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Monthly Bulletin – October 2022

- **KRISTINA KANE ELECTED DEPUTY CHIEF – By-Election September 12, 2022**

Kristina Kane was elected Deputy Chief following a by-election held on September 12, 2022. Kristina Kane received 55 votes. Candidates John Bunbury received 53 and Doris Anderson 38. An automatic recount was held on September 13th, confirming the original vote count. Kristina Kane assumed her duties as Deputy Chief immediately following the election and was officially sworn in before the Elders Council on September 27, 2022.

- **20th ANNIVERSARY A HUGE SUCCESS – September 8-9, 2022**

TKC would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all our Citizens that helped make the 20th Anniversary Celebration and Community Gathering/Trade Show that took place September 8-9, 2022 the huge success it turned out to be! Shäw nithän. We are busy collecting stories, photos and dedications and will be sharing them in our upcoming newsletter. We have also put together a presentation offering a glimpse of the many memorable moments that is now available on TKC's website at www.taan.ca.

- **EVERY CHILD MATTERS – JOINT SIDEWALK INITIATIVE – September 30, 2022- 10am**

TKC is proud to be part of the creation of a new "Every Child Matters" crosswalk initiative in Whitehorse. On September 30th, TKC will join partners Kwanlin Dün First Nation (KDFN) and the City of Whitehorse to officially unveil the crosswalks at the intersection of Black and Front Street. The sidewalks include "Every Child Matters" written in Southern Tutchone and English as well as special artwork of white feathers. The public acknowledgment ceremony gets underway at 10am at the site. TKC will also be unveiling a special "Every Child Matters" flag at the main administration building on Thursday, September 29th at 11:15am as part of our Orange Shirt Day recognition.

- **CITIZEN CALLOUT FOR CARIBOU SUMMIT – Deadline October 7, 2022.**

Are you interested in Southern Lakes Caribou? Passionate about how the herds should be managed? Curious about how to re-establish cultural harvest and hide camps? Be a voice for TKC at the 2022 Southern Lakes Caribou Summit. Organized by the *Southern Lakes Caribou First Nations Working Group*, this two-day event in Carcross will bring together six Nations to discuss the harvest and cultural reintegration of First Nations with the caribou. TKC is seeking three (3) Elders, two (2) Youth and three (3) Citizen voices to join the Lands and Resources Manager and Fish & Wildlife Coordinator at the summit. Dates are still to be determined pending delegate availability on November 16-17 or 23-24, 2022. Honoraria and transportation will be provided! For more details on the event visit www.taan.ca or contact Fish & Wildlife Coordinator Brandon Crawford at (867) 668-3613 ext. 603 or email fishandwildlife@taan.ca. The deadline is October 7, 2022.

- **CITY HEARINGS SET FOR ZONING APPLICATION FOR TKC PARCELS - October 11, 2022**

The City of Whitehorse will hold a public hearing on October 11, 2022, to review two zoning amendment applications for TKC Settlement Land parcels within the City of Whitehorse. Applications to amend zoning for a portion of TKC C-16B from Future Planning (FP) to Residential Single Detached (RSx) and a portion of TKC C-9B from FP to RCT (Comprehensive Residential Townhouses) will be held at 5:30pm on October 11, 2022. Council Chambers is open to the public. Physical spacing is in place and some COVID-19 protocols apply. For more information contact Natalie Leclerc, Land Use Planning Coordinator at (867) 668-3613 ext. 604.

- **THE 'NEXT THREAD' – SEWING SESSIONS START OCTOBER 18, 2022 – 9042 Quartz Road**

TKC Heritage & Culture Department is excited to invite Citizens every Tuesday evening to a weekly sewing "drop in" style sewing circle. Open to TKC Citizens ages 12 and up, the 'Next Thread' will start on Tuesday October 18th, and will be held at TKC's Heritage and Culture Office space at 9042 Quartz Road (Griffiths Building). Organized by TKC's Cultural Program Coordinator Debbie Burns, the

weekly event will offer sewers different fashion projects they can sign up for, as well as a serve as a creative, fun and relaxing crafting space, where sewers can bring beading, needlework, or other creative projects you might have on the go. The first fall sewing project will be three traditional mitten-making sessions starting October 18 to November 1, 2022. Other fashion projects planned include vest-making and slippers. Debbie is hoping to enlist the help of experts (accomplished Citizen sewers) throughout the season. There are also plans to incorporate Southern Tutchone language programming into the Tuesday night lineup. Participants interested in signing up for the mitten-making sessions (October 18-Nov 1) must register and will be provided with a pattern kit, which will include materials and assistance (if needed) throughout each session. Beginners are encouraged to attend! It is anticipated potluck homemade suppers will be incorporated into the weekly sessions. More information is available by contacting Debbie Burns, Cultural Program Coordinator at (867) 668-3613 ext. 702 or email at heritageprograms@taan.ca.

- **HEALING THROUGH OUR WAYS –October 19-20, 2022 – Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre**
Healing Through Our Ways, A Preventative Approach to Family Strengthening conference will be held on October 19-20 at Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. Sponsored by CYFN, the keynote speaker will be Cindy Blackstock with the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society. Registration is free, and can be made online at www.eventbrite.ca/e/healing-through-our-ways-a-preventative-approach-to-family-strengthening-tickets-418266405077.
- **HARVEST SEASON UPDATE – FALL 2022**
Ta’an Kwäch’än Council (TKC) would like to congratulate Colin MacDonald for winning the TKC Elk tag lottery on Friday September 16, 2022! With support from the Yukon Government, the TKC Lands, Resources Department would like to thank everyone involved in making this a successful lottery. To everyone planning on hunting on TKC settlement lands, Lands & Resources is interested in knowing your harvest so that we can add it to our database. We aren’t looking for anything besides general hunting information. This information helps us work with other governments in determining the health of the animals, as well as population numbers. Citizens can visit our website for more information. Contact Tas-Tsi Catholique, the TKC Natural Resources Technician at (867) 668-3613 ext. 602 for more details.
- **HALLOWEEN PARTY IN PERSON-October 27, 2022 – United Church (4pm-8pm)**
TKC’s Development Department is happy to announce that for the first time in two years we will be bringing you an in-person Family Halloween Party! The fun-filled “spook-tacular” event will be held on Thursday October 27, 2022 at the United Church (601 Main Street) from 4-8pm. We hope to see everyone there. There will be contests, door prizes and lots and lots of delicious food. Please watch TKC’s website and Facebook page for further details or contact Natalie Hare at (867) 668-3613 ext. 402.
- **TKC’S PARTNERSHIP FOR WHITEHORSE RAPIDS DAM RELICENSING PROJECT – Ongoing**
TKC’s Lands & Resources Department is working in partnership with Yukon Energy, Yukon Government, KDFN and CTFN on the relicensing of the Whitehorse Rapids Dam. The current water licence for the dam expires in mid-2025. TKC will have a voice in this process to ensure the dam’s operations will not have further negative effects on the land, water, animals, plants and people, ensure electricity costs remain low for Citizens, and ensure the fish hatchery is having a positive impact on returning Chinook Salmon. More information is available at www.taan.ca. If you have specific questions or would like to learn more about the Relicensing of the Whitehorse Dam, reach out to Dave Irvine, Lands, Resources and Heritage Manager at (867) 668-3613 ext. 601 or email lrhmanager@taan.ca.

Stay Warm!

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