN CONTRACTING - Ongoing**
Ketz Construction, Duncan's Ltd. and Klondike Welding want to hire TKC and KDFN Citizens for the development of the new Whistle Bend School. Full job descriptions and assistance with resumes, and interview placements are available. Contact Barb Crawford at (867) 668-3613 ext. 410 or email training@taan.ca.

Take Care and Stay Safe!
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