



# Ta'an Kwäch'än Council

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## Monthly Bulletin – September 2022

- **BY-ELECTION FOR DEPUTY-CHIEF - September 12, 2022**

TKC's by-election for Deputy-Chief is scheduled for Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>. There are three candidates for the position: Doris Anderson, John Bunbury, and Kristina Kane. Full election details are available at [www.taan.ca](http://www.taan.ca). The official voters list is posted at the TKC Main Administrative Building at 117 Industrial Road, Whitehorse. More information is also available by contacting Chief Returning Officer, Colleen Craft at (867) 689-1071. The TKC Election Office is located at #204-206 Jarvis Street (Elite Hotel). Hours of operation vary and are posted at [www.taan.ca](http://www.taan.ca).

- **HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED – Deadline: August 31, 2022**

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council is re-starting the Housing Committee. This Committee will play a key role in future housing initiatives including housing allocation policies. We are looking for one Citizen from each Traditional Family who is at least 18 years old and a Yukon resident. The Committee will meet approximately one to four times a month and honouraria will be provided. Please let your family representative on Council know if you are interested. Expression of interests are to be made to Councillors by August 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please contact your family representative or Matthew Dickson, Housing Manager at 867-668-3613 ext. 501 or email [housingmanager@taan.ca](mailto:housingmanager@taan.ca).

- **TKC ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & COMMUNITY GATHERING – September 8-9, 2022 -TKC Fish Camp**

Please join us as we celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of signing TKC's Self-Government Agreement!

Events begin at 12pm on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and will include children's games, arts activities, photo booth, live entertainment, as well as an awards presentation, and a feast.

On Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>, events will continue with a special TKC Trade Show which begins at 1pm. The trade show will offer you a chance to meet staff and learn about TKC's programs and services. There will be lots of giveaways and door prizes. Cultural activities will continue throughout the afternoon. A dinner will be held at 5pm followed by a Citizen's Meeting at 6pm.

All events will take place at the TKC Fish Camp at Lake Laberge. A TKC shuttle service will be available for those who sign up for the service prior to the event. Please call the Front Desk (668-3613) to register.

TKC Youth, we would love your help at the Celebration to assist with the feast, handing out awards and other fun tasks. If you are interested in working, please contact TKC Office Manager Aashna Jhunjhunwala at (867) 668-3613 ext. 203 or email [officemanager@taan.ca](mailto:officemanager@taan.ca).

More information about the event is available at [www.taan.ca](http://www.taan.ca) and on TKC's Facebook Page.

- **YUKON FIRST NATION ARTS UNIVERSITY PROGRAM – Spots still available!**

The Yukon First Nation Arts Certificate program still has spots available for Indigenous learners interested in developing their artistic skills in Indigenous visual arts. This 12-week program (September 6 – December 16, 2022) includes six, two-week long, hands-on modules on beadwork, sewing, traditional footwear, fine craftwork, drawing/carving, and small crafts/product development. The program is held Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm daily. An hourly minimum wage is available. For more information on this program contact Barb Crawford at (867) 668-3613 ext. 410 or email [training@taan.ca](mailto:training@taan.ca).

- **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT BEGINS- Ongoing**

TKC's Housing Department has started preparation work to place nine mobile homes on TKC Settlement Land at the TKC Village, just past Lot 120, adjacent to the power line road. Surveying has begun on the site which will result in nine lots (approximately 165-foot by 100 foot each) being developed. On site, pad preparations including brush shrubbing and road expansion is under way. This work was allocated through a multi-bid process and has resulted in the contracting of several TKC Citizens. A tendering process will also take place for the plumbing and electrical. The allocation process for the homes, expected to be ready for occupancy by the end of 2022, will be done by a comprehensive application process that will match those most in need with units first. These homes will be established as a temporary solution and are not meant as a permanent housing placement. This housing initiative is one of three developments TKC is currently undertaking to ensure Citizens have access to safe, affordable housing.



Other initiatives include the development of single-family housing lots in Porter Creek and a development of townhouse units in Whistle Bend. (A map of these developments is available at [www.taan.ca](http://www.taan.ca)). Citizens should watch our website for more information. Contact Matthew Dickson, TKC Housing Manager at (867) 668-3613 ext. 501 for more details.

- **SCHOOL SUPPORT INITIATIVES AVAILABLE NOW – Applications available online**

TKC's Development Department provides support for all TKC Youth attending (K-12) in Yukon schools with a \$200 subsidy to help with the cost of school supplies. An application must be submitted for this subsidy. Also, students who enroll in the TKC "Steps to Success" attendance initiative are eligible to receive prizes and certificates that reward consistent school attendance. Other student initiatives include free individual tutoring provided by a professional tutor, monthly bus passes for extracurricular activities, and regalia funding. Application forms for all of the above, are available at [www.taan.ca](http://www.taan.ca). Completed applications can be returned to Ben Monkman, Youth Outreach and Support Worker in person at the Wellness & Development Building (117 Industrial Rd), by mail, or by e-mail to [youthsupport@taan.ca](mailto:youthsupport@taan.ca).

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