

# Deslin Neek

The Voice of the Teslin Tlingit Council

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



*Haa Kusteeyi 2017 Group Photo*



*Carcross Tagish First Nation holds up Legacy piece, next Celebration in Carcross 2019.*

Teslin Tlingit Council







**Spokesperson Gordon, Nha Shade Heni Sidney and Chief Carville hold up Legacy piece. Made by Tlingit artist, Ken Anderson**

## Message from Nha Shade Heni

Masayiyati

We are happy to say, the Annual General Assembly went smoothly. TTC continues to work towards improving programs and services for Citizens. Resolutions from the AGA can be found in the next few pages of this issue of the Desleen Neek. Thank you TTC staff, citizens and summer students for preparing the buildings and grounds for the 3 days!

On July 27th – 30th, 2017 was the 5th bi-annual Haa Kusteeyi at the Heritage Center. This was an amazing opportunity for our people, especially the youth to learn our Tlingit history, culture and traditions. It was a pleasure to see our friends and relatives from other communities, coming together to enjoy all the festivities. This event is hosted by the three inland Tlingit First Nations, Taku River, Carcross/Tagish and Teslin Tlingit. During this year's Haa Kusteeyi, we passed the torch to the Carcross/Tagish First Nation to host in Carcross in 2019. There was a 'Legacy Piece' that we gifted

to the host nation of Celebration, designed and carved by Teslin Tlingit Artist, Ken Anderson. The piece symbolizes all three inland Tlingit Nations. This is an absolutely stunning piece, thank you Ken! Gunalchish to everyone for your support throughout the weekend, we could not have done this without your help. A special thank you to Melaina Sheldon, for your years of service to TTC and being a huge part of the Haa Kusteeyi Celebrations, you will be missed!

The TTC is developing a video, to showcase who we are and highlight our successes. During the past two major events hosted in Teslin, there was a camera crew and interviewer on the site. They will be conducting a few more interviews and capturing more cultural activities in the near future. To learn more of what the video is for, please contact TTC Communications Unit.

The Landscaping project at the Heritage Centre is beautiful. The crew did an amazing job on the grounds, and having it ready in time for Haa Kusteeyi! Job well done!

Harvest season is now here, therefore we will be having fewer meetings during this time, our next Executive Council meeting will be September 19th. It is always a pleasure to hear that our people are getting back out on the land and practicing culture! Please be safe and enjoy your time with family and friends.

I would also like to take this time to welcome Clayton Geddes, Director of TTC's Capital & Infrastructure. Welcome home Clayton, we look forward to working with you.

We continue to move forward on different initiatives and making our government the best it can possibly be. Thank for the opportunity to work for and with you! Happy harvesting!

Gunalchish  
Achêno - Richard



### Up-coming meeting dates

#### **Executive Council**

August 29th

September 19th

#### **Management Board**

September 6th

#### **Youth Council**

September 6th

#### **General Council**

November 21st - 22nd

# Annual General Assembly 2017 Resolutions

## **RESOLUTION 2017-003**

### **TTC TRUST – YANYEIDI**

**APPOINTMENT - Passed: July 11, 2017**

WHEREAS the Teslin Tlingit Council Trust (the “TTC Trust”) was established on March 15, 1999; All Trustees are legally obligated to act in the best interest of the TTC Trust and trust beneficiaries; act in strict accordance with the TTC Trust; carry out their duties with honesty and in good faith; be familiar with the terms of the TTC Trust; and avoid conflicts of interest.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council, as the Protector under the TTC Trust, confirms the appointment of Sarah Johnston Smith to the TTC Trust effective on the date that Sarah Johnston Smith consents to the appointment in writing.

## **RESOLUTION 2017-004**

### **AMENDMENT TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE POLICY (JANUARY 2017) - Passed: July 11, 2017**

WHEREAS Teslin Tlingit Council (“TTC”) government policies are important regulatory tools to inform funding decisions or priorities, such as providing post-secondary education assistance to Teslin Tlingit students; TETC and Management Board brought forward joint recommendations to the Executive Council on June 19, 2017 to amend the PSEAP in response to Resolution #2014-013) specifically to place a cap on the number of years a citizen can receive sponsorship and require all new students, if required to provide a career assessment, to complete the assessment in their first semester and provide the results to the CSDO; and

WHEREAS the Executive Council have reviewed the TETC and Management Board recommendations and recommend to the General Council to approve the following amendments to the PSEAP:

1. Section 3.0. Monitoring Process. Add the title “Timeframe for Graduation”.

2. Section 3.1.3. Incorporate the language “ For a four year degree program students will have a maximum of 48 months of

funding and an additional 16 months to complete a masters program, for a total of 64 months of funding based on eight month calendars.

3. Section 3.1.4. If a student changes their program or applies to go back to school after a break the limits outlined in section 3.1.3 apply. Once a student has received the maximum level of funding they will be ineligible for further funding.

4. Section 3.5. The TETC will request that all new students and other students provide a career assessment and that such assessment be completed in the first semester of their course and that a copy of the results be forwarded to the CSDO (the “amendments”).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council approves the amendments as presented in this resolution and such amendments are to come into effect on the date of this resolution.

## **RESOLUTION 2017- 005**

### **TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL (“TTC”) SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET - 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR - Passed: July 12, 2017**

WHEREAS the Executive Council presented and tabled the TTC departmental work plans (2017-2018) and a Core Operating Budget estimate for 2017-2018 (the “Core Budget”) in the amount of \$ 14,236,416.00 to the General Council on February 23, 2017 (Resolution # 2017 - 011). The Executive Council advised at the time of the presentation of the Core Budget that the Own Source Revenues (“OSR”) monies in the amount of \$271,600.00 may not be subject to an offset under the TTC Financial Transfer Agreement (“FTA”) for 2017-2018 (the “offset monies”). The Federal Minister for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, Carolyn Bennett, announced at the Annual General Assembly for the Council of Yukon First Nations (in Carcross on June 28, 2017) that the Government of Canada confirms that there will be a three year moratorium on the offset requirements under the Yukon FTAs to

be retroactive as of April 1, 2017 to be in effect until March 31, 2020;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council approves the offset monies to be applied to the Core Budget for 2017-2018 and approves the supplementary budget in the amount of \$271,600.00

## **RESOLUTION 2017-006**

### **PAYMENT ON TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL TRUST - GRID PROMISSORY NOTE – CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

### **ROAD ACCESS IMPROVEMENT – SAWMILL SUBDIVISION - Passed: July 12, 2017**

WHEREAS the Teslin Tlingit Council Trust (the “Trust”) has issued to the Teslin Tlingit Council a grid demand promissory note dated November 29, 2006 in the amount of \$30,000,000.00 (thirty million dollars) (the “promissory note”) under which the Trust owes Teslin Tlingit Council \$18, 956,253.00 as of March 31, 2017.

WHEREAS the Executive Council is requesting that the General Council approve a demand notice to the Trust to issue payment on the promissory note of up to \$250,000.00 (two hundred and fifty thousand dollars) to be issued on or before September 15, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council authorizes the following

1. Executive Council to issue a demand notice to the Trust in the amount of \$250,000.00 dollars and that such monies be applied against the promissory note;

2. Executive Council request that the payment be issued on or before September 15, 2017; and

3. the monies are to be applied to the road access improvements to the sawmill subdivision.



## **RESOLUTION 2017-007**

### **CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE**

#### **APPOINTMENT: DAKLAWEIDI -**

**Passed: July 12, 2017**

WHEREAS the General Council developed and approved the Teslin Tlingit Council Citizenship Code attached as Schedule "A" to the Teslin Tlingit Council Constitution on November 13, 2012 (Resolution 2012-006) (the "Code");

WHEREAS Billy Smarch has indicated his willingness and consents to serve on the Citizenship Committee for a term of one year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council confirms the appointment of Billy Smarch to serve on the Citizenship Committee in accordance with the Code for a period of one year.

## **RESOLUTION 2017-008**

### **ENACTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS ACT - Table to November 2017 General Council - Passed: July 12, 2017**

## **RESOLUTION 2017-009**

### **ENACTMENT OF LINGÍT YOO X'ATÁNGI KA HAA SHAGÓON - passed July 12th, 2017**

WHEREAS the legislative committee has provided reports to the General Council in November 2016 and subsequently in February 2017 following the tabling of a draft law with the Executive Council in June 2017;

WHEREAS the legislative committee tabled a final report with the Executive Council that provided

- a) an overview of the citizens and Elders Council's comments raised throughout the public consultations;
- b) a copy of the final proposed Lingít Yoo X 'atángi k a Haa Shagóon for recommendation to the General Council to enact, if appropriate; and
- c) the recommendation that the proposed law be suspended, with exception of section 10 to through 12 to allow for the Lingít Yoo X 'atángi k a Haa Shagóon oversight committee to operate immediately to develop and present a Lingít Yoo X 'atángi

k a Haa Shagóon mandate to the General Council in November 2017;

WHEREAS the Executive Council is satisfied that the legislative requirements to enact the proposed Lingít Yoo X 'atángi k a Haa Shagóon in accordance with section 48 of the Administration & Interpretation Act (1998) have been concluded and recommends to the General Council to enact Lingít Yoo X 'atángi k a Haa Shagóon as presented; and the General Council has reviewed the proposed Lingít Yoo X 'atángi k a Haa Shagóon herein attached to this resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council enacts Lingít Yoo X 'atángi k a Haa Shagóon in accordance with section 48(6)(a) of the Administration & Interpretation Act (1998); THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT sections 10 to and including 12 will come into force and effect on the date this resolution is executed, while all other provisions will be suspended until a date has been identified by the General Council at the November 2017 General Council meeting.

## **RESOLUTION 2017-010**

### **TRANSBOUNDARY NEGOTIATION MANDATE - passed July 12, 2017**

WHEREAS due to the increasing encroachment on our traditional territory located within British Columbia and the establishment of progressive legal principles by courts in Canada over the past 15 years, the General Council directed the Executive Council to establish a TTC negotiation team to re-engage with the Province and Canada for the negotiation of a treaty in accordance with a transboundary negotiation mandate (Resolution # 2016-007: November 23, 2016); the TTC negotiation team developed a draft transboundary negotiation mandate, in consultation with TTC elders and citizens and the relevant TTC departments, to provide guidance and direction with respect to the negotiation of a treaty that would be infused with key principles and objectives of the TTC Final and Self-Government Agreements and incorporate new treaty concepts and approaches developed over the past 20 years in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS the TTC negotiation team presented the draft transboundary negotiation mandate (herein attached to this resolution) to the General Council for its review and, if appropriate, approval.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Council:

1. approves the transboundary negotiation mandate dated July 7, 2017 (the "Mandate") herein attached to this resolution; and

2. directs the TTC negotiation team to:

a. engage with the Province and Canada for the negotiation of a treaty in accordance with the Mandate; and

b. provide periodic reports and updates to the General Council about the progress of the negotiations.

## **RESOLUTION # 2017- 011**

### **FINANCIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT (FTA) - EXTENSION AND RENEWAL NEGOTIATIONS, LOBBYING AND LEGAL ADVICE - passed July 12, 2017**

WHEREAS FTA renewal negotiations have continued with Canada with the most recent FTA renewal negotiations being held on July 6th, 2017 in Whitehorse, and these negotiations are on-going, and will be held in Teslin, on August 22nd to 25th, 2017; The General Council mandated the Executive Council to seek legal advice to determine what grounds if any Teslin Tlingit Council may take legal action against Canada should a renewal not be achieved by March 2018.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council delegates to the Executive Council the authority to initiate the appropriate legal action if Executive Council deems it appropriate and expedient, and that this delegated authorization shall continue and be reviewed at the November 2017 General Council meeting.

## **RESOLUTION # 2017-012**

### **CHINOOK FISHERY - passed July 13, 2017**

WHEREAS the General Council passed a resolution at the Annual General Council Assembly (July 2016) to advance the long term conservation measures to support the sustainability of the Chinook and to ensure



there is salmon for future generations of Teslin Tlingit to harvest (Resolution # 2016-015: July 14, 2016); the General Council continues to support the Teslin Tlingit Council restoration and enhancement projects and the terms and conditions as outlined in Resolution # 2016-015;

WHEREAS in accordance with Haa Kusteeyi and the principles of conservation, self-regulation and protecting the interests of our children's futures that each clan identify an allowable Chinook harvest to be confirmed with the Department of Teslin Tlingit Lands and Resources through the clan's Executive Council member.

WHEREAS it is important that the Teslin Tlingit Council establish a salmon management plan that includes a political strategy to address the management of the Pacific salmon on the Yukon River and to ensure that the basic needs of Teslin Tlingit are more accurately reflected and understood by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and other regulatory regimes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council authorizes the following:

1. The terms and conditions as outlined in Resolution 2016-015 (herein attached to this resolution) remain in effect;
2. The Teslin Tlingit salmon ceremony continue as annual ceremony to be held on a date confirmed by the Elders Council and coordinated through the Department of Teslin Tlingit Council Lands and Resources; and
3. Teslin Tlingit citizens are approved to harvest Chinook for the 2017 harvest period on the following conditions:

(a) the Department of Teslin Tlingit Council Lands and Resources has issued a public notice (in the main administrative building) that the escapement has exceeded 55000 and citizens are allowed to exercise the harvest up to registered allowable numbers;

(b) each clan to establish a fish camp at a location of their choice and registered with the Department of Teslin Tlingit Lands and Resources; and

(c) each clan report their Chinook harvest to the Department of Teslin Tlingit Lands and Resources in accordance with the department's requirements.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT General Council members are responsible to ensure that citizens of their

respective clans honor the spirit, objectives and requirements set out in this resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Council in consultation with the Department of Teslin Tlingit Lands and Resources develop a Teslin Tlingit Salmon Management Plan and that such plan include a political strategy specific to the management of the Pacific salmon on the Yukon River and that the plan be presented to the General Council at the July 2018 Annual General Council Assembly.

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#### RESOLUTION 2017-013

##### YOUTH COUNCIL: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS – passed July 13, 2017

WHEREAS the Youth Council has tabled a document titled "Youth Council - proposed amendments to the constitution of the Teslin Tlingit Council" dated June 19, 2017 ("YC constitutional document") with the Annual General Council Assembly; the Youth Council recommends that the General Council approve the proposed technical and substantive amendments to the constitution at the July 2017 Annual General Council Assembly in accordance with section 50.3 of the constitution; and

WHEREAS section 50.3 of the constitution provides

50.3 Notwithstanding the preceding sections, this Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the General Council provided that there is unanimous consent by all members recorded as being in attendance to both the introduction of the amendment and the amendment itself.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council accepts the Youth Council's report and authorizes the technical and substantive amendments to the constitution as outlined in the YC constitutional document, in accordance with section 50.3 of the constitution.

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#### RESOLUTION 2017-014

##### ELDERS COUNCIL: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS – passed July 13, 2017

WHEREAS the Elders Council met on June 15, 2017 and recommends that the General Council amend the Constitution as follows:

1. Section 1.3 - to replace the term "language" with "speeches";

2. Section 5.5 - to correct the Lingit spelling of the clans and to remove the references to specific clan leaders; and

3. Section 23.4 - to remove the duplicate term of "Executive" (the "proposed amendments");

WHEREAS the Elders Council recommends that the General Council authorize the proposed amendments in accordance with section 50.3 of the Constitution; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council authorizes the original text of the Constitution be replaced with the recommended amendments in accordance with section 50.3 of the Constitution.

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#### RESOLUTION 2017-015

##### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (JUSTICE COUNCIL) – passed July 13, 2017

WHEREAS the Executive Council has tabled a document with the General Council titled "Executive Council: proposed constitutional amendments (Justice Council)" dated June 19, 2017 (the "proposed amendments"), herein attached to this resolution, that outlines the amendments to section 8.3, 16.1, 16.3 and 16.5 of the Constitution; and the Executive Council recommends that the General Council authorize the proposed amendments in accordance with section 50.3 of the Constitution; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council authorizes the original text of the Constitution be replaced with the proposed amendments in accordance with section 50.3 of the Constitution.

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#### RESOLUTION 2017-0016

##### TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL: DEPARTMENT – CREDIT CARDS – passed July 13, 2017

WHEREAS the Executive Council requires the General Council's approval to apply for the corporate credit cards in accordance with section 12.1(c) of the constitution of the Teslin Tlingit Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council authorizes the Executive Council to approve of the number of TTC corporate credit cards required for the TTC departments and to apply for the TTC corporate credit cards each with a borrowing limit of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) per credit card.

# Community Capital Projects

## ***Biomass***

The Teslin Biomass Project is well underway. Biomass systems are very cost efficient, we will save over 100,000 litres of fuel each year, so approximately saving \$2 million dollars.

There are 3 phases the project. Teslin is currently at phase 1.

- Phase 1: Biomass District heating system consists of 10 burners installed to heat 10 buildings as a pilot project to test the viability of the system.
- Phase 2: most of the community infrastructure buildings in Teslin are heated with biomass.
- Phase 3: expansion to full commercialization (available to Teslin residents), supplying most of the community with heat and/or chips.

TTC started the construction of the Biomass producing buildings. There has been land development at the Charlie Jules Subdivision (Sawmill Road), clearing of land for connector road, access roads and culvert installation. All the logs that have been harvested from the subdivision are being hauled to the Land Treatment Facility, (YRT yard) for storage, once dry, they will be chipped for the heating system.

TTC will produce its own chips from local wood sources. Starting this fall, TTC will be purchasing wood from local woodcutters.

Throughout the project, many local residents and contractors have been employed. From clearing of the land, hauling supplies, pouring concrete and construction of the biomass buildings.

Eventually, by the end of phase 1, TTC will employ 1.5 -2 full time people, for maintenance and delivery, plus work for tree harvesters.



*Biomass storage building for the wood chips*



*Local contractors during the land development at the Charlie Jules Subdivision*



*Four of the ten heating systems that will be installed*



## ***Landscape Speaks - Heritage Centre***

Through the support and contributions both Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) YTG CDF funding (Community Development Fund) and the Teslin Tlingit Council, the TTC Heritage Centre had gone through renovations and construction to improve the accessibility, instructional space and extensive landscaping.

We are proud to say what a wonderful job the crew had accomplished through-out the past 2 summer seasons. Majority of the lumber used at the site was made at TTC's sawmill. Our Heritage Centre has many new features, including:

- Amphitheatre & rock fire place BBQ area
- Walkways and trails
- New viewing decks and seating areas
- New stairs to lead you down to beach area
- Newly built Elder friendly picnic tables
- Conversation rocks & fire pit
- Outdoor class room for moose hide tanning
- Hand-place rock banks
- New concrete patio deck and wheel chair ramp
- Dry river beds and rain garden
- New portable floating Dock
- Electrified trappers cabin and Boat house

The vision for the Heritage Centre has become a reality. The Centre will definitely reflect the needs of Teslin, our traditions, along with increasing cultural awareness for our people.

Many thanks to Richard Grant and his crew who worked with a tight deadline to complete this project for the Heritage Centre. All that's left is the Lineage Wall; continued consultations with the Elders Council for the Wall. The plans are to work on this over the winter and have it ready to be installed early spring of 2018.

### ***Photos below:***

- *newly constructed Amphitheatre*
- *construction of rock fire place*
- *new stairwell and rock banks*





# 2017 Haa Kusteeyi



*The 5th Bi-annual Haa Kusteeyi was a huge accomplishment. Gunalchish for the continued support!! Through-out the weekend, we celebrated and enjoyed performances by our friends and relatives from Alaska, Yukon and BC. An amazing time for people to visit old friends, meet new friends all while celebrating Tlingit song and dance! We look forward to attending the next Celebration in Carcross Tagish First Nation, 2019!*





*The cultural demonstrations and workshops was a huge success. There was moose hide tanning, carving, fish smoking, skin boats, chillkat weaving, painting and more. The kids zone was quite busy with arts, crafts, story telling and face painting! The great inland canoe races, was a terrific event! There were many participants and spectators cheering for their communities! Congratulations to Taku River! Job well done to all three nations!!*



## Lands & Resources

### Wire Removal

Our Department partnered with the TRRC and Cosco Outfitting to remove over 3 kilometers of four-strand high tensile wire from an old corral south of Teslin. The wire was a concern for wildlife safety, particularly for moose, which can get fatally tangled. We would also like to thank our summer students, Susanna and Noah, as well as the University of Calgary volunteers, who all provided assistance in the field to make this project a success.

### Grizzly Bear Survey Results

We would like to announce the winner of the prize draw for survey participation. Congratulations to Kristyne Geddes – you've won a gift certificate to the Nisutlin Trading Post! Thanks again to everyone who participated. This information truly helps us serve TTC Citizens better.

### Invasive Plant Survey

Noah and Susanna have been running our third consecutive Teslin Invasive Plants survey. This work will help us understand our local environment better, as well as track any changes to plant communities over the years. This is important for many reasons, including local berry and plant medicine harvesting, as invasive species could overtake important local species Citizens rely on.

### Salmon Season

#### *Run size and harvest information*

Despite the large numbers being reported at the mouth of the river, Canada saw another year of below average Chinook salmon returns. This is likely due to a number of

factors, including harvest and a lower percentage of Canadian salmon in the total run. The final Canadian run size amounted to ~73,000, the lower end of the pre-season estimates, and marks a nearly identical run size to last year's 72,329. Yukon First Nations had limited fisheries, however the recreational, commercial, and domestic fisheries remained closed.

As per the 2017 salmon fishery resolution passed by GC and the July AGA, the Lands Department had a number of TTC Citizens register their intent to harvest a small number of salmon and obtain harvest reporting forms. While we have received some of these harvest report forms back already, we will be following up with those outstanding on our list this fall to ensure all harvest is reported. If you harvested salmon, and did not get a chance to register, please call or stop by the office to report your harvest. This information is critical to the ongoing management and protection of the Yukon River Chinook salmon.

#### *Deadman Creek Restoration Project*

The Deadman Creek restoration project continued this summer, marking the start of the first full-scale year of the restoration, making use of the methods tested in the 2016 pilot year of the project. This work is funded by the Yukon River Panel Restoration and Enhancement Fund and TTC. The project was assisted by a crew of 5 youth from Y2C2, and the department's two enthusiastic summer students, Susanna and Noah.

Egg planting sites (artificial redds) were prepared in Morley River and Deadman Creek over the course of a week, and egg collection and planting activities took place the following week, completed on August 18th. A small number of salmon from Morley River contributed broodstock (eggs and milt) for the project, and were released back to the river.

A portion of the eggs were planted into Morley River to provide a comparison to Deadman Creek monitoring, and the rest were transferred to Deadman Creek where they were fertilized and planted in prepared sites in the creek. We will be continuously monitoring the survival of the eggs, and working to improve our egg planting methods over the course of the restoration. Thank you to everyone who showed interest in the project, and we look forward to sharing more information as we progress!

This project also collected eggs for the Stream to Sea Program at Teslin School, placing 100 fertilized eggs in the aquarium for students to observe as they develop!





## Forest Planning and Biomass

The Lands Department has started discussions with the Yukon Forest Management Branch to develop a timber harvest plan for the area, along with the Teslin RRC. We will soon start discussing a harvesting plan in BC with provincial government staff as well. The overall goals of these first plans will be to detail where the wood will come from to satisfy needs of personal fuelwood users, the sawmill and the biomass project for the next 10 to 20 years, and to begin harvesting as a technique to reduce the risk of a catastrophic wildfire.

You may remember that Lands distributed a personal fuelwood questionnaire earlier this year and we have been trying to interview commercial fuelwood cutters. Many thanks to all those folks who participated in those information gathering sessions. Your information and views will be going to good use in these planning processes. Please watch for notices for public meetings to discuss the draft harvesting plans in the near future. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

## Sawmill Lot Distribution

After our very popular 11-lot lottery in the Sawmill Subdivision (all of which have now been allocated or leased to TTC Citizens), we have been able to make four more lots in the Sawmill Subdivision available for lottery, with applications being received until August 23rd at 5PM and the draw being held on August 30th.

Congratulations to all the successful applicants so far! It's great to see so many folks preparing to build their dream homes here in Teslin.

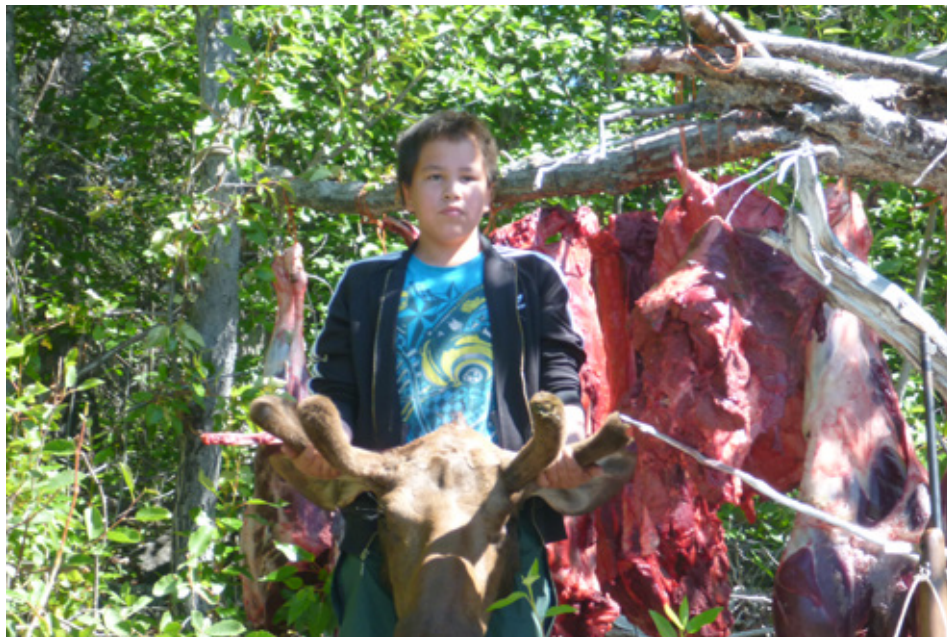


*Photos: (top left) Planting site preparation crew, including EDI crew, TTC staff, and Y2C2 and CAT camp students. ; (top right) Susanna Carlick poses with a male Chinook in the Morley River prior to release. ; (bottom left) Broodstock (egg) collection at Morley River. ; (bottom right) in-stream incubators containing fertilized eggs being installed in Deadman Creek.*





Photos: (left) moss berries. (right) As we move in to berry picking time and hunting season, please remember to be bear aware in the bush. We have bear spray available at the Lands office if you don't have your own.



Noah was TTC Lands summer student and he was the one that spotted the moose that was harvested for HasKustyea celebration. He worked really hard with our staff and helped with absolutely everything... We are really proud of the work Noah accomplished! Gunalchish!!



Photos: (left) Citizens picking up salmon order (right) Taku Salmon truck from Atlin, citizens waiting for pick up.





# TESLIN TLINGIT OPINION SURVEY GRIZZLY BEAR MANAGEMENT

Lands and Resources has been working with Citizens to better understand views and values about grizzly bears in the Traditional Territory. This helps us advocate for the things that matter most to Citizens when it comes to managing bears in Yukon and BC.

**64 QUESTIONS**

**44 PARTICIPANTS**



**70% of participants live in the Village of Teslin**

**48%**



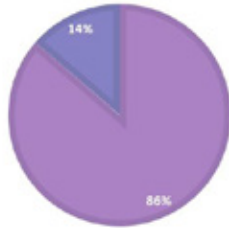
**50%**

\*one participant preferred not to say



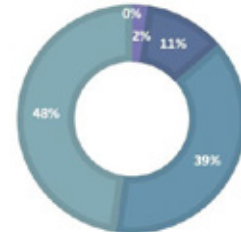
**I ACTIVELY HUNT GRIZZLY BEARS NOW OR HAVE IN THE PAST**

NO YES



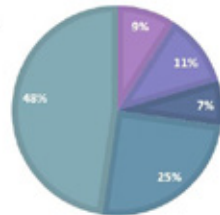
**WE NEED MORE EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY TO REDUCE BEAR-HUMAN CONFLICT**

Strongly Disagree  
Disagree  
Neutral  
Agree  
Strongly Agree



**SHOOTING GRIZZLY BEARS ALONG THE SIDE OF THE ALASKA HIGHWAY IS WRONG**

Strongly Disagree  
Disagree  
Neutral  
Agree  
Strongly Agree



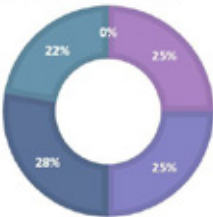
**THERE SHOULD BE STRICT RULES ABOUT ELECTRIC FENCES AROUND LIVESTOCK (E.G. PIGS, CHICKENS, HORSES)**

Strongly Agree  
Agree  
Neutral  
Disagree  
Strongly Disagree



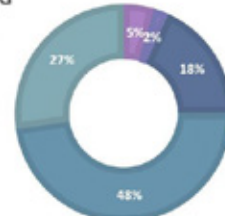
**MOVING AND RELEASING GRIZZLY BEARS TO THE SOUTH CANOL AREA IS OKAY**

Strongly Disagree  
Disagree  
Neutral  
Agree  
Strongly Agree



**SOME AREAS IMPORTANT TO GRIZZLY BEARS SHOULD BE SET ASIDE FROM DEVELOPMENT AND HUNTING**

Strongly Disagree  
Disagree  
Neutral  
Agree  
Strongly Agree



These are just a few of the important things we heard from Citizens during the grizzly bear survey. We are working on a full report now and plan to expand on this project soon by working with key knowledge holders to learn more about grizzly and black bears in TTC Traditional Territory.

## THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!





# Canada Day Events

This year has marked Canada's 150th year as a nation. Teslin helped celebrate with a number of events right down town on Tlingit Drive. Citizens enjoyed watching the parade followed with bike races, wheel barrow race, and cracker eating contest, Pie an MLA or RCMP officer. (Thanks to Stacey and Travis who took many pies in the face to help raise money for charities in Teslin, good job guys.) Many people enjoyed the whole day's events. A BIG thanks to all those who helped out and to Kelsey Hassard for a wonderful job in organizing the day's events. As you can see it was fun for the whole community.







A HUGE thank you to Lilly Hope and Rick Tagaban, for teaching the fine art of weaving. Lilly and Ricky both have been to Teslin prior to this year's HKT. With an untold source of knowledge about Raven's Tail weaving and Chilkat weaving. Many students as you can see were from Teslin and a couple from elsewhere were busy weaving up a storm. Head bandannas along with various other forms of regalia and cell phone carriers were among the things being created. Thanks again to Lilly and Ricky for your time and knowledge. Good luck to all the weavers and happy weaving.



## *Hunter Safety Tips*

1. Always carry a waterproof fire-starting kit in a pocket. If you get wet, being able to start a fire is crucial to staving off hypothermia.
2. Have your boat, motor, and trailer serviced before the season starts. Make sure everything mechanical is in good running order and that batteries are at full charge.
3. Always wear a certified personal flotation device when running or paddling a boat.
4. Never go hunting without telling somebody where you're going and when you expect to return.
5. Stock your boat or ATV box with safety gear: survival rations, rope, flare gun, space blanket, hand axe, whistle, etc
6. Attach a small compass to your parka via pin or string. This way, it'll always be there when you need it.
7. Never attempt to run an overloaded boat. If hunting on a large river or lake, use a boat that's big enough to handle rough water.
8. Treat every gun as if it's loaded, even when you're sure it's not.
9. Before each hunt, open your gun's action and check the muzzle for obstructions.
10. Carry a cell phone in a waterproof plastic bag when hunting. Cell phone service is available in most places around the country. If an emergency arises, you can call for help.



# Community Events

## Grand Opening of Nana's Place



On July 5th, there was a great turnout at the Grand opening of Fox Point's new playground. Citizens enjoyed a BBQ lunch while youth were busy having fun in the new playground. A 'BIG' thank you to MLA Stacey Hassard for joining us and flipping burgers.

With the support and funding from Teslin Tlingit Council, Deslin Development Corporation, Village of Teslin and Canada Development Fund (Yukon Government), the playground has been successfully developed. Thank you all!!

left photo by: Gord Curran



## Lightning Fire Management

(subsidiary of Deisleen Development Corporation) and manages the Fire Suppression contract for the Yukon Government. The Teslin Fire Echo Crew is a three person Initial Attack Crew and consists of Tyler Clark, Reginald Clark and John Dewhurst. John and Reg left on July 24th, 2017 to assist British Columbia in their efforts to suppress the many fires threatening lives, homes and animals. They are not scheduled to come home until the end of August.



# GUNALCHÉESH

**Thank you to the many people who have worked so relentlessly to make the 2017 Haa Kusteeyí Celebration a reality. See you in Carcross in 2019!**



## HAA KUSTEEYÍ CELEBRATION 2017



### VOLUNTEERS

Ben Bard, Johnny Bob, Mary Bob, Nathan Bob, Veronica Bob, Zethaniel Bosely, Trinity Dewhurst, Leigha Douville, Melanie Douville, Roseanne Douville, Aaron Drake, Halley Fairclough, Ellen Fournier, Clem Fuxjager, Kelsey Hassard, Duran Henry, Gail Holways, Doug Hogan, Marsha Hotch, Dalcyce Huot, Charlotte Jackson, Mildred Jackson, Wendy Jackson, Sophie Jakkial, Charlie James, Helen Jeong, Brandon Johnson, Aggie Johnston, Brandon Johnston, Cassie Johnston, Denise Johnston, Mary Johnston, Charles Jules, Peter Jules, Ryan Jules, James Kawchuk, Aaron Keleher, Jackie Kookosh, Alesha Kramer, Juanita Kramer, Jade McGinty, Phillip Mcleod, Rachel Morino, Bev Morris, Austin Roe, Rachel Netro, Corinne Sheldon, MaryRose Sidney, Stephanie Sidney, Chiefy Smarch, Ralph Smarch, Robin Smarch, Tommy Smith, Georgina Sydney, Stewart Tizya, Fay Viennicau, Hannah Vlaar, Henry Vlaar, All Carcross/Tagish First Nation Volunteers, All Taku River Tlingit First Nation Volunteers

### HOST COMMITTEE

Chief Louise Gordon, Taku River Tlingit First Nation, Wayne Carlick, Taku River Tlingit First Nation, Patricia James, Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Donna Geddes, Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Michelle Parson, Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Duane Aucoin, Teslin Tlingit Council, Tip Evans, Teslin Tlingit Council, Carol Geddes, Teslin Tlingit Council

### PRODUCTION TEAM

Community Arts & Events Coordinator: Melaina Sheldon **Bella Elite Events & Consulting:** Katie Johnson **Artistic Director:** Alejandro Ronceria **Production Assistant:** Roslyne Hycha **Workshop Assistant:** Brittany Johnston **Kids Programming:** Rhoda Merkel **Graphic Design:** Mary Binsted Designs **Research:** Linda Johnson **Workshop Host:** Keduka Jack **Stage Manager:** Willow Lacosse **Sound & Light:** Mark Penner, Solid Sound **Tents & Décor:** Marsh Lake Tents and Events **Photographers:** Alistair Maitland Photography, Vanessa Aegirsdottir Photography, Erik Pinkerton Photography **Videoographers:** Mike Code, Christ Rodgers, Jessica Hall **Facepainter:** Amanda Kelleher

### TESLIN TLINGIT HERITAGE CENTRE STAFF

Director of Heritage: Tip Evans **Administrative Assistant:** Roberta Jackson **Business / Marketing Manager:** Lisa Dewhurst **Heritage Sites Officer:** Michael Campbell **Gift Shop:** Pauline Sidney, Corinne Johnston, Billy Smarch, Rita Grant **Capital Sites Crew:** Bodean Wolfe, Elmer Jackson, Bob Magill, Tom Smith, Butch Douville, Earl Douville, Anthony Johnston **Custodian:** Mike Miskell

### HOST NATION

Chief Executive Officer: Chief Richard Sidney **Executive Elder:** Carl Smarch **Kukhittan Executive Councilor:** Sandy Smarch **Ishkitan Executive Councilor:** Blair Hogan **Yanyedí Executive Councilor:** Duane Aucoin **Deshitán Executive Councilor:** Alex Oakley **Dakhl'awedí Executive Councilor:** Ralph Smarch

### TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL CAPITAL DEPARTMENT

Bodean Wolfe, Elmer Jackson, Bob Magill, Tom Smith, Butch Douville, Earl Douville, Anthony Johnston, Dan Morin, Darren Wolfe, Daniel Smarch, Marie Willow Secord, Dylan Jackson, Cole Dewhurst, Samera Carlick, Cordell Jules, Julian Jules

### TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Jari Smarch, Carlene Hycha, Matt Hall, Michael Blahitka, Jody Sydney

### TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL LANDS DEPARTMENT

Richard Dewhurst, Emmie Fairclough, Randy Keleher, Sandy Smarch, Gillian Rourke, Noah Carlick, Suzanna Carlick, Darryl Peters, Dorothy Cooley

### PROGRAMMING PARTNERS

Gwaandak Theatre, The Tlingit Language Champions Society, Northern Cultural Expressions Society, Yukon Literacy Coalition, Yukon First Nation Culture & Tourism Association, TNT Contractors, To the T Janitorial, Deadman Creek, Public Safety & Security, EMS-Reggie & David O'Farrell, Fleming Security, Teslin RCMP, Teslin Nursing Station, Government of Yukon, Department of Highways, Village of Teslin Public Works, Teslin Tlingit Elders Council, Teslin Tlingit Youth Council, YTG Museums Unit, Yukon Tourism & Culture, Dañ Kwanje'á-Náan: Voices Across the Water, Teslin Tlingit Council Language Department (Tim Hall)

### DANCE GROUPS

The Git Hayetsk Dancers (People of the Copper Shield), Has Du Eet'í X'aakeidix Haa Sitee (Alaska), Dakwákáda Dancers, Dagháalhaan K'e, Dakhká Khwáan Dancers, Dakhká Khwáan Juniors, Taku Kwaan Dancers and the Deisleen Kwaan Dancers.

### PERFORMERS

Common Knowledge, Dena Zagi, Diggawolf, Gerald Edzerza, Grandma Susie & Cache Creek Charlie, Jamie & Josh Tetlich, Kevin Barr, Leonard Sheldon, Louie Smith, Nick Johnson, Paddy Jim Jr., Sam Johnston, Sean Balsillie, Starr Drynock, T.J. Esquiro, Warren Strand, William Smith, William Greenland

### EMCEES

Christine Genier, Elaine Shorty, Eric Morris, Duane Aucoin, Peter Johnston, Sharon Shorty, William Greenland

### WORKSHOP HOSTS

Blake Lepine, Doug Smarch Jr, Lily Hope and Ricky Tagaban, Northern Cultural Expressions Society (Duran Henry and Stewart Tizya), YTG Museums Unit and Yukon Tourism and Culture

### YOUTH SONG & DANCE WORKSHOP

Dakhká Khwáan Dancers and DJ Dash

### CULTURAL DEMONSTRATORS

Margaret Douville, Tom Dickson Jr., Peter Jules & Ryan Jules

### ARTISTS TALKS

Carol Geddes, Kevin J. Mellis, Mique'l & Mike Dangell

### FEAST COOKS

Thank you to all of the Feast Cooks, Cook's Helpers and volunteers from TTC, CTFN and TRTFN who made the Feasts possible!

### FUNDERS

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### PLATINUM



### GOLD



### SILVER



### BRONZE



### PROGRAM PARTNERS





## Upcoming Credit Distance Courses



### Credit Distance Courses

**Fall Semester Duration**  
15 weeks  
September to December

LIBERAL ARTS COURSES		
Course Name	Dates	Schedule
Climate Change and Policy Literacy	Sept 6 - Dec 21	Online
Policy Responses & Options	Sept 6 - Dec 21	Online
History of Yukon First Nations & Self Government	Sept 6 - Dec 21	Online
Language & Culture Preservation	Sept 6 - Dec 21	Online
Introduction to Women's Studies	Sept 6 - Dec 21	Online
Academic Writing & Critical Thinking	Sept 6 - Dec 21	Wednesdays 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Introduction to Psychology	Sept 6 - Dec 21	Mondays 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Introduction to the Fields of Anthropology	Sept 6 - Dec 21	Mon/Wed 10:30 - 12:00
Public Policy	Sept 8 - Dec 21	9:00am - 4:00 pm All Fridays

**Tuition and Fees**  
Varies depending on the course

These courses are available via distance and can be accessed either at home with a computer and internet connection, or at the Teslin campus (with prior arrangement).

If you have questions or to register you must contact the Program Advisor of each division who is listed at the bottom of each list section.

For course outlines visit [www.yukoncollege.yk.ca](http://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca).

If you need additional help, please contact the Teslin Campus at 390-8800.



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## Upcoming Teslin Campus Program



### Traditional Knowledge and Scientific Approaches to Climate Change

**Dates and Time**  
Mornings 9am-noon  
October 10, 2017 to  
February 8, 2018

Are you interested in your local environment, learning about collecting traditional knowledge, and discovering more about scientific research? Join us for this interesting program.

Teslin is located in a unique eco-system in the southeast Yukon. Recent anecdotal information tells us that the area has been receiving increasingly unusual weather patterns. The Teslin area is also home to the Teslin Tlingit people who have also have seen changes in the environment over the decades.



The Teslin area lends itself to an examination of climate change using both traditional knowledge and scientific approaches to research.

**Tuition and Fees**  
To be announced

If you have questions or want to register, please contact the Teslin Campus at 390-8800.

Through this non-credit program students will have the opportunity to:

- Learn the fundamentals of research;
- Learn the fundamentals of collecting oral history;
- Analyze local oral history gathered from Teslin Elders and others who have lived and worked on the land throughout their lifetimes;
- Investigate documented sources of information;
- Plan and execute a basic research project; and
- Add to current environmental knowledge.



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## Upcoming Credit Distance Courses



EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE CERTIFICATE COURSES		
Course Name	Dates	Schedule
Cultural Competencies in ELCC	Sept 7 to Dec 7	Thursdays 6:30 - 9:30
Child Growth & Development 1	Sept 12 to Dec 12	Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30
Introduction to ELCC	Sept 6 - Dec 6	Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:30
Field Placement 1	Sept 18 - Dec 1	Monday - Friday Off Site
Integration Seminar 1	Sept 11 - Dec 1	Mondays 4:30 - 6:30
Philosophies of ELCC	Sept 6 - Dec 6	Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:30
Ecology of the Family	Sept 7 to Dec 7	Thursdays 6:30 - 9:30
Field Placement III	Sept 18 - Dec 8	Monday - Friday Offsite
Integration Seminar III	Sept 11 - Dec 1	Online
Leadership, Team Building & Administration	Sept 12 - Dec 12	Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30

Please contact Brooke Alsbury at 867.456.6989 for more information or to register.

COLLEGE PREPARATION COURSES		
Course Name	Dates	Schedule
Introduction to Biology	Sept 5 to Dec 15	Tues/Thurs 1:00 - 2:30
Introduction to Chemistry 1	Sept 12 to Dec 15	Mon - Thurs 10:30 - 12:00
English: Communication through Reading & Writing	Sept 6 - Dec 14	Mon - Thurs 10:30 - 12:00
English: Communication through Reading & Writing	Sept 6 - Dec 14	Mon - Thurs 3:00 - 4:30
English: College Writing Skills	Sept 6 - Dec 14	Mon - Thurs 10:30 - 12:00
English: Composition & Literature	Sept 6 - Dec 14	Tues/Thurs 6:00 - 9:00
Environmental Change & Fish & Wildlife Health	Sept 7 to Dec 7	Tues/Thurs 1:00 - 2:30
History of Yukon First Nations	Sept 6 - Dec 14	Tues/Thurs 4:00 - 5:30
Basic College Math	Sept 6 - Dec 15	Mon - Fri 8:30 - 10:00 & Mon/Wed 1:00 - 2:30
Basic College Math	Sept 6 - Dec 15	Mon - Fri 1:00 - 3:00 & Fri 10:00 - 2:00
Intermediate Algebra	Sept 6 - Dec 15	Mon - Fri 8:30 - 10:00 & Wed 2:30 - 4:00 & Fri 10:30 - 12:00
Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry	Sept 6 - Dec 15	Mon - Fri 8:30 - 10:00
Principles of Physics	Sept 6 - Dec 14	Tues/Thurs 2:30 - 4:00

If you are interested in signing up for any College Prep courses, call 867.668.8800 or come to the campus to make an appointment with a Program Advisor.



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## Upcoming Teslin Campus Program



- TOPICS**
- Introduction to Climate Change
  - Weather and Climate Change: Nature of Climate Change Impacts and Effects
  - Scientific Tradition
  - Oral Tradition
  - Traditional Knowledge
  - Planning and Designing a Research Project
  - Oral History Documentation
  - Creating a Display
  - Reporting Findings

**LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

This program will feature class-based discussions based on short lectures or readings. Participation in these discussions is an important part of the learning. In addition to discussion, students will also be required to reflect on the readings through short writing assignments. There will be several guest speakers from the local area and via distance using technology. There will be a trip to Whitehorse to visit the Yukon Research Centre. There will be local trips to conduct short research mini-projects.

**OUTCOMES**

At the end of the program, students will create a poster that reflects aspects of the materials learned, and will have gained an awareness of the scientific method, and will be able to describe ancestral approaches to climate change.

**PARTICIPATION**

Students will be expected to attend the classes as set out in the schedule in a reliable and timely manner, to be prepared with completion of assignments and readings, and prepared to participate in the class as necessary. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a way that will contribute toward a positive and supportive environment. Attendance is critical to success in this program.

**REQUIREMENTS**

A desire to commit to program for its duration and ability to work outside from time-to-time. Participants also require basic computer, reading, writing, and math skills.



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# Announcements

## Happy Birthday!

July 29th

Happy Birthday to Craig Jackson!!  
Lots of love from; Mom, Roberta,  
Darrin, Mickayla, Kailub, Travis and  
Hailey!!

Aug 5th

Happy Birthday To Pat Casey Love  
from your family and friends.



Sept 7th

Happy Birthday to Brandon and  
Zoe!!

Sept. 14th

Birthday wishes to Eddie M!!

Sept. 21

Happy Birthday Zanya!

Sept.22

Happy Birthday Duane!



## Deisleen Development Corporation CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Deisleen Development Corporation is currently accepting applications from interested individuals to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors

The Deisleen Development Corporation (DDC) is a federally incorporated not-for-profit community development agency envisioned to create a positive environment for socio-economic growth for the community of Teslin and area. The DDC Board is the key governance body responsible for policy and funding decisions concerning our complete operations. This is a working board, which requires participation at the board level in order to fulfill our mission. The Board of Directors meets approximately every six weeks to two months. Board members hold their positions as per the Bylaws of the organization and will be paid through honoraria for days of service.

### Major Responsibilities:

- Adhere to the bylaws, policies and objects of the organization as set out in the articles of incorporation
- Organizational leadership and advisement – formulation and oversight of policies and procedures
- Financial management including approval and oversight of the annual budget
- Ability to make sound decisions based on an independent assessment that considers the protection of public interest, sound business practices and compliance with relevant legislation and regulations

Interested individuals are invited to submit a cover letter and resume electronically, stating skills, qualifications, experience and other relevant factors by Friday, September 8th, 2017 to D. Dupont at [Deborah.dupont.ddc@gmail.com](mailto:Deborah.dupont.ddc@gmail.com). Call 867-390-2310 for further information.





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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 is currently updating 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 [Reception@ttc-teslin.com](mailto:Reception@ttc-teslin.com) or call 867-390-2532 ext 300



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