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Monthly Bulletin – May 2022

- **TKC GENERAL ASSEMBLY - April 30-May 1, 2022 – Virtual/Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre**
The TKC General Assembly (GA) will be held on April 30-May 1, 2022. The GA will be virtual, with a gallery available at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre for those who cannot attend online. TKC delegates and Chief & Council will be in-person at the KDCC. **All attendees must register using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/44yypzb9>** to be eligible for TKC draws at the GA. This GA will follow all COVID-19 guidelines and in-person participants will be required to do a rapid test before entering the meeting. Further details can be found on TKC's website and our Facebook page.
- **Celebrating Our Mothers – Pampering Kits and Mother's Day Draw – Friday May 6, 2022**
This year, TKC will be celebrating all moms with individual pampering kits and a chance to win a special basket of goodies in a Mother's Day draw. Please contact Julie Smith at 335-2502 by Wednesday, May 4th to RSVP your kit and put your name in for the draw. The kits can be picked up any time between 8:30am – 4:30pm on Friday, May 6th from the TKC Health building and the draw will be held on Friday afternoon at 3:00pm.
- **BEAR SEASON SAFETY REMINDER – TKC Wildlife Monitors**
TKC's Wildlife Monitors would like to remind Citizens to make sure and bear-proof your yards in anticipation of bear activity starting up in our region. With deeper snow cover this year, it is anticipated that bears may be instinctively wandering closer to people's yards in search of food. It's wise to ensure all garbage is contained and that you take the time to make sure your yard is free of bear attractants. These include grease and grit left on your barbecues, pet or animal feed, animal hides, and harvest leftovers. Even bird feeders are another popular site for bears. If you do encounter a nuisance bear near your home contact Andre Eckert-Maret or Shawna Tizya, TKC Wildlife Monitors at (867) 668-3613 ext. 611.
- **EDUCATION COMMISSIONER VACANCY – Deadline May 6, 2022**
Ta'an Kwäch'än Council's Education Commission has a vacancy for a Commissioner for the Chief Jim Boss Family. The Commission is comprised of one member from each of the five traditional families. Commissioners are appointed for a period of three years. For nominations or for more information contact Jessica Bryant at (867) 668-3613 ext. 408 or email developmentmanager@taan.ca.
- **UPCOMING SEWING WORKSHOPS WITH DORATHY WRIGHT – Dates to be determined**
TKC sewers will be happy to learn that there will be two spring sewing workshops: one to make an Arctic pullover "anorak" and one to create a memory quilt. The workshops, run through TKC's Heritage & Culture department, will be held at 9042 Quartz Road (Griffiths Building) at a date and time to be determined. They will be taught by popular Arctic seamstress, Dorothy Wright, who has held several parka making workshops throughout the Yukon this winter. Registration will be required for each workshop and preference will be given to those Citizens who have yet to attend a sewing workshop this year. Participants must have basic sewing skills and know how to operate a sewing machine. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place. For more information, please contact Debbie Burns at (867) 668-3613 ext. 403. Be sure to stay tuned to TKC's website and Facebook page for dates!
- **COVID-19 – 2nd BOOSTER ROLLOUT BEGINS**
On April 12, 2022, Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health announced the availability of a 2nd booster against COVID-19 for Yukoners aged 70 years and older and certain high-risk people, including those living in long-term care housing. Online appointments are now available. This booster will ensure that immune

response to COVID-19 remains high while case counts continue. It is expected that the 2nd booster will be available to the general population by mid-May or June. For those who have yet to be vaccinated, safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines for Yukoners ages 5 and up continue to be available. Evidence shows that being up to date with all recommended doses provides strong protection against serious illness. Widespread immunization is the best way to protect yourself and the community. To make an appointment or to get more information go to www.yukon.ca/this-is-our-shot.

- **GRAD AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2022 NOW OPEN – Deadline: May 16, 2022**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2022 Yukon First Nation Graduation Awards! The Yukon First Nation Graduation ceremony is set to take place on Friday, June 3, 2022, at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. This year there are a total of 48 awards available for students for both specific and general academic achievements, including leadership in business, sports, and community involvement. One of the awards is the coveted Chief Jim Boss Award established for the most community-minded Yukon First Nation Graduate. Anyone is welcome to nominate students for awards, except for the students themselves. For a full list of the awards, online application forms and graduation day details, go to www.taana.ca or the Yukon First Nation Graduation Society Facebook page.

- **ATCO ELECTRIC INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AWARDS – Deadline: August 15, 2022**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2022 ATCO Electric Indigenous Education Awards. The Indigenous Education Awards Program supports First Nation, Inuit and Métis students across Canada by providing financial assistance to help them in their quest for higher education. These awards, bursaries and scholarships are given to students who demonstrate leadership capabilities and strive to be role models in their schools and communities. Three different award categories include: merit awards of \$500 for students who are completing grades 10-12 or completing upgrading; bursaries of \$1,000 for students registered in a trade, community, or technical college diploma program; and scholarships of \$1,500 for university or graduate degree students. Applications and all supporting documentation must be received by August 15th, 2022. Online applications are available by visiting www.atco.com. A link is also available at www.taana.ca.

- **ADÄKA FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Festival runs June 23 – July 10, 2022**

Volunteers are being recruited for this year's Adäka Festival, set to take place between June 29th and July 5th. Adäka means "coming into the light" in Southern Tutchone. The festival is committed to shining a light on the creative spirit of Yukon First Nations people, helping to preserve and revitalize our arts and culture, while inspiring artists and youth to take pride in their heritage and communities. The festival is sponsored by the Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association in partnership with the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Association. This year's festival features Folk and Rock performer Bria Rose, the Dakwäkäda Dancers, Contemporary Traditional Artist Dena Zagi, and Hip-Hop Artist Mobb Diggity/North Cold Crew. Traditional drumming and songs by the Rising Sun Singers and the Hucha Huda Yelin Dance Group will also be featured. The festival will require 60+ volunteers. Volunteers must be a minimum of 16 years of age and contribute a minimum of 12 hours of their time to the festival. Volunteers receive a festival T-shirt and a \$2 credit for every hour worked, which can be used towards workshop registration fees or gallery/gift shop purchases. Volunteers who work over 15 hours will receive an Adäka water bottle. For more information go to www.adakafestival.ca.

- **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 executiveassist@taana.ca.

Take Care and Stay Safe!

Watch our website and Facebook for updates

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