



June 2023 Bulletin

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council - 117 Industrial Road , Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2T8

SEASONAL SAFETY STARTS NOW!

TKC Lands & Resources staff are preparing for a busy field season on the water! Recently the team took part in Swift Water Rescue Training on the Yukon River. This training is essential in ensuring all river, creek and lake work for our monitoring and fisheries programs are run safely!

From Front: Brooklyn Massie (Fish and Wildlife Student Technician), Austin Smith and Shawna Tizya (Wildlife Monitors), Brandon Crawford (Fish & Wildlife Coordinator) and Allison Gray (GIS Analyst).



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EVENTS & COMMUNITY NOTICES

VALLEYVIEW SOUTH MASTER PLANNING

Citizen Consultations Begin June 7

The City of Whitehorse, TKC and other partners have been working on a Master Plan for the Valleyview South area (formerly known as the tank farm), which includes TKC Settlement Land parcel C-30B. TKC will be hosting Citizen consultation on June 7th at 9042 Quartz Road (Griffiths Building) from 5pm to 7pm. The City will be hosting Open Houses for the general public on Wednesday, June 14 at the meeting room at Association-franco yukonnaise from 11am-2pm and 4pm -7pm; Thursday, June 15 at the Canada Games Centre (CGC) Meeting Room, 11am-2pm and CGC Green Room 6pm-8pm. Contact Natalie Leclerc at nleclerc@taan.ca or (867) 668-3613 ext. 604 for more information. For information on the project, please visit www.engagewhitehorse.ca/valleyview-south.



FATHER'S DAY GIFT PACKAGES — Pick up: June 15-16

In celebration of Father's Day, TKC will be preparing special gift bags for our dads! Families can drop by TKC's Main Administration Building on June 15-16 between 1-4pm. To reserve yours or for more information call Lori Graham at (867) 668-3613 ext. 203.



TKC SUMMER DAY CAMP

Registration Deadline: June 20, 2023

TKC's Summer Day Camp will be running from June 26 to August 3, 2023. The camp will run four days per week and be open to kids ages 7-13. Takhini Elementary School will be our home base for the summer, but we will be exploring and participating in a wide variety of activities that promote language and culture, arts and crafts, recreation, science, and so much more! Registration forms can be found at both the Main Administration and Wellness buildings and on the TKC website. Priority will be given to TKC Citizens, but all are welcome to apply. Registration forms must be submitted by June 20, 2023. Contact Ben Monkman at 334-8306 or email youthsupport@taan.ca.



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY — June 21

Don't forget to mark your calendar for this year's National Indigenous Peoples Day on Wednesday June 21, 2023. Events will be taking place at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre with Opening Ceremonies beginning at 10am at the fire pit. Stay tuned to TKC's Facebook page for a full list of activities.



SUMMER KICK-OFF EVENT—June 23, 2023

TKC Fish Camp

TKC's Wellness Department is hosting a fun, family Citizen gathering set for Friday June 23 from 9:00am to 3pm at TKC Fish Camp. Let yourself relax by the campfire and unwind for a day of good food, games, including Indigenous bingo, and lots of time to visit each other! Sewing kits will be available and draws for some amazing prizes will be offered. If you are in need of transportation or for more information contact Laura Nolan at (867) 668-3613 ext. 405 or email familysupport@taan.ca.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHAIR CALLOUT

Deadline: June 28, 2023

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council is seeking a Chair for the upcoming General Assembly to be held August 11-13 at the TKC Fish Camp. The Chair shall have the responsibility of presiding over the three-days of the General Assembly. Deadline for applications is June 28, 2023. For more information contact Victoria Holmes, Clerk of Council at (867) 668-3613 ext. 210 or email clerkofcouncil@taan.ca.



ADÄKA FESTIVAL RETURNS—June 29-July 5

The Adäka Cultural Festival is delighted to return from June 29 to July 5, 2023 at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. A full lineup of impressive performances will be held on the mainstage in the Long House while traditional practices and teachings will be woven into the week's invigorating schedule. Adäka's gallery will be full of jaw-dropping artwork where guests can peruse while also learning from demonstrating visual artists onsite. This year, Adäka will also dedicate a full

day for artists, focusing on professional development, sharing, and celebration. A full lineup of activities is now available at www.adakafestival.ca.



EDUCATION DEADLINE REMINDERS

The TKC scholarship and bursary deadline is June 30, 2023. Anyone pursuing post-secondary or traditional pursuits in the fall can apply. We are also more than happy to assist Citizens prior to the deadline complete applications. The deadline for post-secondary student sponsorship is July 15, 2023. Students are encouraged to have their applications in early. Applications are available at www.taan.ca or by contacting Kaitlyn Silvester, Education Support Worker at (867) 668-3613 ext. 401 or email educationsupport@taan.ca.



COMMUNITY MEETING

July 20, 2023 – TKC Fish Camp 5:30pm

Citizens are invited to attend this summer's Community Meeting set for Thursday July 20 at TKC's Fish Camp at Lake Laberge. The meeting will give Chief and Council a chance to update Citizens on progress to date, and allow Citizens a chance to offer feedback and have discussions. Transportation will be available. The evening will include dinner and door prizes. Watch for more details on TKC's Facebook page and website. For more information contact TKC's Office Manager at (867) 668-3613 ext. 203 or email officemanager@taan.ca.



BIOBLITZ – TKC Fish Camp

July 26-27, 2023

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Join Lands & Resources at TKC's Fish Camp July 26th and 27th from 9am-3pm for our first annual TKC BioBlitz! Wait, but what is a BioBlitz? A BioBlitz is a Citizen-science based event to identify and record as many species of plants, insects, birds and animals in a specific area and time period. This will help Lands & Resources staff ensure that these species and habitats are safeguarded as we monitor for impacts of climate change, future development proposals, and backcountry recreation. The event will include boat rides to the Old Ta'an Village and prizes, food, campfire, and two days of outdoor fun awaits! For more information contact Brandon Crawford, Fish & Wildlife Coordinator at fishandwildlife@taan.ca.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – August 11-13

TKC Fish Camp

Delegate forms are now available for Citizens planning to attend TKC's Annual General Assembly set for the weekend of August 11-13, 2023 at the TKC's Fish Camp at Lake Laberge. Forms are available at www.taan.ca. Those wishing to submit constitution amendments must do so by July 17, 2023. This year's General Assembly will include family entertainment and events for all ages, and lots of delicious food prepared by Takhini River Ranch. A children's area will be set up and supervised during the meeting. Stay tuned for updates on TKC's Facebook page and website in the coming weeks. Transportation to and from the event is available and must be arranged prior to the event. For more information please contact TKC's Office Manager at (867) 668-3613 ext. 203 or email officemanager@taan.ca.



LANGUAGE SPEAKERS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

The City of Whitehorse and the Lands & Resources (L&R) Department continue to work together to include the Southern Tutchone language (Lake Lebarge dialect) into City processes that could include landmarks and street names. L&R is looking for Citizen language speakers to assist with several upcoming projects and processes. If you are interested, please contact Natalie Leclerc at (867) 668-3613 ext. 603 or email nleclerc@taan.ca for more information.



COMMITTEE VACANCY – LAKE LABERGE RENEWABLE RESOURCE COUNCIL – Deadline: Until Filled

Lands and Resources is actively looking for a Citizen who is interested in joining the Lake Laberge Renewable Resource Council (LRRC) for a term ending December 2026. As a member of the LRRC, you are expected to attend monthly meetings, the Annual General Assembly, and working group meetings. Interested persons are requested to submit a letter of interest and a copy of their resume. As outlined in Chapter 16.6.4., once Chief and Council have selected their nominee, the name will be sent to the Minister of Environment for acceptance. Those wishing to apply please contact Jessica Lee at (867) 668-3613 ext. 602 or email resources@taan.ca.



CHIEF AND COUNCIL

Upcoming Meetings

Delegates can now register for the General Assembly set to take place at TKC's Fish Camp between August 11-13. Citizens wishing to send in constitution amendments must do so by July 17. Council is hoping that a Community Meeting set for July 20 will offer an additional venue for community discussions prior to the General Assembly. That meeting will be held at TKC Fish Camp. More details for both events will be posted to the TKC website and Facebook page in the days to come.

Committee Vacancies in need of Citizens

Council has recently appointed several Citizens to various committees and are still looking for the following:

Committee	Family Member	Term
Investment	Susie Jim	3 Years
Investment	Chief Jim Boss	3 Years
Investment	Jenny Dawson	3 Years
Audit	Susie Jim	3 Years
Health Programs and Services Advisory	Susie Jim	2 Years
Lands and Resources Advisory	Susie Jim	3 Years

If you're interested, reach out to your family representative on Council for more information and to put your name forward.

S-Site Selection Workplan

Council is working diligently with TKC's Housing & Infrastructure Department to get the mobile homes ready for occupancy. It is also supporting the Lands & Resources Department on the development of C-9 land and have approved the draft S-Site Selection Workplan so the Lands & Resources Department can begin implementing the work plan immediately.

Little League Support

Yukon Little League has reached out to Council to seek permission to use the Nisultin Field in Riverdale for Little League Baseball. Council is pleased to help support Yukon youth between the ages of 11-17 in playing baseball.



TKC staff, Citizens and leadership came out to honour the strength and resiliency of Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited people in our community and across Canada on May 5 by attending the Red Dress Day Community events at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. Clockwise from front: Elder Patti Boss, Brandon Crawford, Nikita Sawrenko-Bailey, Tynya Tizya, Natalie Hare, Victoria Holmes, Elder Betsy Jackson, Chief Amanda Leas, Allison Gray (with Yuki), Councillor Heather Marks and Coralee Johns.



In early May, the TKC Youth Council attended the Arctic Indigenous Investment Conference in Whitehorse learning about the potential of economic development within different communities and how to approach social and financial investment in a Yukon First Nations way. Pictured left to right; Kadin Hare (Susie Jim Representative), Sarrah Telep (Jenny Dawson Representative), Brooklyn Massie (Jenny Lebarge Representative), Charissa Tizya (Chief Boss Representative) and Ethan LaVallee (Maggie Broeren Representative, Chair of the Youth Council.)



JULY 20, 2023

5:30pm

Community Meeting

TKC Fish Camp

Dinner & Discussions

Door Prizes

(Transportation will be available)

Contact:

TKC's Office Manager at (867) 668-3613 ext. 203

YOUTH COUNCIL

This month, we continue our series of profiles of members of TKC's Youth Council. Ethan Lavallee serves as Chair and is a member of the Maggie Broeren Family. Ethan currently works for Da Daghay Development Corporation (DDDC) as Business Development Officer.



Who is someone you admire and why do you look up to them?

For me it is my late grandfather Mike Callaghan. Mike was the definition of a gentleman. His mannerisms taught me how to treat all people with respect and his worth ethic was admirable. Mike was the most stand up guy I'll ever know and I'm happy for the time I had with him.

How can youth get involved with TKC?

Reaching out to myself or other Youth Council members or looking on the TKC Facebook page and website to see what kind of upcoming events there are. As well, I'm hoping to have TKC Youth Council opened to all youth within this year!

What is your vision for TKC Youth Council?

My vision is to have a strong core leadership group that can manage all youths needs efficiently and effectively. We are meeting once a month, but with more people joining I would like to have meetings twice per month. I'm happy TKC Youth Council is running strong once again and we are here to make changes that will benefit all youth and Citizens.



In early May, five youth delegates from TKC attended the Inspire Soaring Conference in Edmonton; the youth engaged in workshops and watched keynote speakers focused on the importance of finances, entrepreneurship, indigeneity, and the balance between it all with a focus on Indigenous youth opportunity and growth. These youth did an amazing job representing the TKC Government with smiles on their faces and kind hearts. Clockwise from front: Maddy Sutherland, Victoria Holmes, Kiawna Leas, Alex Laberge, Nataley Anderson, Brandon Crawford, Natalie Hare and Kashtyn Leas.

HR HIGHLIGHTS

TKC Summer Student Program Kicks Into Gear

Throughout May, TKC started welcoming aboard students who are joining the workforce under the Summer Student Program. The program offers post secondary students up to 12 weeks, and high school students up to 8 weeks of steady work experience. Each student is placed in a department where positions match their skillset, interests and goals.

To date, TKC has four post secondary students working in Lands & Resources, Heritage and Culture and Development.

Sean Jones is a student studying to be a Certified Accounting Clerk at Yukon University. He is currently working with the Lands & Resources Department in the position of Lands Research & Records Management, assisting with the filing and archiving of historical Land Claims documents. Additionally, Sean is acquiring training and has been accompanying department staff on other projects, including field visits to settlement land parcels and attending land planning and development meetings. Four weeks into his contract, Sean has proven to be an asset to the Lands & Resources Department. With graduation looming in April 2024, Sean has an interest in continuing to work for his First Nation.

Adrianna Smith has just completed two years of studies at the University of Alberta where she is midway in her pursuit of a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Returning home for the summer, Adrianna has worked several years for TKC seasonally, and this year, she is starting her placement working with Debbie Burns with the Heritage and Culture Department. Later this summer she will also serve as a team leader with the Development Department assisting with TKC's Summer Day Camp Program.

Altogether 12 students have been hired under this year's program and will work for departments including the Department of Lands & Resources, Wellness, Development, Housing, and Administration (Communications, IT, and Governance).



TKC is pleased to have Adrianna Smith (above) and Sean Jones (below) employed with TKC this summer through the TKC Summer Student Program.



The following staff are currently in acting positions to cover staff leave:

A/Office Manager – Lori Graham in effect until June 26/2023

A/Home Support Worker – Laura Nolan in effect until July 21, 2023

ON THE JOB

with Brooklyn Massie



Brooklyn takes a reading at Horse Creek. Brooklyn is studying at Yukon University and has returned for another summer to work for Lands & Resources as TKC's Fish & Wildlife Student Field Technician.

Lands & Resources staff have been preparing for a busy field season ahead. We recently met with Ken Nordin of Water Science Technologies to install new hydrometric monitoring stations and collect water data from Horse Creek. The purpose of collecting this data is to understand the impacts of the washout from Mud Lake and Horse Creek last July.

Last summer's flash flood collapsed part of the overpass system causing severe damage to the area surrounding the creek along the North Klondike Highway.

The monitoring stations utilize state-of-the-art monitoring equipment and methods to collect and process hydrometric data. At each station, water level data is recorded continuously in digital form using an automated electronic recorder, or "data logger".

Remote water level monitoring will provide an early warning system by providing early warning of any potential future flooding situation, which will provide valuable time to protect assets, move valuables and protect property.

Additional monitoring activities this summer will include data collection on Shallow Bay and around Lake Laberge to support our Water Monitoring Program, which has been in motion since 2010.

We will also be continuing our annual monitoring on Fox Creek, with flow data collected to support our understanding of conditions faced by returning Chinook salmon.

Working with Ken Nordin will be a great learning opportunity and essential experience for TKC staff as we continue to increase capacity and field skills.

Stay tuned for more coverage on this and other important initiatives we have ahead.

Brooklyn is studying Northern Outdoors and Environmental Studies at Yukon University and is working this summer as TKC's Fish & Wildlife Student Field Technician. For more information on this summer's activities contact Brooklyn at fisherystudent@taan.ca



It takes a team effort to get the knack of sampling. Brandon Crawford, TKC's Fish & Wildlife Program Coordinator and Jessica Lee, TKC's Natural Resources Technician get the series of tests under way.

In the Spotlight ...

TKC's Implementation Officer Anne-Marie Miller personally gifted a copy of the Southern Tutchone Phrase Book and Dashāw Ts'an Kwändür (Stories from Our Elders) by Nakhela Hazel Bunbury to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the Prime Ministers Forum with Chief Leas on May 8th in Ottawa. Trudeau had met Nakhela when he visited the Yukon last February. Anne-Marie, on behalf of TKC, has been busy travelling to Ottawa where she has been attending a series of meetings between federal officials and other First Nation governments focused on exploring new funding initiatives related to culture, heritage and language as well as other programs.



TKC's Administrative Assistant Tynya Tizya gives Elder Brenda Sam her special gift giveaway in celebration of Mother's Day. The packages were carefully put together by staff to ensure all moms, and grandmoms got a little special something for all that they do. Happy Mother's Day Brenda!



Congratulations to Kadin Hare, who graduates with an Environmental Monitoring Certificate from Yukon University this spring. Well Done! Along with finishing his studies, Kadin has been busy working for TKC as a Wildlife Monitor. The Environmental Monitoring Program is a two-year program allowing students to remain employed while you develop solid skills and learn how environmental monitoring connects to regulatory processes and resource management. TKC staff have been busy distributing similar gifts to all of this year's TKC graduates. Stay tuned for the July Bulletin for full coverage of the Class of 2023!



**Open
callout to
Citizens!**

BioBlitz at TKC Fish Camp

July 26-27, 2023

Looking for something fun to do this summer?

Come out on the land and water with TKC Lands & Resources!

We will explore Fish Camp and the Old Ta'an Village. Join us as we identify the diverse plants and wildlife of these important sites.

Share your stories of Tàa'an Män/Lake Laberge at the campfire!

Prizes, Citizen field packages, lunch and transportation to and from the event is provided.

Event runs both days 9am to 3pm



**Contact: Brandon Crawford, Fish & Wildlife Coordinator
at (867) 668-3613 ext. 603 or email fishandwildlife@taan.ca**

Work Gear Program

The Development Department offers Citizens \$500 towards work gear and equipment to help you offset employment costs!

Contact Barb Crawford, Education & Employment Training Coordinator at (867) 668-3613 ext. 410 or email training@taan.ca.



*Notice to all
Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Citizens*

You are invited to attend our
General Assembly

August 11-13, 2023

TKC Fish Camp—Lake Laberge

**DEADLINE FOR CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS IS
July 17, 2023**

*Delegate forms are available at the TKC
Admin Office and on the TKC website
You are encouraged to have forms in by August 4, 2023*

***Children's Area: Special family
events will be held throughout
the weekend.***

Stay Tuned: Additional meeting details and/or
changes will be posted on www.taان.ca or on the
TKC Facebook page.

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**DOOR PRIZES  
and lots of  
Giveaways!**

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Send Constitution
amendments to:

legislationoffice@taan.ca,
attention Breanna Taylor.

For more information
contact TKC's Office
Manager at (867) 668-
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