

# OUR VISION AND MISSION

Our vision for the Citizens of the Ta'an Kwäch'än is for the preservation, balance and harmony of our traditional territory. We will honour, respect, protect and care for our environment, people, economy and traditional culture as practiced by our Elders. We encourage our Citizens to participate in the well-being of our nation by building a unified, healthy and self-reliant community. The Ta'an Kwäch'än Council will recognize all its Citizens as equals and will respect the free expression of their views. The leadership will be responsible and accountable to its Citizens and govern in an open and cooperative manner. Our vision is to build a diverse economy which will provide security, stability and wealth to sustain our self-governing nation.

The mission of our Citizens and its government is to provide, promote, protect and sustain a healthy and strong lifestyle for our Citizens and future generations consistent with the traditional values of the Ta'an Kwäch'än, through governing our natural, human and financial resources effectively.

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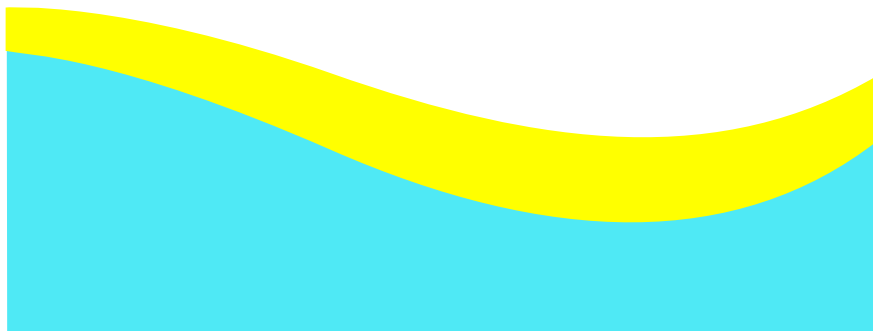
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# TA'AN KWÄCH'ÄN COUNCIL

## GOVERNMENT

## SERVICES



# TKC SERVICES

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**Citizen Emergency Fund** – Citizens can access up to \$1,000 a year for emergency situations.

**Potlatch Donations Policy** – In the event of a death of a Citizen, TKC will provide financial assistance to the family to assist with funeral and potlatch expenses. Access up to \$1,500 for status Citizens and \$3,000 for non-status Citizens. Funding is also available to status-Citizens through CIRNAC.

**Medical Emergency Fund** – Provides financial assistance to Citizens for travel associated with medical emergencies. \$1,000 for travel within the Yukon and \$2,000 for travel outside the Yukon.

**Tax Preparation** – TKC will reimburse Elders in Canada up to \$150 for income tax preparation.

**Elders Pension** – All Elders with a Canadian Social Insurance Number are eligible for \$300 per month.

At Christmastime, Administration and the Wellness Department ensure that all Citizens in the Whitehorse area who would like a Christmas Hamper, receive one. They fill these hampers with food and, depending on the situation, may have non-perishable items or clothing such as socks and mitts.

## HERITAGE DEPARTMENT

**Heritage and Language Classes** – Southern Tutchone language classes offered at Dusk'a Head Start Family Learning Centre.

**Spring and Summer Cultural Camp** - Held at TKC's Fish Camp, offers games and activities for all ages, with traditional events including fishing, language lessons, and hand games.

**Ongoing Crafts & Sewing** -Programming in person and virtually for citizens.

## Employment Services & Support

TKC provides a variety of employment services and supports for Citizens residing in Canada including:

- Academic and career counselling, assistance with resumes and cover letters, assessment of employment skills, mock interviews, life-skills training, job research, etc.
- Access up to \$500 per year to buy work gear, tools, and equipment to secure or maintain employment
- Funding for pre-employment and employment training opportunities (workshops, certifications, short courses, mentorships, etc.)
- Wage subsidies (3–6-month terms) to offset the costs of employers hiring TKC Citizens who are building their work experience
- Funding and referrals for business development supports
- Work experience within the TKC government through the summer placements, internships and mentorship opportunities
- Bus passes or transportation to attend job interviews, get to work sites and to attend safety training courses



## Youth Support Programs

TKC provides a range of financial assistance and support to youth including:

- Youth life-skills programming
- Monthly bus passes
- Advocacy and support for accessing government and community services
- Funding support for youth to attend youth leadership/empowerment events and conferences
- Funding support for youth to participate in youth-focused activities
- Facilitated youth recreation activities
- Funding support/referrals for professional counselling and life-coaching
- Advocacy and support for youth navigating the justice system
- Emergency funding for youth at risk



## DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### Post-Secondary Student Support Program

TKC's sponsorship program provides financial assistance to eligible Citizens for access to post-secondary education. Benefits include:

- Application fees (reimbursement for up to 3 applications per year)
- Full tuition costs
- Textbooks and supplies benefit
- Monthly living allowance benefit
- Travel benefits (2 return trips per year from place of residence to institution)
- Funding for childcare or respite
- Funding for professional counselling services
- Emergency funding (up to \$500/year)
- Graduation benefits (gift valued at \$200 and a cash payment based on level of program completed)
- Top-up benefits for Apprentices funded under government sponsorship programs
- TKC Scholarship and Bursary Program (up to 4 student awards available per year)



### K-12 Student Support Program

TKC provides a range of funding, programs and services for school-aged children and their families including:

- Annual school supplies subsidy (\$200/child)
- One-on-one tutoring support, referrals and funding for tutoring
- School-based advocacy for students and parents
- Attendance Initiative program (cash gifts and prizes)
- Monthly bus passes
- Regalia funding for graduation (\$500 per graduate)
- Graduation benefits (gift and \$500 cash payment)
- Funding and referrals for professional counselling
- Funding for professional assessments (to support learning needs)
- Respite funding for parents who have children with disabilities
- Children's Summer Day Camp Program (free 6-week camp)
- Post-secondary school tours (high-school students in grades 10-12)

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT



**Home and Tenant Insurance Subsidy** – This is to assist Yukon Citizens to obtain homeowners or renters insurance. TKC will pay \$1,200 per year for homeowners and \$240 per year for tenants.

**Elders Fuel Subsidy** – Elders in Canada can apply for up to \$3,000 per year towards heating costs. This includes firewood, propane, pellets, electric and other heating services.

**Home Repair Fund** – This is for Citizens to request funds for necessary and urgent repairs including replacement of furnace/heating sources, broken windows, septic tank, water tank, roof, insulation, mold remediation, or home modifications related to a physical disability. It provides up to \$10,000 per year to repair Citizen-owned primary residences located within TKC's Traditional Territory.

**Subsidized rent in TKC homes** (\$400/\$500/\$600) – Includes water, sewage, snow removal, insurance, property tax, and periodic repairs.



**CHECK OUT [TAAN.CA](http://TAAN.CA) UNDER POLICIES FOR APPLICATION FORMS AND FOR MORE DETAILS ON ELIGIBILITY.**

### ELDERS HOUSING SUPPORT ON TRADITIONAL TERRITORY



Yukon Elders on Traditional Territory receive:

- Septic Pump Out
- Snow Services
- Furnace & Chimney Cleaning
- General Property Maintenance Assistance
- Water Delivery & Tank Cleaning
- Garbage Disposal

## WELLNESS DEPARTMENT

**Community Wellness Fund** – TKC encourages and supports its Citizens to be culturally and physically active to promote good physical, mental health, and wellness. Citizens are eligible for annual financial support towards cultural and recreational activities up to \$600.



**Addiction Support** – Those who are suffering from addiction may be eligible to receive support in attending a treatment centre and accessing counselling services. Services are limited to residency location.



**Pre-natal Support** – Monthly food subsidy of \$75 per month for pregnant women and families in Whitehorse with children under one year of age. TKC believes that healthy babies begin with healthy, supported community.

**Support for Citizens with Diabetes** – Professional foot care is available for Elders and Citizens with diabetes, in Canada.

**Light House Cleaning** – TKC provides light house-cleaning duties for Whitehorse area Elders or Citizens with a disability or other medical need for assistance and a deeper clean in the spring and at Christmastime.



Discretionary funds are available to those in need based on specific circumstances.

Citizens in Whitehorse may be eligible for up to \$1,000 a year to access paramedical services such as massage, osteopathy, physiotherapy, chiropractor, acupuncture, naturopath, etc.

**Income/Social Assistance (SA) Recipients** – Those on SA may be eligible to access financial resources such as emergency prescriptions, emergency fuel/wood, purchase orders for food emergencies, winter clothing, bus passes or fuel, transportation to medical or emergency appointments, emergency hotel placement, furniture, storage, rent deposit assistance, dental, medical supplies and equipment, mental health services, vision care, paramedical services, cell phone minutes, and addiction support.

**OUR GOAL IS TO PROMOTE HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING OF OUR TA'AN  
FAMILY.**

**Transportation** – Depending on the circumstances and staffing level, TKC may be able to provide transportation for medical appointments or shopping.

**Emergencies** – If you are experiencing an emergency, reach out to the Wellness Department to see if there is any additional assistance that they can provide.

Most services provided by the Wellness Department are dependent on circumstances and have restrictions on eligibility. Please call to inquire beforehand to ensure eligibility.

