



January 2024 Bulletin

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



CHRISTMAS MAGIC

TKC Citizens enjoyed many well-attended events to celebrate Christmas this year. For full photo coverage please see page 4-5. If you would like a copy of any of the photos, send your requests to communicationsoffice@taan.ca and we will be happy to send you a copy!

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EVENTS & COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community Meeting set for February 7, 2024

Citizens are invited to a special Community Meeting focused on capital planning and housing, set for February 7, 2024 at the Sternwheeler Hotel and Conference Centre. Starting at 5:30pm, the agenda includes presentation and Citizen engagement on TKC's Five-Year Capital Plan and updates on the Architectural Design and Master Plan for C-9 developments. Dinner and door prizes will be provided. Honoraria will be provided. Citizens wishing to attend virtually can. More information, including an agenda and meeting link will be available soon at www.taana.ca. For more information contact Aashna Jhunjunwala at (867) 668-3613 ext. 203.



Salmon Day Yukon River Panel Events Planned January 20-25, 2024 Kwanlin Dün Cultural

Everyone is invited for a day filled with special events in honour of Salmon Day set for Saturday, January 20th, 2024, at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. This public event will kick off a special Yukon River Panel meeting (January 24 to 25). The goal is to bring Yukon First Nations, Alaskans and the public together to share knowledge and stories around our connections with salmon. The event will feature two panel discussions to discuss the Yukon River Panel and highlight Yukon First Nation relationships with salmon. There will also be salmon videos, art activities, storytelling, and door prizes. Organizers, which include Yukon First Nation Salmon Stewardship Alliance, Yukon University and Council of Yukon First Nations, are also hoping to include drumming, dancing and Elders storytelling. Full details will be posted to TKC's Facebook page and available at www.taana.ca soon.



Name our New Building Contest!

Improvements at TKC Fish Camp continue! Please help us name our new gathering space at TKC Fish Camp, which will be officially opened for Spring Camp! Southern Tutchone names (with English translation) are strongly encouraged! Deadline to

submit your entry is Friday, February 9th. All entries can be sent to Aashna Jhunjunwala, officemanager@taana.ca



Artists Callout—Adäka Festival Deadline: February 15, 2024

The invitation is now out seeking Indigenous visual artists, performers and knowledge keepers to submit applications to attend and participate in the 2024 Adäka Cultural Festival set for June 28-July 1 at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. If you're a cultural presenter with an idea to pitch, organizers would love to hear it! Artist applications are available at www.adakafestival.ca. The 2024 festival will honour Indigenous cultures through art, music, stories, language, history, and more. Deadline to apply is February 15, 2024. The Adäka Cultural Festival is a celebration of Indigenous arts and culture that brings us together, shining light on a stunning range of traditional and contemporary visual and performing artists.



The Next Thread's Fur Fashion

Next Thread, TKC's popular weekly sewing gathering has announced its winter lineup will include women's fur hats, mitts and traditional dolls. The popular sewing group held each Tuesday at 5:30pm (Quartz Road) returns on January 16. New sewing enthusiasts are encouraged to attend and to feel free to bring your own sewing projects to the weekly sessions. A delicious dinner is served, so touching base with Debbie Burns to let her know you're coming is recommended. You can reach Debbie at (867) 668-3613 ext. 702.



Citizen Engagement Workshop Child and Family Service Priorities March 23, 2024 — TKC Fish Camp

An innovative workshop aimed to improve child and family services for Ta'an Kwäch'än Citizens will be held on March 23 at TKC Fish Camp. Facilitated by

TKC's Wellness Department the workshop will bring together community members to discuss priorities and programs to ensure the well-being of TKC children, youth (with focus of ages 0-18) and families. Please stay tuned to TKC's Facebook page and website for more information.

CYFN Workshops: Winter Lineup

CYFN has set the dates for three upcoming workshops that may be of interest to you. On February 14-15 at

Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre (KDCC) there will be Exploring Justice: Our Way workshop. On March 11-13 there will be a Yukon First Nations Health and Wellness Summit held at KDCC. Also, Citizens may be interested in a Family Preservation Gathering set for April 2-3 also at KDCC. More information will be available shortly by going to CYFN's Facebook Page or www.cyfn.ca.



A Productive Year

Chief Amanda Leas joins Melanie Bennett, Executive Director of the Yukon First Nations Education Directorate (YFNED) during their holiday Open House in December. Chief Leas serves as Chair of the Chiefs Committee on Education and YFNED has had a busy year working alongside the newly established First Nation School Board to ensure unified control of First Nation education is brought back to the community level.







In the SPOTLIGHT

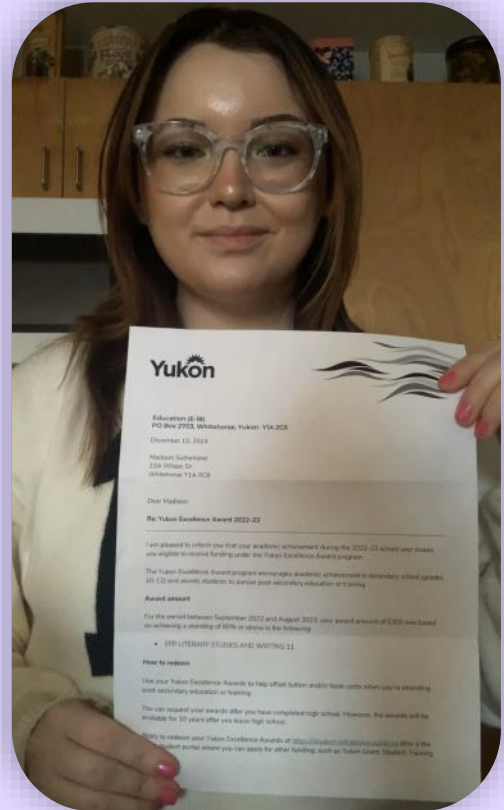
Yukon Excellence Award

We'd like to pay special tribute to Maddy Sutherland, who is excited to have been awarded funding under the Yukon Excellence Awards Program. Maddy joins a select group of other Yukon students, including TKC Citizens, (grades 10-12) during the 2022-23 school year who were recognized for their exceptional academic achievements.

Maddy, who has spent the last two years working part-time with TKC Communications, is excited to put the funding she will receive towards her post-secondary education.

"I was very pleased to receive the Yukon Excellence Award from the Yukon Government. After achieving a standard of above 80% in literary studies and writing. I plan to redeem my Excellence Award (funding) towards college after I graduate high school," Maddy says.

Congratulations Maddy! We are so pleased you are being recognized with this accomplishment. Your work at TKC has been outstanding and we are very proud of your many contributions. As a valued member of our team we look forward to seeing what your future brings next.



A Day to Remember

Stewart Tizya (Béebii Zhōh) attends the graduation ceremony for (Southern Tutchone) Language Proficiency from Yukon Native Language Centre/Simon Fraser University on Friday January 5, 2024. Please stay tuned for a full feature on Béebii Zhōh, including a look at the design of his regalia in the February Bulletin.



HR HIGHLIGHTS

Please join us in welcoming these new employees to the Ta'an Team!

Stephanie Horton

Income and Social Support Worker

My name is Stephanie Horton and I am currently transitioning into the Income and Social Support Worker position. I have been employed with TKC since November 2023. I have been working in the social work field for 10 years and I have experience working for non-profit organizations and vulnerable populations. I received my B.S.W from the University of Regina. I love working with people and building relationships with clients. I also want to ensure that clients are treated with dignity, respect and their needs are effectively met. I moved to Whitehorse four years ago from Saskatchewan and I spend my spare time with my dog and my four year old son. My hobbies include tattooing, making music, writing, side-by-siding in the summer and seeing new places.

You can reach Stephanie at (867) 668-3613 ext. 406 or email her at incomeassistance@taan.ca.



Kristina "Tina" Ostojic

Tenant Relations Administrator

It is with great enthusiasm that I introduce myself as the newly hired Tenant Relations Administrator, eager to engage closely with the Ta'an Kwäch'än community. Originally from Serbia, I have proudly embraced Canada as my home over the past two decades. My journey commenced in the interior of British Columbia during my childhood, and it eventually led me to the captivating landscapes of Vancouver Island. There, I actively immersed myself in the local community, driven by a sincere desire to make a positive impact. Motivated by this desire, I pursued studies in psychology and philosophy at Vancouver Island University, aspiring to contribute meaningfully to both individual and community well-being. Two years ago, my family and I embarked on a new adventure in the Yukon, captivated by its picturesque scenery and the genuine warmth and kindness of the local community. I look forward to the journey ahead and am eager to connect with each member of the Ta'an Kwäch'än community. If there are specific topics or concerns you would like to discuss, please feel free to reach out. I am here to serve and support the community to the best of my abilities. Thank you for the warm welcome, and I am excited about the collaborative journey we are about to embark upon.

You can reach Tina at (867) 668-3613 ext. 504 or email tenantrelations@taan.ca.





**Attention TKC
Citizens**

Community Meeting

**Wednesday February 7, 2024
5:30pm-8:00pm
Sternwheeler Hotel & Conference Centre**

Agenda to include:

- . Updates on Capital Planning**
- . Housing Initiatives**

**Honoraria will be
provided.**

**Come for Dinner and
Door Prizes!**

**Citizens can also attend
virtually via Zoom.
Link will be posted to
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