

Deslin Neek

The Voice of the Teslin Tlingit Council

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Thank-you to those who submitted articles and photos for this issue of the Neek.



*Happy Holidays Teslin!
May the New Year bring
health, joy and happiness!*

Merry Christmas!!

Teslin Tlingit Council





Message from Naa Shaade Hani

Máa sá iyatee,

Our hope is all is as well as can be, and that as you plan your holiday season that you keep in mind your safety. As you are all aware by now we are in the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and this requires us to be extra careful in all that we do. . Following and practising the safe 6 and wearing a mask in public areas is critical. Keep a safe distance from each other, keep your hands clean, feeling sick, please stay home, avoid crowds, travel with respect, and self-isolate if necessary. Please limit your travel from our community to other communities. As of 5 p.m. on Friday, November 20th, everyone other than critical services workers entering Yukon will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. As of December 1, it will be mandatory to wear a non-medical mask in all indoor public spaces. The goal is to contain COVID and prevent or minimize community spread. We encourage you to keep your contacts to a minimum. Keep your circles small. Our collective objective is

to reduce the risk and we must remain vigilant.

We want to acknowledge the hard work of Dr. Hanley, YG Ministers, and health care teams and supporting staff for the tremendous effort being put forth to help those that have tested positive with the virus, to those involved with contact tracing, and the many other individuals that are helping us to navigate our way through this most difficult time.

In our administration we have taken the necessary steps and precautions to be safe and we appreciate the support we have given by our community members. Within our departments we are expected to limit our movement to other offices and wear masks when having to move around to other office areas. We have non-medical masks available and hand sanitizing available at all entries to our government buildings.

Our offices remain open with the confidence that we all will continue to abide by all of the

Attention TTC Citizens:

Naa Sháade Háni Morris and Deputy Naa Sháade Háni Oakley have a new contact number. This number will be answered by the Chief's Executive Assistant and will forward information to our newly elected leadership. The Naa Sháade Háni and Deputy would like to be more responsive to the needs and concerns of Citizens. Contact number: 867-384-0180

measures that are put forth for us to remain safe.

The year 2020 has truly become a time of inner reflection and a time of consideration of all things important and valuable in our lives. 2020 gives us a small glimmer into some of the traumatic experiences we have had over the past century. We must consider the strength, the will, and perseverance of our people of those times and bring forward those very characteristics to the challenge that lies before us today.

As we ready ourselves for the Christmas Season and 2021 the Executive Council, Deputy Naa Shaade Hani, Executive Staff, and Departments and I wish you all the very best during the holiday season. We want the very best for each of you and pray for the safety of all. Take the very best of care and we all love you very much.

Naa Sháade Háni - Eric

“It's not what you have; it's what you do with what you have.”

Lightning Fire Management (LMC) Inc

In 2003 the Devolution Transfer Agreement made Yukon Government responsible for managing fire suppression in Yukon. Economic and Employment Opportunities as identified in Chapter 17 of the Land Claims Agreement created the YFN fire contracts. The Southern Lakes Fire Management Zone being the Whitehorse and Teslin Districts goes from Braeburn, through Whitehorse, Carcross, Tagish and Teslin. Contracts have traditionally been for a three year term and requires LFM provide to WFM an Initial Attack Crew (1 Crew Leader, 2 Crew Members and 1 Trainee- which is optional) and their transportation (a 4x4 crew cab truck capable of carrying the IA crew and necessary equipment).

Throughout the years several TTC citizens have been trained and employed as IA crew members and provided fire suppression services

throughout the Yukon. Current and former members of the “Teslin Fire Echo Crew” provide a valuable resource in the community of Teslin especially if there is ever an emergency crisis. Training of crew members includes certification in Transportation of Dangerous Goods – Ground Mode; WHIMIS and Standard First Aid. Every year crew members must meet and maintain the Yukon WFM WFX-Fitness Standards.

Covid-19 changed how Fire Suppression Crews operated for the 2020 Fire Season. Wildland Fire Management could not have all the crews located at the Whitehorse Base and the request came forward to not have a trainee on the Teslin Echo Fire Crew. The crew was based at the Forestry Compound here in Teslin as Wildland Fire Management has two cabins located there.

Kevin Welin, Crew Leader, Tommy Dewhurst and Trenton Dupont as certified crew members were hired for the 2020 season. LFM worked with Wildland Fire Management and Cole Dewhurst was hired on the Teslin YG “Delta” Crew for the season. All members of the Teslin Fire “Echo” Crew signed the LFM Covid-19 Risk Management Plan – Guidelines for the Delivery of “Critical Services (Emergency)”. The Risk Mitigation Plan mandated the crew to operate as a household unit during the work period and to live at the Forestry Compound and they were to self-isolate at their homes when not at the work place. LFM is proud of the crew and how they followed the strict management plan especially in a year that had not one fire the crew was deployed to.

Good Work Teslin Fire “Echo” Crew in keeping our community safe.



*Far left:
Hose tower in yard.*

*Top:
Echo Crew
Bottom:*

*Echo crew working on
cabins*

TTC Winter General Council Resolutions

Resolution # 2020.002

General Council Procedures (in person and virtual) - passed

Whereas Ttc is exercising protective measures, informed by the Yukon Chief Medical Officer's directives, to safeguard the health of Teslin Tlingit, staff and contractors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore be it resolved that the General Council authorizes the meeting procedures of November 19-20, 2020 be conducted in person and virtually with the support of video or teleconferencing methods.

Resolution # 2020. 004

Full Force and Effect: LINGIT YOO X'ATANGI KA HAA SHAGOON - passed

Whereas the General Council enacted LINGIT YOO X'ATANGI KA HAA SHAGOON law (the law) for revitalization, protection, advancement and increased access to Lingit for Teslin Tlingit Citizens (resolution #2017-009, July). Consultation with the Government of Yukon was concluded in March 2019. In September 2020, General Council in accordance with resolution # 2020.09.24.005 authorized that the consultation for the purpose of section 48 of the administration act be completed by virtual means and in person, subject to COVID-19 limitations by October 30, 2020 and that the 60 days and two-week requirements set out in section 48(3) of the administration act would be waived. Executive Council concluded their consultations with the Teslin Tlingit Citizens on October 28, 2020 and with

Elders Council October 29, 2020.

Executive Council is recommending a few amendments be made to the law, in sections 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 26, 27 and 30.

Therefore be it resolved that the General Council hereby approves the executive Council's recommendations as set out in Resolution #2020.004 (November) and therefore be it further resolved that General Council hereby confirms that all sections of the law will be in full force and effect as of November 20, 2020.

Resolution 32020.005

Confirmation of Executive Elder (2020-2024) - passed

Whereas section 11.2(b) of the Teslin Tlingit Council Constitution sets out that a representative appointed by the Elders Council will serve as one of the nine members on Executive Council. On October 29, 2020 the Elders Council appointed Barbara Hobbis as the Elders Council representative to serve on the Executive Council for a term of four years from October 29, 2020 to the 2024 Annual General Assembly. Barbara Hobbis has consented to be the Elders Council representative to serve on Executive Council for the term of four years.

Therefore be it resolved that General Council affirms Barbara Hobbis as the Elders Council representative for a term of four years, from October 29, 2020 to the Annual General Assembly scheduled for 2024.

Resolution #2020.006

Youth Council Appointments to TTC Boards and Committees - passed

Whereas the Youth Council are taking measures to contact Teslin Tlingit youth to identify potential candidates to serve on various TTC boards and committees. The Youth Council has identified youth to be appointed to particular TTC boards and committees, to serve on an interim basis for a period of 12 months, from November 20, 2020. The Youth Council have nominated the following youth to serve on various boards and committees:

- Savana Kremer; Working Committee on Legislative and Constitutional Matters;
 - Shania Hogan: Haa Kusteeyi 2021 Planning Committee;
 - Autumn Jules: Language and Cultural Oversight committee and;
 - Billy Smarch: Housing Committee and Citizenship Committee.
- Each Teslin Tlingit youth identified has provided their consent to work on committees to which they are appointed.

Therefore be it resolved that General Council supports and confirms the appointments of Savana Kremer, Shania Hogan, Autumn Jules and Bill Smarch. These appointments will be for a term of 12 months, November 20, 2020 - November 20, 2021).

Resolution # 2020.007

Working Committee on Legislation and Constitutional Matters: Appointment of Additional and Replacement Committee Members - passed

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Whereas on Septmeber 24, 2020, in accordance with resolution # 2020.09.24.009 the General Council established a clan based working committee to undertake the following specific legislative and constitutional matters.

A) Complete the legal and technical drafting of Haa Kusteeyi and present to the Annual General Assembly for year 2021.

B) Complete a comprehensive legislative review of teh Naa Shaade Hani awe kaa kaa wudsageedi - the election of a leader (The Leadership Selection Act) and the 2020 leadership election process and provide recommendations to inform the 2024 leadership selection process. The committee is instructed to provide their recommendations to the general Council at the Annual General Assembly for the year 2023. and;

C) review the Teslin Tlingit Constitution and provide recommendations to streghen the teslin Tlingit clan-based government. The working committee is instructed to take into consideration the leadership options Memo (March 30, 2020) as part of teh comprehensive legislative review. The General Council confirmed the clan appointments of Sheila Clark (Dakl'aweidi), Anne Turner (Ishkitan), Sandy Smarch

(Kukhhittan), Marian Sheldon (Deshitan) and Georgina Sydney (Yanyeidi) to serve a term of three years from September 24, 2020 to teh Annual General Assembly for year 2023.

The Yanyeidi seat has become vacant and the Yanyeidi have identified duane Gastant' Aucoin to serve as the Yanyeidi representative on teh working committee for a term of three years.

The Elders Council on October 29, 2020, have appointed Darcy Kerr to serve as the Elders Council representative on the working committee for a term of three years.

Savana Kremer has been appointed by the Youth Council to serve as the Youth Council representative on the working committee.

Therefore be it resolved the the General Council confirms that:

- Duane Gastant' Aucoin is confirmed as the Yanyeidi representative on the working committee,
- Darcy Kerr is confirmed as the Elders Council representative on teh working committee,
- Savana Kremer is confirmed as teh Youth Council representative on the working committee for a period of 12 months and,
-Bob Magill as the Speaker of the General Council, will serve as Chair on the working committee.

The working committee is to provide its preliminary recommendations, specific to completing Haa Kusteeyi, at the February General Council meeting scheduled for February 19-20, 2021.

Santa Clause is Coming to Town

Dliwkát sheeltín, I keedagaaxéek,
Ish k'ayilooshéek, yisikóo gé,
Sindi Tlaas yá aandéi kgwagóot.

Saax'w akshaaxeet, adaa yakw-
gwas.áa,
aasá I ushk'eiyí
Sindi Tlaas yá aandéi kgwagóot.

Askweix aagáa eeteixí,
askweix aagáa eeteixí,
aasá I ushk'eiyí ka k'eiyí
daa k'idéin kigeestidéi.

Dliwkát sheeltín, I keedagaaxéek,
Ish k'ayilooshéek, yisikóo gé,
Sindi Tlaas yá aandéi kgwagóot.

You better watch out
You better not cry
You better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town
He's making a list,
He's checking it twice,
He's gonna find out who's naugh-
ty or nice
Santa Claus is coming to town
He sees you when you're sleep-
ing
And he knows when you're awake:
He knows if you've been bad or
good
So be good for goodness sake
You better watch out!
You better not cry
You better not pout, I'm telling you:
why
'Cause Santa Claus is coming to
town

This fall, the Lands and Resources Department helped conduct three different surveys within the Traditional Territory.

In October Lands and Resources staff, along with Yukon Government staff and members of the Teslin Renewable Resources Council conducted a composition survey of the Wolf Lake caribou herd. This type of survey is used to gain an understanding of how many caribou are in a herd, as well as sex ratio and calf numbers of that herd. This survey will help to establish an updated population estimate for the Wolf Lake herd, which will ultimately allow us to make decisions that are informed by accurate and up to date information.

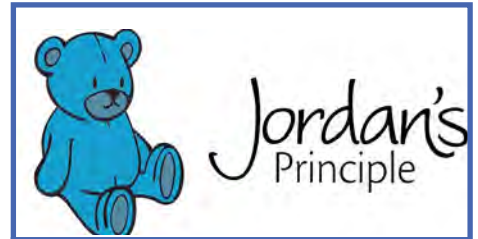
In mid-November, Lands and Resources staff assisted Government of British Columbia staff in the collaring caribou in the Swan Lake herd. The collars that were deployed will provide information that will help us to better understand how caribou move on the landscape through all times of the year. As well, the collar information will help to establish a better idea of the range of the Swan lake caribou. This information will feed into our various planning processes and allow us to make thoughtful decisions with caribou in mind.

Also in mid-November, staff of the Lands and Resources Department, Government and British Columbia and Government of Yukon, as well as members of the Teslin Renewable Resources Council conducted a survey of the Cassiar

moose population. This survey covered a large swath of land that spanned both the Yukon and British Columbia portions of our Traditional Territory. Like the Wolf Lake composition survey, this survey will assist us in establishing an up to date estimate of how many moose are on the landscape. This information will help us to make more informed decisions in all aspects of our work.

These are a few photos of the landscape from these surveys!

For more information about any of this work please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Natural Resources Manager, Hannah Turner, at hannah.turner@tcc-teslin.com



Jordan's Principle makes sure all First Nations children living in Canada can access the products, services and supports they need, when they need them.

In Yukon, many households throughout territory had been gifted food! Families received 'From the Ground Up' vegetable boxes, ground Bison, canned and whole salmon! Turkeys were donated and handed out to families prior to Thanksgiving!

Thank you all who took action in helping families through these trying days! Thank you to the Jordyn's Principle program, organizers and volunteers!

Nisutlin Bay Bridge Project

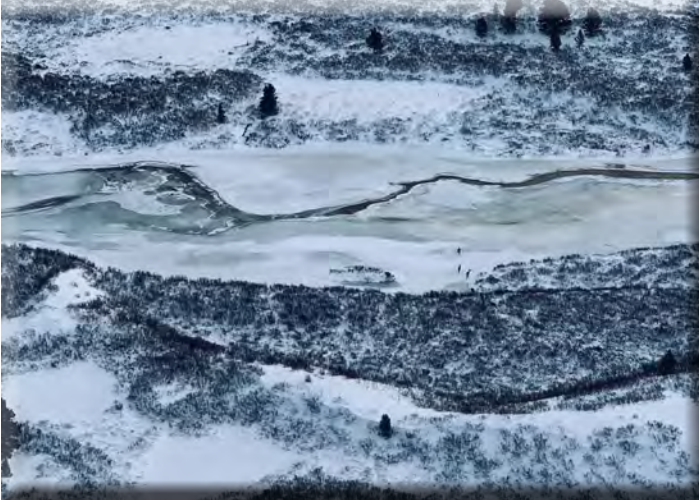
Virtual Information Session for Contractors

The RFQ for the Nisutlin Bay Bridge project is live on Yukon.bidsandtenders.ca. In order to ensure all potential contractors understand the project and what it's like to live and work in Teslin, a virtual information session was held on **December 1, 2020** for all contractors interested in being qualified to bid on the project. This session was an opportunity for contractors to meet with representatives from the Government of Yukon, Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC), Village of Teslin (VoT) as well as our bridge design consultant (WSP Canada Group Ltd.) to receive a high level overview of the project and a brief introduction of the culture and value of the community of Teslin.

Save the Date - Open House

We are nearly ready to present the design of the bridge to the community of Teslin. We plan to host an open house in Teslin the week of **January 18** if COVID-19 restrictions allow. More details will be announced in the weeks leading up to the event. We look forward to meeting with you all again.

If you have any questions about the upcoming Nisutlin Bay Bridge project, please email krysten.johnson@gov.yk.ca.



Caribou in the Mcnaughton Creek area



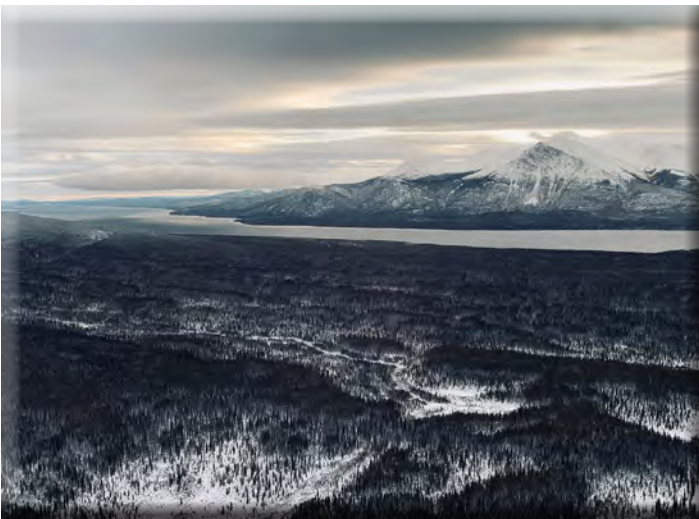
Landscape at Mcnaughton Creek



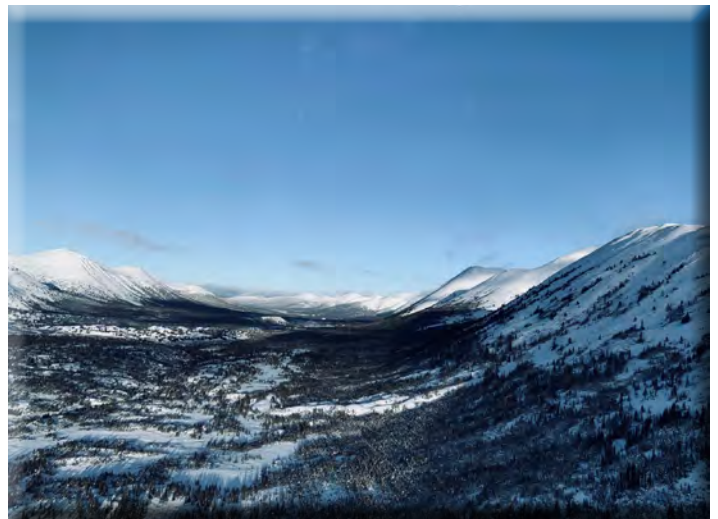
Landscape photo



Wolf crossing the ice



Teslin Lake



Landscape

Merry Christmas One and All

As reported in the October 2020 edition of the *Deslin Neek*, the central focus of our technical team is on the implementation of the Land Related Proposal tabled to the province on November 26, 2019. Our immediate goal is to establish an interim treaty arrangement (ITA) of a Game Guardian program for implementation in BC in 2021. In support of this initiative, we have tabled a proposal to BC which includes estimates from our existing Yukon Game Guardian program in the hopes of moving the province along.

To ensure that our Aboriginal rights and titles are protected and in the spirit of continued collaboration between TTC, CTFN and BC, we have tabled the concept of a Strategic Decision-Making Agreement (SDMA) to collaboratively manage and administer the lands and resources of our Traditional Territories, including approval of dispositions, licenses and permits for access and use and development.

Our approach to land identification and retention in BC is based on traditional land uses flowing from an overall land use plan (LUP) that will identify resource potential. It will enable us to make decisions based on United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

and the Principles of Reconciliation regarding the co-management and co-governance of our Traditional Territories.

To move forward on an overarching LUP, we are applying for resources from the Treaty Related Measures (TRM) a federal program for resources. These programs are an enormous amount of work to prepare and not always successful. To this end, Canada informed us that a LUP is eligible so hopefully we are supported in our endeavors.

We have faced many obstacles in our quest for self-government and in defining our rightful role in confederation. An ongoing challenge is the development of a caucus that is respectful and representative of the family lines of group trapline 625T002 as well as other interested Tlingit Citizens. To discuss this important issue, we scheduled a public meeting for January 12, 2021. Our goal is to establish a respectful and professional approach to caucus and to represent a united front.

In the spirit of Haa Kusteeyí, we must recognize that we are a distinct Nation and on a path towards a better world regardless of the hurts in our wake.

Going forward together we will face many challenges and it's up to us as a distinct Nation to overcome these challenges.

Rebuilding the Nation

We, the Dakhka Nation, the Taku River Tlingit First Nation, Carcross/Tagish First Nations and the Teslin Tlingit Council, are working together to rebuild our Nation. We are following our Elders' counsel. We are one Nation living

in different areas of our Traditional Territory. As we continue to work on Rebuilding the Dakhka Nation, sharing our knowledge and our ideas is vital. In the new year, we will hold virtual gatherings with Citizens from all three Tlingit Nations to hear your stories, your knowledge and ideas about the Dakhka Nation. We hope you can join us!

“Reconciliation must take root in our hearts, within families, between generations and throughout out communities.” BC Lieutenant-Governor Janet Austin and Judith Sayers President of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

A Christmas memory

The day the laughter returned.

Wholly man, it's been so long since I've seen them drive off, in a cloud of dust up the road to the highway. Hughie and I would run along beside them, then behind the bus till it was gone and them, too. Now here it is, almost Christmas and they're supposed to be here sometime soon, but that's not soon enough for a 9-year old. I needed to see Jimmie D, we were best pals. I want to hear the sound of laughter and eat soap berries with everyone from the same bowl. Go sliding and skating and do all the stuff that comes naturally, when you're with your families. Things like setting snares, packing water and wood, before it was just work that had to be done, now it's fun, constantly challenging and imitating each other.

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A visit up to the village brings all the sounds of joy, laughter, kids screaming in delight going down the bank to the lake and there was always a toboggan to jump on and enjoy the ride and share a laugh.

The winding trip down to see auntie Mary and them (as we used to say) at brooks and Auntie Kitty if they were at JC, just depends. Both aunts were overjoyed to see little Ma Ma as they called mother and all the little goodies came out like rock candy, soap berries dry meat & cracklins. Christmas wouldn't be the same if we didn't visit auntie Lisa and family and share in the good times with a visit to them.

After Christmas the laughter seemed to be less, gone by new years as they all had to leave again, back to school and our community was quietly different once again. It was lonely for a kid who really didn't understand where the laughter went and found it hard to understand we were different. Weren't we family?

We all sounded the same when we laughed.

Gunalcheesh

Yesen - David



Shop 'til you drop

\$549 million — The value of consumer electronics, such as televisions and audio and video equipment purchased at large retailers in Canada in December, with a 127% spike compared to average monthly sales.

\$435 million — The value of toys, games and hobby supplies, including video games, purchased at large retailers in Canada in December, up a whopping 184% from average monthly sales for this category.

Canadian Christmas - It's time to party

6.7 million litres — The volume of commercial sales of eggnog in Canada in December. Virtually all eggnog sales are in November and December.

\$449 million — The amount of monthly sales of candy, Christmas chocolate and snack foods sales at large retailers in December, the month with the highest sales.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree

2,381 — The number of farms that grow Christmas trees in Canada. The most Christmas tree farms are found in Ontario, with 647 farms.

55 acres — The average area of land per farm allocated to growing Christmas trees in Quebec. Christmas tree farms in Quebec are, on average, the largest in Canada, followed by Nova Scotia with an average size of 52 acres per farm.

Festively named places in Canada:

For the most festively named place in Canada, why not plan a trip to Christmas Island, Nova Scotia? Then again, there is Gift Lake in Alberta, and Reindeer Station in the Northwest Territories, At Christmas, also give a shout out to Chimney Lake, British Columbia, Sled Lake in Saskatchewan, and the decoratively named Holly, Ontario

Teslin Recreation Update

Whoot! We were successful in our application to the On Yukon Time funding program offered through YTG, which will enable us to continue running our **Community Art program** through the winter. Thank you to Tara Easley for taking a leading role in the program (helping to coordinate supply purchases and facilitating classes) along with all of our guest facilitators and participants who have made this program a great success. The program runs Wednesday nights from 6:30-9:30pm and we will be adding more advanced 'skill builder' session the first Wednesday of each month starting in January. Advance sign up is required weekly.

We had a great turn out for our **Community Wellness Fun Day** on November 14. Participants spent the afternoon making self care items, healthy snacks, painting nails and doing some Christmas Crafts. For those that enjoyed the day, or may have missed out but would have enjoyed it, make sure you check out the DIY Life Hacks program, running Mondays from 7-9pm. This is a program focused on Do It Yourself projects to make your life easier, happier and healthier with facilitator Brandy Golebeski sharing creative 'life hacks' that may help you in the kitchen, around the house, and in every day life. Please sign up in advance weekly by calling Village of Teslin (VoT).

Seniors are welcome to join us Wednesdays from 1-3pm for **Carpet Bowling** and a fun social afternoon. **Badminton** and **Pickleball** continue on a drop-in

basis for all community members at the Rec Plex with badminton on Tuesday nights at 7pm and Pickleball at noon on Wednesdays. We have really been enjoying our snowpants at **Kids Club** either playing out in the snow or in the rink every Thursday and have had great participation at **Kids in the Kitchen** (Tues 3:30) and **Boys Club** (Thurs 5:30) too.

Minor Hockey, Ladies Hockey and Adult Hockey are back running with our Arena guidelines and Return to play plan in effect. We are excited to continue rebuilding the hockey spirit here in Teslin by bringing back the Minor Hockey Trophies. The last time these were awarded was 1996, so we are long over due. We started off by awarding the 'Coach of the Year' award to Amy Handrahan for her commitment to TMH last year, and moving ahead will award the 'Most Sportsmanlike', 'Best Hustler', 'Most Improved', and 'Most Valuable Player' Trophies for the 2020-21 season.

Public Skating takes place Wednesdays from 7-9p and Fridays from 3:30-5p. Please ensure you have reviewed the arena guidelines, signed the necessary forms and paid any fees prior to stepping on the ice for hockey or public skating.

We had a **Curling** drop-in day on Nov. 16, with a good turnout and enough interest expressed to continue curling at the arena, Mondays at 7pm on a weekly basis. We will continue with a drop-in format until we have enough people to potentially form regular teams for a mini-league here in

Teslin. We are excited to start planning our outdoor Lakespiel again for February and working towards a **Cabin Fever Event Series** that would include this and other events to help us stay happy and healthy...through the winter... through the pandemic... as a community!!!

We know things will look a little different this Christmas, but there is still lots of safe ways to spread some holiday cheer! The annual VOT Hayride will now be a **Christmas Light Parade**. We will gather at the VOT parking lot at 6:30pm on Thursday, Dec. 9 and parade through town looking at all the lights. There are many great prize categories again this year, including Best Decorated Vehicle, so Let's light up the night Teslin! We will also do a Christmas Craft Contest with participants getting baskets dropped off to them on Dec.11 and having a week to come up with a Christmas themed craft using only the random items provided. Please call VoT to reserve 1 of the 10 baskets for your family. December 22 will be a Christmas Baking day and we will have afternoon Public Skates on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

The Rec Plex is again a buzz of activities and meetings happening more regularly and we kindly remind everyone that we can only remain open if everyone does their part to abide by the COVID precautions and safe 6 guidelines. **As of December 1, masks will be mandatory inside the Rec Plex.**

Thank You!

TESLIN RECREATION SCHEDULE

December 2020

Youth Activities
 Adult Activities
 Active Agers

Parent & Tot
 All Ages Activities
 Special Event

**** are activities that require sign-up**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUNDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Adult Fitness 5:30-6:30p @ Rec DIY Life Hacks Program 7-9pm @ Rec Curling Drop In 7pm @ Rink	Kids in the Kitchen ** 3:30-5p @ Rec Plex Minor Hockey 5:30-7:30p @ Rink Badminton 7-9p @ Rec Plex Adult Hockey 8:15pm @ Rink	Pickleball 12-1p @ Rec Senior Social 1-3p @ Rec Adult Fitness 5:30-6:30p @ Rec Public Skating 7-9p @ Rink Art Program 6:30-9:30p @ Mezz	Kids Club ** 3:30-5pm @ Rec Boys Club 5:30-7:30p @ Rec Women Hockey 5:30-6:30p @ Rink Adult Hockey 7:30pm @ Rink	Public Skating 3:30-5p @ Rink Youth Club 7-9pm @ Rec Plex	Minor Hockey 1-3pm @ Rink Movie Night 7-9p @ Rec Plex	
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Deisleen Development Corporation (DDC)

Deisleen Development Corporation (DDC) was formed in 2013 and operated from 2016 to 2019 under the guidance of its Long-Term Sustainability Plan. This first phase was regarded as a considerable success, expanding local business and employment opportunities significantly through the set-up and operation of its three principal social enterprises, being DDC Project Management, Lightning Fire Management and Teslin Environmental Services.

Throughout 2019 and 2020 The Board of Directors has been discussing the implementation of '**Opportunities Deisleen**'. 'Opportunities Deisleen' is solely the working name of our new venture to participate in the Community Development Plan, to be founded with a distinct Social Enterprise mandate. The following profile is a work-in-progress and is being expanded into a business plan to guide investment and implementation.

Vision

"All our residents have access to their own opportunities to meet their needs"

Mission

"To enable sustainable community social development by

- linking CDP job creation and training opportunities to our residents most in need; and
- overcoming barriers to our residents benefitting from implementation of the CDP projects"

Goals

1. Identify and focus on contracts to undertake set-aside project sections that are low in profit but high in social development potential
2. Be the subcontractor of choice for project proponents and general contractors to meet their obligations to fulfill First Nation Participation Plans and ensure local benefits and social development
3. Provide suitable employment & training to residents that

- Only need/capable of part-time and/or seasonal work
- Experience challenges to securing or staying in work due to
 - Personal issues (health or other)
 - Skills deficits

4. Be financially self-sustaining from fees and market revenues after initial start-up investment

In 2020 the Board of Directors approved the **DDC Business Equity Grant Program**. This pilot project strives to assist Teslin business and entrepreneurs by:

Providing business equity 'matching' grants by DDC of up to \$10,000 per entrepreneur (until annual allocated budget used). Applications are accepted from entrepreneurs with business proposals approved by DNV for financing from the CanNor Entrepreneur & Business Development (EBD) program.

Teslin Affordable Rental Housing Development

The DDC conducted two surveys in Teslin and one of the issues identified was that the lack of stable housing is the number one barrier to attracting and retaining people in the community long-term, building skills, careers and self-reliance. As such DDC drafted the Teslin Affordable Rental Housing Development Business Case and the Business Case Summary and posted both on our website early in 2020.

The DDC retained Taylor Architecture Group to provide options for the design and construction of five individual one-bedroom housing units on a single lot in Teslin. The Final Report once approved by the Board of Directors will be sent to the Teslin Tlingit Council and Village of Teslin for discussion and posted to the DDC website at ddc-teslin.com.

DDC Project Managed during 2020 the:

Dangerous Trees Project – Teslin Residents attended at the DDC office identifying danger trees in their yards that they wished to have removed. An Arborist from Carcross, YT was retained to top or remove identified trees and a **TTC Contractor (who hired 2 citizens)** was retained to remove trees and brush and take to either the Bio-Mass Yard or the Teslin Landfill. **215** trees were either topped or removed.

Abandoned Vehicle Project – Teslin Residents attended at the DDC office to submit requests to have derelict vehicles removed from their yards and taken to the Teslin Landfill. A Request for Expressions of Interest for qualified contractors/individuals was posted around the community. Two Contractors responded to the posting (one TTC contractor and one non-TTC). The contractors split the list in half. 92 abandoned vehicles were removed (environmentally safe removal).

Charles Jules Subdivision Road Upgrade - DDC was retained by TTC to manage all engineering reports and all the construction of the upgrade to the road at the Charles Jules Duplex Road. Two local contractors were retained to

do the work on the upgrade.

FireSmart 2020 – DDC project manages the FireSmart program for both the Village of Teslin and the Teslin Tlingit Council. Six sawyers/slashers were retained and 5 hectares were cleared and brushed on the Sawmill Road.

TTC Slashing Projects – 6 sawyers/slashers were retained to clear land on short projects and two TTC Contractors were retained for equipment use



DDC is currently in the drafting stage of developing the DDC Procurement Policy which includes Appendix A – Teslin Tlingit and Local Economic Benefits Policy. This policy will apply to all procurement by DDC and all our subsidiary corporations including Lighting Fire Management and Teslin Environmental Service. Once the draft is finalized and approved by the Board of Directors it will be posted on the DDC Website.

The Board of Directors and staff of the Deisleen Development Corporation wish you all a Merry Christmas and May the New Year bless you with health, wealth and happiness.



Effective December 1st, 2020
All persons must wear a mask/face covering in any public space in Yukon

PRACTISE SAFETY

1. Keep your distance.

If you need to get close, respect others' boundaries , ask before moving closer.

- * avoid handshakes, hugs, snicks
- * Avoid crowded areas/places - stores
- * limit visits with vulnerable people - Elders, babies, people with higher risk or in poor health

2. Keep your hands clean

Wash your hands often. There are more ways you can keep your hands clean:

- * use hand sanitizer (wiht at least about 70% alcohol)
- * avoid touching things/face
- * cough and sneeze into elbow
- * clean shared surfaces

3. Feeling under the weather? Stay home

Even if you feel you could power through the day, do not. When you stay home, you protect others and allow Yukoners to carry on and stay healthy. You should stay home if you have any of the

following symptoms:

- * fever or chills
- * cough
- * shortness of breath
- * runny nose
- * sore throat
- * headache
- * fatigue (not because you stayed up late)
- * loss of appitite
- * nausea/vomiting
- * diarrhea
- * muscle aches



*** Use the online COVID-19 self assessment tool or call local health centre to see if you should**

get tested for COVID-19*



4. Avoid crowds

Less is more when it comes to group gatherings. Unless someone's in your social bubble, no close talking when you meet. For all gatherings, keep 6 feet apart (2 meters) between you and any one else who is not in your social bubble;

- * indoor gatherings - limit your group to 10 people (10 is the limit, even if your bubble is 15)
- * outdoor gatherings - 50 people limit
- * organized indoor gatherings - limit to 50 people
- * organized outdoor gatherings - limit to 100 people

*** Read more on gathering guidelines at yukon.ca/covid ***

5. Travel - respect others.

Get to know each other. Same place, new norm

Consider the risk before travelling between communities. Follow guidelines. It is about respecting everyone's comfort levels. Yukon First Nation communities and governments have travel advisories; if a community or First Nation government has not issued an advisory, travel responsibly and follow all covid guidelines.

6. Self-isolate if necessary

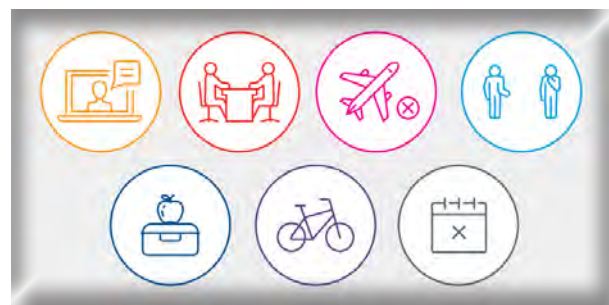
Be creative with ways to stay connected.

No need to be lonely, even if you are alone. Keep in touch with the outside world while you are inside. Video chat, telephone or even write a letter. It is communicating without touching. You must self-isolate if:

- * you have just arrived in or returned to Yukon (some exceptions)
- * you've been in contact with someone diagnosed with Covid
- * you're waiting on covid test results

You do not need to self-isolate if you are a resident of:

- * Atlin
- * Lower post
- * Fireside
- * Jade City
- * Fraser
- * Pleasant Camp
- * nearby First Nations



Critical workers arriving in Yukon must follow guidelines for critical services

*** Read more on self-isolation at yukon.ca/covid ***

7. Face coverings or masks are mandatory

As of December 1st, 2020 - all Yukon public spaces/buildings require people to wear masks or face coverings for the protection of self and others. Teslin Tlingit Council requires all visitors to have face masks or coverings in buildings. Ensure masks cover mouth, chin and nose.

Safety 1st

Teslin Tlingit Council Executive would like to welcome Gina Nagano Community Safety Consultant/Advisor to our community of Teslin. Gina will be working with our staff, citizens, community members and other justice professionals towards developing a Community Safety Plan that reflects the needs of Teslin Tlingit Council and the Community.

Gina is a Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation Beneficiary & Citizen, she is of the Wolf Clan from Dawson and presently resides in Whitehorse, Yukon. She retired from her first career as a police officer (Sergeant) after serving 21 years of loyal service with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. She has a very diverse background in policing and served as operational and administrative police officer within the RCMP and within many Aboriginal Communities in Canada.

In April 2006, she began her second career with the Department of Justice Canada as the Northern Regional Coordinator for the Indigenous Justice Directorate's Indigenous Justice Strategy (IJS). She was responsible for the Federal contribution agreements along with researching, identifying and assisting in developing community based justice programs with her Territorial



partners.

In 2014, she was employed as the Aboriginal Corrections Development Officer for Correctional Services Canada – Pacific Region in Whitehorse, Yukon developing release plans with offenders, case managers and Aboriginal Communities and organizations, and provided training, advice and support in the development of plans for Section 84 of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act (CCRA).

In April 2016, she was employed with Kwanlin Dün First Nation as the Justice Coordinator and then Justice Manager until November 2016 then became the A/Director of Justice. Gina recently stepped down from the A/Director position and has taken on contract work to oversee, coordinate and implement Kwanlin Dün First Nation's Community Safety Officer Program.

Since September of 2018

Gina has been working as a consultant with Selkirk First Nation in Pelly Crossing, Yukon to help them organically, and sustainably, develop their capacity to address their own needs in relation to community safety. Gina also assisted in designing and developing Selkirk's own Community Safety Officer Program.

Gina specializes in social justice infrastructure design that is custom, responsive, trauma-informed, and sensitive to the community or client's needs.

With her wide range of services that can vary significantly depending on the needs and communities current capacity; her general approach is to build a foundational understanding of the unique risk and protective factors, history, and dynamic variables. She helps identify the most effective path forward – one that is not only empirically valid grounded in research and best practice, but that compliments and amplifies traditional practices.

Gina builds solid, well rounded plans that empower First Nations, and walk the process of reconciliation in reclaiming the strength within the traditions, teachings, and people; and bring healing for the generations that follow.



TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL

TTC Citizens and Residents of Teslin,

Re: Upcoming Workshops

TTC has suspended ALL TRAVEL as a result of the increase in COVID 19 cases in the Yukon; therefore all of the upcoming workshops will be limited to only Teslin Residents. We are doing our best to protect our community and residents.

Moving forward the Heritage Department is looking into virtual courses; and for Instructors in Whitehorse.

Steps we have initiated are;

- 1) Instructors were consulted and is their choice to continue with workshops or postpone.
- 2) It is now mandatory for all workshop participants to wear a mask for the durations of each specific workshop as majority of our instructors are elders, hand sanitizer and masks is readily available at the main entrance of the Heritage Center and other workshop locations around the community.
- 3) A maximum of 6 participants, 7 including the instructor will be allowed for each workshop to unsure we have enough space to social distance and will follow the no more than 10 people for indoor gatherings restriction.

We encourage all citizens to Continue to follow the Safe-6 safety measures as instructed by Dr. Hanley. For more information you can go to the Yukon Government website: <https://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information>

Masks are helpful, but cannot reduce spread alone, the safe 6 are most important – distancing, hand washing/sanitizer, stay home when sick, limit gatherings 10 inside and 50 outside, limit travel, self- isolate after travel or as directed and wear a mask.

These changes are being made to ensure the safety of our elders and our community members. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact via email autum.jules@ttc-teslin.com or via phone (867) 390 – 2532 ext. 333.

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Autumn Jules
Community Arts & Events Coordinator

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*****NOTE*****

****New self-isolation rules****

If you are planning to have guests from outside of Yukon during the holidays, you must be aware of the new self-isolation rules. Self-isolation option one will allow you to share meals and hugs with your guests, however every member of your household will be required to self-isolate for 14 days or if your guest leaves before 14 days, you must continue to self-isolate for three days. If everyone in your household and your departed guest do not have symptoms after three days, your household is free to leave your self-isolation.

KHÀTÌNAS.ÀXH COMMUNITY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Draw date December 18th - We will contact you and deliver your prize

To purchase tickets contact Robert Wiseman at 867-334-8547 or come to the School Office



All items created by our students in shop class

6 planter boxes, 6 tables and more!

Congratulations

Commissioner of Yukon introduces the 2020 Inductees to the Order of Yukon

Published 02/12/2020

The Commissioner of Yukon Angélique Bernard, in her capacity as Chancellor of the Order of Yukon, is honoured and thrilled to announce the 2020 inductees to the Order of Yukon. The inductees were chosen from the many nominations that were submitted to the Advisory Council.

The following 2020 inductees were chosen for their demonstrated excellence and achievement and their outstanding contributions to the social, cultural or economic well-being of Yukon and its residents:

- Keith Byram
- Jack Cable
- **Bess Cooley**
- William Klassen
- Dr. Sally MacDonald
- Agnes Mills
- Doug Phillips
- Gertie Tom
- Ron Veale
- Frances Woolsey

Congratulations to the 2020 Order of Yukon inductees who have greatly contributed to the development of our territory. Thank you to the nominators for bringing forward names of such deserving Yukoners and thank you to the Order of Yukon Advisory Council members who have the important but tough task of evaluating nominations.





LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ADELINE WEBBER

Adeline has displayed outstanding leadership through her volunteer efforts and her long public service career over the past forty-five years. She is one of the original members of the Yukon Indian Women's Association (now Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council), serving as president from 1975-1976. She also sat on the National Native Association of Canada and Indian Rights for Indian Women boards. She advocated for the rights of women to be recognized as Status Indians. She continued to build her own leadership skills and the skills of the women around her as a mentor for many women. In 2004 she was one of the founders of the Whitehorse Aboriginal Women's Circle. She led a project to publish Finding our Faces – a book of Residential School photographs and stories now being piloted in the Yukon grade 5 curriculum. Throughout her career and now as a volunteer she has always advocated for the advancement of Indigenous people and women throughout the Yukon. She is a constant support for the goal of removing barriers for women of all ages and walks of life.



A YUKON THAT LEADS

2020 nominations are now open! Visit afnyukon.ca for more details





Christmas Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find words which have to do with Christmas.
Some of the words have religious meanings, others are secular in nature.

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| 1. Groceos _____ | 11. Limesotte _____ |
| 2. Naclorig _____ | 12. Vaniyitt _____ |
| 3. Rats _____ | 13. Gotscink _____ |
| 4. Scunttshe _____ | 14. Virasou _____ |
| 5. Porduhl _____ | 15. Traweh _____ |
| 6. Naast _____ | 16. Gisehl _____ |
| 7. Skagceap _____ | 17. Wamsonn _____ |
| 8. Dressephh _____ | 18. Ejuss _____ |
| 9. Gramen _____ | 19. Stranneom _____ |
| 10. Galen _____ | 20. Scamsthir _____ |

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Capital & Infrastructure NUMBERS:

HOUSING ON CALL 24/7 **1-867-334-6957**

- **TTC Rental Units Only ****

Dan Morin – Property Manager **1-867-335-6572**

- **TTC Government Buildings and Rental unit issues ****

Chad Laverdure – Sawmill Manager **1-867-384-0151**

- **Sawmill Capital Yard (LTF) ****

Rodrick Dewhurst – Biomass Manager **1-867-334-8949**

- **Heating issues, boilers or furnaces only ****

Travis Wolfe – Light Duty Mechanic **1-867-334-3720**

- **TTC vehicle issues, oil change, tires, etc. ****

Teslin Tlingit Council

Purpose: To update Residency List of who resides on Settlement Land for Income Tax purposes.
Please call or email the person below, if you moved on or off settlement land before December 31, 2020

Contact Information
Bernadette Morris

Phone: 867-390-2532 Ext 341

Email:

bernadette.morris@ttc-teslin.com



Birthday/Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to my Nephew **Richard Grant**, November 1st, my brother **Raymond Douville**, November 16th, and Birthday wishes to my sons **Tim Dewhurst Jr** for December 3, and **Paul Bosely** for December 9th.! Many more and wish you all a wonderful day. Lots of love from Mom, Sister, Aunt!!!

Happy Birthday to our Brother **Earl Douville**, December 13, love from all your Sisters and Brother Raymond, nieces and nephews. Many more!!

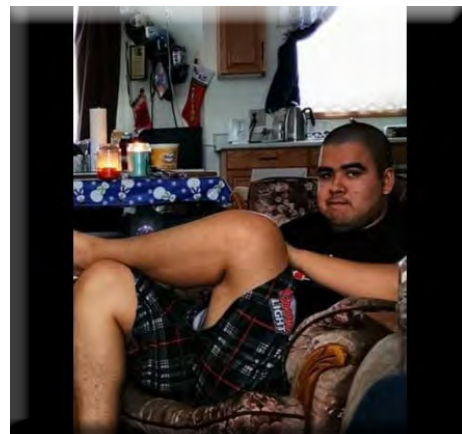
Wishing **Leon Jules** a Happy Birthday for Nov.6 with Love from your Wife, three Sons and grandkids and great granddaughters.

Birthday greetings to **Loren Jules** for Nov. 11th. Wishing you all the best and many more. With Love from Dad n Mom and Brothers, your Nephews and your Children. Xoxo.

Happy Birthday **Tyrone Sidney** wishing you a Great year and many more on Dec.20th Love from your Friends and Family. Xoxo!

Birthday Greetings to **Leslie McMillan**- Dec.4th, Love Aunt Alice and birthday wishes to Corinne Johnston from her cuz, Dec. 9th!

Happy Birthday to all the **December Babies!!!!** Merry Christmas and all the best in 2021!!!! From Martina Sidney and Mad Max (woof woof)



Happy Birthday **Chantai & Evelyn** for December 6!

Have a wonderful birthday
Love, Mom/gramma



Happy 27th Birthday

Winston Daniel Albert Jackson

On December 14, 2020, Love always Mom!



Kids Coloring Contest

ages 0-4

pages 5-9

ages 10 - 14

Submit page to Charles or Jade at TTC by December 21st

Have fun!! Prizes for each categorie!





Deslin Neek

The voice of the
Teslin Tlingit Council
Issue 60 December 2020

Teslin Tlingit Council



Deslin Neek welcomes comments, submissions, letters and photographs. We are also available for community announcements and promotions through free advertising. Please note, we reserve the right to edit submissions for accuracy, length and relevance.

This newsletter aims to inform Citizens about what is happening in your Government. Get in touch, let us know what you would like to see included.

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Thanks to all those who submitted photos for this issue. As there were too many to name we would still like to Thank you all. Please keep them coming in.

Attention TTC Citizens

TTC continues to update its
Citizen Mailing Addresses, Email
Addresses and phone numbers.

If any of your contact information
has changed and you would like
TTC to have it, please email
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