

# Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

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# Monthly Bulletin - March 2022

- TKC'S 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LAND CLAIM CELEBRATIONS Set for April 1, 2022!

  This year, 2022, marks the 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Please stay tuned to TKC's website and our Facebook page for more information.
- TKC GENERAL ASSEMBLY April 2-3, 2022 Virtual/Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre
  The TKC General Assembly (GA) will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The GA will be held at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural
  Centre for Citizen delegates. For other Citizens who plan on attending, a virtual online platform will be
  available. If you have any amendments to TKC's Constitution that you would like to put forward, please
  send them to Breanna Taylor at <a href="mailto:legislationoffice@taan.ca">legislationoffice@taan.ca</a> by March 8, 2022. This General Assembly will
  follow all COVID-19 guidelines and will take place unless otherwise directed by the Chief Medical Officer
  of Health. Stay tuned for more details on TKC's website and our Facebook page.
- COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSSIONS/NALOXONE KITS AVAILABLE

TKC is committed to supporting and enhancing the wellness of our community. With the current opioid crisis affecting us all, we are taking steps to ensure that Citizens have the tools available to protect themselves and their loved ones against accidental overdoses. Keeping the community safe means having Naloxone Kits readily available. TKC will provide kits to any Citizen who would like one. Kits are available, by request, for pick up from our Health building or can be dropped off by one of our staff. We will also provide a \$25 gift card for each Citizen who requests a kit. TKC will be hosting community information sessions on Naloxone use and providing information on our website. To receive your kit, please contact Julie Smith at (867) 668-3613 ext. 405 or email <a href="mailto:familysupport@taan.ca">familysupport@taan.ca</a>.

- MUNDESSA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS
   Mundessa Development Corporation is looking for qualified Citizens to fill vacancies on its non-profit development board. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in becoming a board member, please contact Katelyn Friendship at (867) 668-3613 ext. 205 or email <a href="mailto:executiveassist@taan.ca">executiveassist@taan.ca</a>.
- SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM May to August 2022 Deadline: March 11, 2022
  Thinking of where you want to work this summer? TKC has several exciting positions available for summer students! You could work in: Lands & Resources, Culture & Heritage, Wellness, Development or Administration and Finance departments. Altogether there are up to 12 weeks of full or part-time work available. We are looking for young Citizens who are organized and reliable and are interested in learning about and contributing to TKC programs and services. You will have an interest in working with the public, basic computer knowledge or a willingness to learn. You must be a student who plans to return to school in the fall, and as per our policy, all summer positions are for Ta'an Kwäch'än Council members who self-declare in their cover letter and/or resume. You can earn: High School Level, Step 1 = \$20.30 per hour (8 weeks with the possibility of extension) or Post-Secondary Level Step 1 = \$24.19 per hour (12 weeks with the possibility of extension). All successful candidates will abide by TKC's Values and Ethic's Code of Employment Policy and provide a Criminal Records Check. For more information and assistance with the application process contact Human Resources Advisor Roberta Kufeldt at (867) 668-3613 ext. 208 or email <a href="mailto:rkufeldt@taan.ca">rkufeldt@taan.ca</a> . Applicants can also email resumes to <a href="mailto:humanresources@taan.ca">humanresources@taan.ca</a> by no later than March 11.
- SHARING YOUR HISTORY CALLOUT FOR CITIZENS Deadline: March 11, 2022

  Do you have photos, stories, or memories of historical interest you would like to share with us for our upcoming Anniversary Commemorative Wall and Website Showcase? If you do, contact Janet Smelllie at (867) 668-3613 ext. 204 or Teresa Jacobs at (867) 668-3613 ext. 203. We will arrange to scan and return your photos immediately and can work with you to capture your memories in written form. You can also email stories or photos to <a href="mailto:communicationsoffice@taan.ca">communicationsoffice@taan.ca</a>. The deadline for submissions is March 11.

## • TKC SEWING CIRCLE WORKSHOPS - March 2022

TKC is offering three workshops in March – two Parka-Making Workshops and one Star Blanket Workshop with talented seamstress Dorathy Wright. The first Parka Making Circle – March 7-9 proved so popular a second workshop set for March 10-12 has been organized. Only those that have yet to attend a parkamaking session will be considered. Dorathy is also holding a special one-day Star Blanket Workshop on March 13<sup>th</sup>. All materials are provided. All three workshops will be held at 9042 Quartz Road (Griffiths). COVID-19 protocols will be in place. To register contact Debbie Burns at (867) 668-3613 ext. 403 or email <a href="mailto:heritageprograms@taan.ca">heritageprograms@taan.ca</a>.

# • ELDER NEEDED TO JOIN OUR SPRING CAMP Coghlan Lake - March 14-17, 2022

We are looking for an Elder interested in participating in this year's Spring Camp set for the week of March 14 (honourarium provided). 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. Please contact Ben Monkman at 334-8306 or email <a href="mailto:youthsupport@taan.ca">youthsupport@taan.ca</a> for more information. Confirming your interest as soon as possible will allow us to better prepare for the trip.

## ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS-March 17-18, 2022

TKC will be holding a virtual skills development workshop on March 17 and 18 from 9am-3pm via Zoom. Christine Genier will be facilitating the Oral History Interviews workshop. The workshop is intended for TKC Citizens aged 15-30. This is a knowledge gathering initiative with an emphasis on revitalizing generational knowledge transfer. The intent is to develop interviewing skills so that our youth can interview our Elders for projects such as: Yukon River Oral History, How We Walk with the Land and Water, and more exciting projects. To register please contact Ben Monkman at (867) 334-8306 or email <a href="mailto:youthsupport@taan.ca">youthsupport@taan.ca</a>. If you do not fall in this age group and are interested, please contact Barb Crawford at (867) 668-3613 ext. 410 or email <a href="mailto:training@taan.ca">training@taan.ca</a>.

## POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SUPPORT REMINDER - March 15, 2022

University deadlines for enrollment start March 15. Dates can be program-specific so be sure and contact TKC's Acting Education Support Worker Lori Graham, who is more than happy to help you chart your educational course and make sure you have all the necessary enrollment information. Lori can be contacted at (867) 668-3613 ext. 401 or email <a href="mailto:educationsupport@taan.ca">educationsupport@taan.ca</a>.

COME COOK WITH US! FAMILY COOKING PROGRAM CONTINUES - Biweekly on Wednesdays

TKC is continuing its biweekly cooking program for families! *Cooking with Ätsua* is a way for all ages to learn the basics of the kitchen and teaches introductory cooking skills, kitchen safety, and recipe design, including the use of traditional foods. At each session, families prepare a delicious meal. On the menu for March 16 is Quiche Florentine, and March 30<sup>th</sup> you will learn how to prepare Spaghetti a la Vongole. A full menu is available at <a href="www.taan.ca">www.taan.ca</a>. Space is limited for the program and registration is required. COVID-19 restrictions and everyone over the age of 12 must have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. To register, please contact Debbie Anderson at (867) 668-3613 ext. 413 or email <a href="mailto:CELC@taan.ca">CELC@taan.ca</a>.

# • GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE

The Canada Revenue Agency's Whitehorse Tax Office is available to help all Yukoners who have a modest income and a simple tax situation complete 2021 tax returns for free. Volunteers are available though the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Volunteers will also be able to assist you in determining if you are eligible for the GST/HST tax credit or are entitled to other tax credits and deductions. To find a volunteer call the Whitehorse Tax Office at 1-833-615-2383.

Take Care and Stay Safe!
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