



Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

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Monthly Bulletin – June 2022

- **COVID-19 RELIEF PAYMENTS FOR ALL CITIZENS**

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council is issuing COVID-19 relief payments to all TKC Citizens. As directed by a resolution passed at the 2022 General Assembly (April 30-May 1, 2022) a payment of \$1,000 each will be made to Citizens, including children, regardless of place of residency. This one-time payment will be an exceptional payment, and cheques will be disbursed as a subsidy payment to ensure other funding programs TKC Citizens may be enrolled in are not jeopardized in any manner. Cheques will be mailed May 31st and cannot be picked up in person. To ensure your address is up to date and for more information, contact Deputy Chief Christina Peters at (867) 334-6363 or email deputychief@taan.ca.

- **NEW HOUSING INITIATIVES ANNOUNCED**

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council has announced plans for the development of two new housing initiatives on Self-Governing Settlement Lands in Whitehorse to address the housing crisis. The new developments will transform two parcels of TKC Settlement Lands within the City of Whitehorse into two small subdivisions. The site at Whistle Bend (C-9B) will involve developing a portion of the 20-hectare parcel to create 24 townhomes. A second site, located on Birch Road in Porter Creek (C-16B) will see subdivision development for 24 lots to accommodate future single-family homes. Home occupancy is expected to take place by 2024. Along with site preparations, plans and permits, TKC is also finalizing policies that will guide the allocation process for these new Citizen housing units. This will include creating a housing database and registry system. This project will provide job opportunities to both TKC contractors through formal tendering processes and will provide training for TKC Citizens. For more information, contact TKC's Land Use Planning Coordinator Natalie Leclerc at (867) 668-3613 ext. 604. Regular updates will also be made available to Citizens as the project is developed.

- **FATHER'S DAY GIFT PACKAGE – RSVP now for June 17th pick up!**

TKC is adding final touches to special Father's Day Gift Packages. Altogether there will be 50 packages available for pick up for June 17. The packages will be first-come first-serve at the Health and Wellness Building between 8:30am-4:00pm. There will also be a special draw at 3pm on June 17th, which will be livestreamed on Facebook! Don't delay in sending your RSVP for your package and to be entered in the draw to Administrative Assistant, Natalie Hare at (867) 668-3613 ext. 402 or email adminassist@taan.ca.

- **SECOND FIREARM ACQUISITION COURSE (FAC) – June 2022 (Spaces are limited so sign up now!)**

TKC Citizens interested in obtaining or renewing your Possession Firearms Acquisition Licence can sign up for a second FAC workshop being planned for June 2022. An initial workshop, set for June 15, 2022, was so popular TKC will be offering a second one-day workshop for those interested or on the waitlist. The date is yet to be determined but will consist of a one-day workshop. Lunch will be provided. Please contact TKC's Education and Employment Training Coordinator, Barb Crawford at 668-3613 ext. 410 or email training@taan.ca to register.

- **SUMMER DAY CAMP – June 27 – August 5, 2022**

This summer, the Development Department will be providing a Children's Summer Day Camp for TKC families. Our tentative start date is the week of June 27th and will run into the first week in August. The day camp will offer weekly programming for children aged 7-12 and will include a wide range of activities including horseback riding, canoeing, hiking, beach days, rock climbing, cultural activities, and participation in the Adäka Festival. Space is limited and priority will be given to TKC Citizens. Registration information will be coming soon, so stay tuned!

- UPCOMING ADÄKA WORKSHOPS WITH FIRST NATION ARTIST DOROTHY GRANT – Sign up now!**

TKC has spots open for sewers and designers interested in taking part in a special hat-making workshop with internationally renowned fashion designer and traditional Haida artist, Dorothy Grant. Set for July 20-26, those interested must commit to attend the full-week workshop which is part of a public showcase during the annual Adäka Cultural Festival held at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. Dorothy is the recipient of several awards, and her work is featured in many museums worldwide. Dorothy believes that her clothing embodies the Haida philosophy Yaangudang, meaning “self-respect” and the driving force behind her clothing design is “empowerment, pride and feeling good about oneself.” Basic sewing machine skills are required for this workshop. TKC will cover all costs. To register and for more information contact TKC’s Heritage Programs Coordinator, Debbie Burns at (867) 668-3613 ext. 403. You can also learn more about Dorothy at her website www.dorothygrant.com.
- LAND SELECTION APPLICATION UPDATES - Ongoing**

TKC’s Lands & Resources Department is asking all Citizens who previously applied for land selection to contact the department to ensure your file is up to date. You can contact TKC Land Steward, Testloa Smith to update your file at (867) 668-3613 ext. 605 or email tsmith@taan.ca.
- FLOOD RELIEF LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM AVAILABLE – Deadline: July 8, 2022**

There is funding available for those needing repairs to their homes from last year’s flood activity in the Southern Lakes region. The Yukon Government has announced grant and loan funding for homeowners under its Flood Relief Program. Eligibility includes houses damaged during the 2021 flood season as well as those undergoing repairs or upgrades to reduce the potential for future flood damage. Residences must be in flood affected areas in the Southern Lakes region including Teslin, Carmacks and Lake Laberge. Application deadline is July 8, 2022. More details are available at www.yukon.ca or you can phone toll-free 1-800-661-0408, ext. 5759 or email ykhouse@yukon.ca.
- FASTER INTERNET COMING SOON TO TKC RURAL RESIDENCES**

Northwestel will be installing fibre optic cable in rural Whitehorse this summer. Expect construction work starting mid-June along rural roads in the Lake Laberge and Takhini Hot Springs Rd areas as crews install cable and other infrastructure. This means residents in eligible areas will be able to upgrade to faster internet in late 2022 or early 2023. Stay tuned for an announcement once fibre is ready for connection. More updates may also be available at www.northwestel.ca.
- ENDING PERIOD POVERTY – WOMEN’S HYGIENE KITS AVAILABLE – TKC Health & Wellness**

TKC’s Health & Wellness is distributing free menstrual product kits. Provided by the Council of Yukon First Nations, the initiative aims to address period poverty among young women and girls in the Yukon. Period poverty refers to financial barriers women and girls face related to affording the cost of menstrual products resulting in reduced access. Various menstrual products including pads and tampons make up the kits that are available through TKC Health & Wellness Department. Pregnancy tests are also available. The second phase of the project will involve the purchase and installation of menstrual product dispensers in schools across the Yukon that will allow students to access a variety of menstrual products free of charge. For more information contact Natalie Hare at (867) 668-3613 ext. 402.
- NALOXONE KITS NOW AVAILABLE**

With the current opioid crisis affecting us all, TKC is taking steps to ensure that Citizens have the tools available to protect themselves and their loved ones against accidental overdoses. TKC is providing Naloxone Kits to any Citizen who would like to have one. Kits are available, by request, for pick up from our Health building or dropped off by one of our staff. To receive your kit, please contact Julie Smith at 668-3613 ext.405 or email familysupport@taan.ca.

Take Care and Stay Safe!

Watch our website and Facebook for updates

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