

# Deslin Neek

The Voice of the Teslin Tlingit Council



**Above:** On April 18th, the Community of Teslin recruited 12 members for the Canadian Rangers! Amazing opportunity for the people and the community!

Teslin Tlingit Council



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## Message from Nha Shade Heni

Máa sá iyatee,

2018 has been very active for TTC. All the departments are busy with programming, surveys, and events. Non-Governmental Assets General Council occurred on March 1, and Teslin Tlingit General Council on February 21-22; both went smoothly. Thank you everyone for attending, and providing us direction. Citizens can read more on the GC resolutions in the following pages. We continue to move forward with various projects and new initiatives in the coming months.

In early March, Assembly of First Nations held a Special Chiefs meeting, to review the past Fiscal year and budgets.

March 21-23, TTC met in Carcross to have

joint Management Board, Elders and Executive Council meetings. The Elders meeting in Carcross, consisted of Elders from Carcross Tagish First Nation, Taku River Tlingit and Teslin Tlingit Council. It is an honour to work with amazing people from other communities, we know what we all want to work towards, to assist in making things better for our citizens and community.

A friendly reminder for TTC Citizens. TTC has two surveys that we need citizen participation. The first survey is the Leadership Selection Process, which is due to be completed by May 17th, 2018. The second survey is the Appeal Process for Administrative Decisions Survey. It is very important to get feedback from everyone.

It was an honour to celebrate Teslin Tlingit Council's birthday which was held on February 21, 2018. Thank you to our sponsors, our event planner, Marianne Morris, Teslin School for catering, Kim Hadden and Leslie McMillian for providing cake and cupcakes!

The next scheduled Executive Council meeting will be May 9, 2018 in the TTC Administration board room at 9 a.m.

Thank you to all the outgoing staff for all your work with Teslin Tlingit Council. Welcome aboard to new staff, we look forward to working with you!

Happy Spring!  
Gunalchéesh, Achéino - Richard



# TTC Trans-boundary Update

by Dave Keenan, Chief Negotiator

The TTC and the CTFN met with the federal and provincial negotiators on March 8 and 9, 2018 in Whitehorse. As per our mandate to extend and coordinate our Yukon Final and Self-Government Agreements over our Traditional Territory in BC, the TTC tabled a document we call a 'Treaty Approach'. This document lays out the core elements which TTC views as essentials in a treaty framework in BC.

Recognizing that the next federal election is slated for October 21, 2019 and the fragility of the present minority government in BC, we suggested a timeframe to complete an Agreement In Principle (AIP) by December 31, 2018. The primary purpose of focusing on an AIP by this date is to have as much done as possible to bind governments to the draft AIP in case new governments are elected. Initially this timeframe was met with reluctance from government but as we walked them through our suggested treaty approach, government recognized the merit in our presentation and the value of working through complex issues in a manner that is consistent with our Yukon agreements.

The chief negotiators have agreed to use the TTC Treaty Approach paper as first draft of a term sheet (for cabinet mandate purpose) and the outline of a comprehensive agreement. This is good news. Since the 2017 AGA to now, we have gone from a resolution to having a coordinated approach with the CTFN in place, and have established a rolling draft between the parties to guide our negotiations.

Our process to date has been methodical and based upon the knowledge that has been assembled during the "information gathering project". That knowledge will lead us into a traditional land use plan which will identify what is important to TTC and enable us to do an informed land selection process. Ultimately this should lead into a land use plan in

partnership with the province of BC.

We recognize that first we must have the commitment from Canada and British Columbia to treat with us on a government to government basis, and that includes living up to the honor of the crown and implementing the commitments made in the treaty. Our 2018/19 budget has been submitted to the BC Treaty Commission for their review. They have already warned us that we may not receive all we have asked for so we will have to find ways to be innovative to get the job done. We are currently working on pairing topics for negotiations with the budget process in order for us to be fully prepared with the relevant information.

Our approach has been one of negotiating the principles and implementation of co-management up front and before we commit ourselves to land quantum numbers and a land selection process. Our mantra to date has been land protection and full partnership in managing the lands and resources within our traditional territory. This would include the assessment and regulatory regimes as well. With the evolution of the common law around Aboriginal Title (such as the Supreme Court of Canada decision on Tsilhqot'in), we are looking at the BC group trapline as an excellent example of how TTC is experienced and prepared to be the management authority over our lands.

The next negotiation session will be on April 19 via teleconference with a follow up three day session scheduled for May 23-25 in Teslin. We have scheduled time each month with the exception of August to complete the AIP by December 2018.

Please watch for notifications in the near future for meetings open to our citizenship for an update and for their input.

Gunalcheesh and we hope to see you at the citizens meeting.



## The Ballot Is Your Voice It's Your Choice!

The General Council passed resolutions to review TTC's Leadership selection.

In 2015, TTC sent information to all TTC citizens, which included a cover letter, a briefing note and a description of the different options in selecting a TTC leader. The Leadership Advisory Committee (LAC) held public meetings on the matter and developed a survey in order to gather even more input from citizens as well as meeting with the Elders Council to seek their input.

In 2017, the LA Committee again reached out to citizens for their input on this important matter.

The information gathered for the past 3 years has been compiled. Based on the results, two options are presented to citizens for TTC's leadership selection.

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Citizens can choose one of two options:

**Traditional selection - Elders Council and Clan Leaders decide**

**Citizen Selection - citizens 18 yrs and older get to vote on leadership**

## Update from Policy Analyst

Policies provide guidelines for the administration of Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC), enabling TTC Departments to determine how to operate under TTC's laws and regulations. Policies state TTC's philosophy and provide formal guidance to coordinate and execute activities throughout TTC.

The process for policy development and review involves input from TTC Citizens through public consultations, focus groups, interviews and public Executive Council meetings. All TTC policies are reviewed every three years. Minor policy amendments are made regularly as required, and involve input from staff, Management Board and Executive Council.

TTC services/ programs need to have policies and procedures to help TTC guide the actions of all individuals involved in the service / program. When policies and procedures are well thought out and, most importantly, implemented they provide common understanding, agreement and clarity on how things should be done. Procedures provide clear instructions and guidelines on what should/must be done in a particular set of circumstances or with regard to a particular issue.

Policies and procedures help staff and citizens with the service's practices and gives them information about what to expect from the service or program. Policies are defined as 'living' documents that must be regularly reviewed to ensure that they meet the needs of our Citizens and take into account the possible changes that have happened in the service and programs within TTC.

To summarize good, well thought out and implemented policies and procedures ensure:

- Good practice
- Helps to establish a professional and effective organization
- They provide consistency amongst staff, and Citizens
- They can prevent any ambiguity about how particular situations/issues should be handled in the service
- They promote harmony among staff
- More efficient & effective delivery of service

### Temporary Financial Assistance

The Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program has the fundamental purpose of helping people in need. Social problems continue to exist in Teslin and the TFA policy recognizes, understands and responds to the needs of the Teslin Tlingit citizens affected by these problems. The overall goal of the program is to contribute to self-sufficiency.

Self-sufficiency is highly valued in the Ha Kus Teyea. The resource people delivering programs and services from the Healing Centre will work together as a team to provide incentives and actively support the achievement of self-sufficiency for all capable citizens. In addition, resources within all TTC departments will be used to assist in creating realistic and appropriate alternatives to temporary financial support.

It is the responsibility of all those making decisions about Temporary Financial Assistance to understand the TFA policy

and to follow it carefully. Policies should be applied consistently so that all applicants are treated fairly and equally. Temporary Financial Assistance policies have been developed on the basis of existing Temporary Financial Assistance principles and practices.

### Contract Policy

A contract is a legally enforceable agreement, lease or license between two or more parties. In the course and scope of regular work for the TTC, many employees experience the need to negotiate and execute contracts that legally bind TTC. The following policy is intended to provide employees with a framework for understanding the specific types of contracts, review process, signature authority and insurance required before a contract may be executed on behalf of Teslin Tlingit Council.

Entering into a contract exposes TTC resources and employees themselves to certain statutory and legal risks because all contracts create legally binding obligations. It is imperative that employees intending to enter into a contract with an outside party adhere to established procedures in order to protect TTC and themselves against this risk exposure. This policy ensures that contracts are administered fairly and consistently and adheres to common principles and to provide opportunity for Teslin Tlingit citizens and their spouses to increase their contracting capacity. The following definitions are defined in Policy.

*Contractor* - is anyone or any business that provides a service or performs work for compensation who is not considered an employee by Revenue Canada or a contract employee by Worker's Compensation Board.

*Tlingit contractor* - is any contractor who is a Teslin Tlingit Citizen or who is a spouse of a Citizen. Spouse includes common-law relationships.

*Immediate family* - includes mother, father, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, and includes common-law and step relationships.

*Director* - the associated department director.

### TTC Temporary Financial Assistance

For all citizens requiring TFA, please be advised that all intake appointments will be done by appointment only, there will be no exceptions.

Intake dates are the last two weeks of every month excluding Fridays.

Appointments booked with TFA clerk Sarah Fox at **867-390-2532 ext 393**

# Appeal Process for Administrative Decisions Survey

In the next few weeks the Administrative Tribunal Act Working Group of the Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) will seek your input on establishing and operating an appeal process. This process will provide Teslin Tlingit citizens with a avenue to appeal decisions made by the TTC and specific boards and committees.

During previous consultation, citizens have expressed the need to balance the cost with the level of need and ensure a resulting process is transparent, accessible and fair. Keeping this in mind, the Working Group has developed three options.

We will send a package to citizens with the three options for an appeal process

accompanied with a clear explanation for each of the processes.

Participants will receive a gift card and have their name put into a draw for a larger prize!

The Administrative Tribunal Act Working Group will meet once surveys are complete and have the grand prize draw. We hope to get your input! Thank you!

## Teslin EMS is always looking to recruit more volunteers! Contact Patty Wiseman to sign up!



## Non-Governmental Assets (NGA) GC 2018

### RESOLUTIONS MARCH 1, 2018

#### **Resolution #2018-003** **Enactment of Teslin Tlingit Council Land Titles Act – Passed**

WHEREAS the TTC Final Agreement recognizes TTC's ownership and interests over particular lands under Chapter 5 ('Settlement Lands') and recognizes TTC's authority to establish a system to record interests in its Settlement Lands. WHEREAS TTC has drafted a TTC land titles act, informed by the LTA (Lands Titles Act) ('the proposed act') to in effect create a land titles system for the recording of its interests in Settlement Lands and to allow for the creation of infeasible titles in its Settlement Lands equivalent to fee simple to facilitate economic development for residential, commercial and other purposes. Teslin Tlingit Citizens reviewed and presented their comments on the proposed act at public consultations held January and February 2018. The Executive Council has satisfied the legislative requirements in accordance with section 48 of the Administration & Interpretation Act and recommends that the General Council enact the proposed act as presented described as TTC Land Titles Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of the TTC, 2018 and which has been tabled to General Council. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council enacts the TTC Lands Titles Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of the TTC, 2018, be titled as the TTC Lands Titles Act and the new law will come into force and effect at a date to be fixed by the Executive Council of the Teslin Tlingit Council.

#### **Resolution #2018-004** **Non-governmental Assets (NGA) Oversight Committee Report & Recommendations – Passed**

WHEREAS the NGA MOU creates an oversight committee defined as the "NGA OC". In preparation for this General Council the NGA OC met February 23, 2018 and with representatives of TTC and the NGA

Entities on February 28, 2018; WHEREAS the NGA OC reports to the General Council annually and has delivered its financial and narrative report for 2017 to this General Council meeting (collectively the "2017 NGA Report"); the 2017 NGA report has made recommendations to the General Council. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council accepts and approves the 2017 NGA Report and recommendations.

#### **Resolution #2018-005** **TTC Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018-2019 Fiscal Year and Use of TTC's Line of Credit – passed**

WHEREAS the General Council approved a core operating budget for its April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 fiscal period at its meeting on February 22, 2018; the Executive Council has identified the following components of the TTC 2018-19 Core Budget that they are recommending be paid for by sourcing funds from the NGA Entities. General Council has authorized the Executive Council and the Executive Council has negotiated a line of credit loan facility from CIBC. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Council is authorized to access the TTC CIBC LOC to continue authorized expenditures and make new expenditures from the TTC CIBC LOC, provided that the Executive Council has identified a reasonable repayment plan for approved expenditures authorized by General Council.

#### **Resolution #2018-006** **General Council Authorization of Executive Council to Investigate the Cannabis Opportunity – passed**

WHEREAS the TTC Self Government Agreement recognizes TTC's authority to enact laws in relation to the use, management, administration, control and protections of its Settlement Lands. The federal government of Canada is passing new federal legislation that will allow for the legal supply, purchase, use and ownership of cannabis and cannabis related products. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council authorizes the Executive Council to investigate, research

and bring forward to General Council possible investment options for TTC to consider at the November 2018 GC, with an interim report shared at the July 2018 AGA. THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution is not permitting the investment as is, but indicates General Council's interest to research and investigate opportunities and to develop a business case that shows the benefits and costs of such opportunities.

### RESOLUTIONS FEBRUARY 2018

#### **Resolution #2018-004** **Appeal Process for Administrative Decisions – passed**

WHEREAS the General Council is committed to providing citizens with a process to appeal Teslin Tlingit government and committee decisions specific to matters that include but are not exclusive to post-secondary education, temporary financial assistance and housing ('administrative appeals') in a manner that is transparent, responsible and procedurally fair. WHEREAS the Executive Council provided the General Council a series of updates during the development and consultations in 2016/17. WHEREAS the TTC established a legislative committee in 2016, the legislative working group proposes to further engage Teslin Tlingit citizens and provide a range of appeal process options that include Executive Council retaining the authority to hear administrative appeals informed by conflict of interest guidelines, access to an arbitrator where each party would agree on the arbitrator or establish and operate an administrative tribunal. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the legislative working group continue with the legislative consultations and provide Teslin Tlingit citizens with the appeal process options, FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Council provide the General Council with a recommendation on the establishment of an administrative appeal process for citizens at the July 2018 AGA.

**Resolution #2018-005**  
**Lingít Yoo X'Atángi ka Haa Shagóon**  
**Oversight Committee – Language Mandate**  
**– passed**

WHEREAS the General Council enacted the Lingít Yoo X'Atángi ka Haa Shagóon law (the 'law') for revitalization, protection, advancement and increased access to Lingít for the citizens of TTC. The law was suspended to come into full force, to allow for the Lingít Yoo X'Atángi ka Haa Shagóon oversight committee to be established to develop and present a Lingít Yoo X'Atángi ka Haa Shagóon mandate to the General Council. The oversight committee requires additional time to complete its work THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the oversight committee present the Lingít Yoo X'Atángi ka Haa Shagóon mandate to the July 2018 AGA.

**Resolution #2018-006**  
**Legislative Amendments-Peacemaker**  
**Court & Justice Council Act, November 2011**  
**- passed**

WHEREAS the Justice Council and A/Director of Justice have been working with the Act since 2011 and recommended a number of technical and substantive amendments to the Executive Council on June 19, 2017 that will, correct the drafting, ensure consistency with the Constitution, require the Chief Peacemaker to hear cases in the absence of available Associate Peacemakers, link the budget considerations for both Peacemaker Court and the Justice Council to the administration of justice agreement and Teslin Tlingit policies, clarify the grounds for discipline of Peacemakers, and provide that the discipline panel have a member with knowledge and experience in administrative law ('proposed amendments'); WHEREAS Teslin Tlingit citizens have reviewed and presented their comments on the proposed amendments at public consultations held in January 2018, in Teslin and Whitehorse; the Executive Council has satisfied the legislative requirements to amend the Act, and recommends that the General Council approve the proposed amendments. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council approves the proposed amendments to the Act as outlined.

**Resolution #2018-007**  
**Confirmation of Executive Council**  
**Authority to Advance the Teslin Tlingit**  
**Council Financial Transfer Agreement**  
**('FTA') – passed**

**Resolution #2018-008**  
**Amendment to Teslin Tlingit Settlement**  
**Lands & Resources Act (2016) – passed**

WHEREAS the Executive Council is recommending that section 12(1) of the Teslin Tlingit Settlement Lands & Resources Act be amended to change the Land committee members' term of service from three years to four years to ensure consistency throughout all TTC Committees; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council approves the proposed amendments to the Act as outlined.


**Resolution #2018-009**  
**Teslin Tlingit Council Annual Operating**  
**Budget Estimates 2018-2019 Fiscal Year –**  
**passed**

WHEREAS the Executive Council recommends that the Core Budget be funded, the Executive Council proposes that additional revenues may be obtained; WHEREAS the Executive Council proposes to present a supplementary budget to the General Council at the July 2018 Annual General Assembly to confirm, if any, additional revenues and seek approval of the General Council to expend the monies to apply to the excess expenditures; and WHEREAS the General Council has the authority to approve the budget expenditures outlined in accordance with sections 10.9(b) and 22.3 of the TTC Constitution. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council approves the Core Budget as presented; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Council provide a report to the General Council at the July 2018 General Assembly, with a supplementary budget that identifies additional revenues to fund the excess expenditures, if new funds are accessed, for the General Council's consideration and approval if appropriate.


**Resolution #2018-010**  
**Leadership Advisory Committee: Report**  
**Status – passed**

WHEREAS the committee is mandated to provide a report to the General Council with a key focus on whether the Naa Shaade Hani or Deputy Naa Shaade Hani should be selected by an election or by an appointment process. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the committee provide a final report to the General Council at the July 2018 General Assembly.

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**Your Vision,  
Your Decision**



**VOTE**

**EACH PERSON THAT  
PARTICIPATES  
WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAW  
TO WIN GREAT PRIZES**

**Who can participate:**  
Any TTC Citizen 18 years and older.  
One choice per person.

**Where you can participate:**  
You can participate at the TTC Administration office in Teslin; or

You can participate at the TTC Whitehorse office;  
or

You can email your request to participate by writing to Jade McGinty at [jade.mcginty@ttc-teslin.com](mailto:jade.mcginty@ttc-teslin.com) and a link will be sent to you to cast your anonymous choice.

**Deadline for Participating:**  
Participate by **May 17, 2018**

**Results** will be announced on May 18th, 2018

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**Resolution #2018-011  
Leadership Advisory Committee:  
Replacement of Yanyedi Representative –  
passed**

WHEREAS the Committee members have been identified as representatives of five Teslin Tlingit clans, and the Yanyedi clan wish to replace Aggie Johnston on the leadership advisory committee with Madeline Jackson; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Yanyedi representative on the leadership advisory committee is Madeline Jackson.

**Resolution #2018-012  
Justice Council Composition: Constitutional  
Amendment – passed**

WHEREAS the General Council amended section 34(3) of the Teslin Tlingit Peacemaker Court & Justice Council Act, to increase the size of the Justice Council from six members to seven members to provide a seat for an elder representative, to be appointed by the Elders Council; WHEREAS section 16.A2 of the Constitution requires amendment to ensure operational consistency with section 34(3) of the Act, the Executive Council is recommending that the Constitution be

amended to reflect one Elder appointed by the Elders Council; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council amends section 16A2 of the Constitution to increase the size of the Justice Council to provide for a set for an elder representative and that the constitutional amendment is authorized in accordance with 50.3 of the Constitution.

**Resolution #2018-013  
Speakers Selection Process – passed**

WHEREAS the TTC Constitution does not provide for a process to select the Speaker of the General Council; a Speaker of the General Council is required to be appointed at the July 2018 Annual General Assembly, and the General Council is authorized, pursuant to section 6.3 of the TTC Constitution to prescribe procedures to address important matters. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council confirms that a Speaker of the General Council be selected and appointed in accordance with the following process:

- a. The Executive Council will advertise the positions no later than June 1, 2018
- b. Interested applicants will be required to file a letter of interest, outlining

what they view as relevant skills and experience to serve as a Speaker, accompanied with a nomination form affixed with two Clan signatures

- c. All interested applicants will be requested to attend and make representation to the General Council at the July 2018 Annual General Assembly
- d. A Speaker will be chosen by a secret ballot at the July 2018 General Assembly, should there be more than one applicant.
- e. All ballots will be destroyed following passage of a resolution affirming the new General Council Speaker.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Council establish and approve a statement of qualifications to be approved on or before June 1, 2018; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the process as outlined in this resolution be adopted as part of the Constitution at the July 2018 General Assembly.

**Resolution #2018-014  
Executive Council and Management Board:  
Authority, Accountability and Relationship  
within Teslin Tlingit Government Structure  
– tabled to July 2018**

## Do you want to work on a film set this summer? Are you looking for a new experience?

Former resident of Teslin, Ashley Hunking (Evans)...yes, Cole's sister...is making a short film called *Rise n' Shine* with Director, Silver Kim, this July and is looking for Teslin residents of all ages to join the cast & crew!

The shoot dates will be roughly between **July 3rd-7th** in and around Whitehorse and Teslin!

### We're looking for:

- On set hands
- Drivers
- Cooks
- Small roles & Extras
- And more!

\*Please note: this is a low-budget independent film. Compensation will be negotiated.

If interested, please send an email of interest to [silver\\_kim@hotmail.com](mailto:silver_kim@hotmail.com)

Don't have experience? That's okay! A good attitude, being reliable and having a willingness to learn is all you need.

**Let's shoot a movie in Teslin!**







## Your Vision, Your Decision

✓ **May 16, 2018**  
**TTC Whitehorse Office**  
**12-4**

✓ **May 17, 2018**  
**Teslin Rec. Centre**  
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**GO**  
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## Spring Break Camp Report

MARCH 19-26, 2018

The spring break camp was a huge success. We had double the participants this year, we had 7 youth who came from Whitehorse, 2 who came all the way from Watson Lake for camp and 29 youth from Teslin.

Activities held during camp:

- Medicine making
- Snow forts competition
- Set bait hooks & net
- Winter Survival skills
- Blindfold day with partners
- Treasure hunt
- Fire making
- Skills competition
- Preparing a Moose hide , cutting hair, fleshing and graining
- Cleaning fish
- Stick gambling
- Tlingit dancing
- Decorating eggs
- Team building skills

Although we only had a couple weeks to plan things out the camp turned out to be a huge success the youth enjoyed their week, some even showed up an hour early, calling themselves the "Early Birds." The camp is getting more popular each year and the youth have expressed that they like knowing that it is going to happen every year. Holding annual events such as camps gives the students something to look forward to each year. The kids came more prepared and ready this year and most took the time to ensure they had proper gear for camp. We had a hand full of new participants this year, which was interesting. Having new participants that are "green" to the bush life made a great opportunity for team building for the youth, the 2nd year participants shared skills learned last year with the new participants. Skills, shortcuts, and laughter were shared constantly.

This year I didn't put an age limit on the camp as last year we had a few heartbroken kids who weren't able to stay due to no parent or adult supervision. There were some super happy little ones when they found out they were allowed to stay in camp this year.

We had some team building experiences throughout the camp to help build relationships outside of the school environment. We had a blindfold day where the youth took turns caring for a blind partner for the afternoon; building on trust, empathy, patience and caring for others. This was a one of the kid's favorite activities. Part of the learning lesson with this activity was to allow the youth to experience what an elder may experience and how they rely on younger people to assist them. Creating some empathy with the youth towards their elders, by having them experience being in a vulnerable place and having to rely on someone to support and assist them.

We closed the camp with a huge feast. All the youth made invitations to their families inviting them down for dinner. The youth set tables and decorated them for their families (they took a lot of pride in this) we had well over 60 people for dinner.

Having done spring camps on and off over the past 16 years it is always a pleasure to be with the kids practicing and learning skills. Getting the attention of children with the steady stream of technology readily available is quite the task. I am happy to say with the exception of a few youth who showed up with cell phones or iPads, we had no difficulty engaging the kids in the daily activities.

The only area we had some difficulty in is the camp equipment and location. Everything is spread all over the place, although I have gathered much of the equipment and have it all under one roof there is so much stuff missing or pieces missing that makes it difficult to run

### 2018 Numbers

**38** youth participants ages 2 - 15

**12** adult visitors daily

**2** full time cooks: Pat Lindsay and Wanda Jackson

**1** full time assistant for youth/ culture demonstrations: Lorraine Dewhurst

**1** full time camp attendant: Anthony Johnston

**2** H&S staff workers: Sarah Fox and Dalelyn Secord

a camp. I would suggest that Heritage, Health and Social ( Day Care included,) and Education combine all our camp equipment, inventory it, and share the use of it as none of us are running programming at the same time and rather than repurchasing camp equipment, sharing seems more feasible. There is so much camp equipment between all these departments and there is rarely ever an overlap with programming that it only makes sense to share the use of all this equipment rather than having sheds full of camp gear that is rarely being used. As for location issues it would be a lot easier if we had one secure place for camps. I suggest again that the Mary house be transformed into a cultural area where we can provide at least 3 annual camps, it is easily accessible, it supports winter and summer camps, and other cultural programming for TTC citizens.



## Transforming Lateral Violence Into Lateral Kindness

APRIL 25 & 26, 2018 | MAY 9 & 10, 2018

*Knowledge of what Lateral Violence is, why it happens and what the historical causes are.*

Lateral Violence is a real issue impacting First Nation Communities, Governments, leadership councils, families, and Nations on a profound level.

It is a vision of many First Nations Governments to provide pathways to true and meaningful healing and betterment for their citizens. Lateral Violence is a major obstacle that is impeding progress on these pathways. Our goal is to help to bring awareness and strategies so that communities can deal with lateral violence and move beyond it to realize their true potential and vision.

What you will learn: to identify cases of Lateral Violence when they are emerging, and safely take action to stop and/or reduce negative impacts.

**Location:** Rec Plex

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Mandatory** for all  
TTC Employees & Executive  
& General Council to attend

**Open to** TTC Citizens

**Facilitators :** Marilyn Jensen  
& Thomas Shepherd of Social  
Innovation Consulting

40 seats available per session

**For more information**  
contact 390.2532 ext. 316

## Hockey Day

A HUGE thank you to the NHL players who came to visit Teslin. The day started off with the players going to each class room and giving motivational talks to the students. Reggie and Jamie Leach are the only native father and son on a Stanley cup. They encouraged students to finish school, and go to college. 'Become Doctors, Lawyers and Nurses; and then come back and contribute to your community.' Says Mr. Leach.

Students enjoyed a hockey game in the gym after a hearty lunch. You can see how much fun was had, even with the Grand Chief Peter Johnston playing along. Mayor Jules has a jersey Autographed by all the NHL players and will donate it to the school to raffle off for student funding. After leaving the school practically the whole town came down to the skating rink and enjoyed watching the game between the locals and the NHL players. Skills for skating and passing provided youth

with new techniques to help improve their game.

The day ended with a huge dinner in the Thomas Dewhurst complex. Everyone was able to get the autographs of all the players and pose for pictures. Some locals even got to try on Stanley Cup rings. Thanks again to all those who help organize this day, which I am sure youth will remember for the rest of their lives.





## Mini-Rendezvous 2018



Thank you to Kelsey for organizing another fun year of Mini-Rendezvous. This year was nice and warm, spring was definitely in the air. Teslin folks enjoyed a delicious feast and many outdoor fun and games for all ages. The crib tournament was full of smiles and laughter. Duane was only two or three points away from a perfect game; followed by a close second, Robert who was only six points off a perfect game. All in all it was a fun crib tournament for sure.

The teams for Tea Boiling, Bannock Making were comprised of one Adult and one Youth. This makes for some great laughs for sure. Starting your fire with cotton balls was definitely different. Who would have thought they would be so flammable. Contestants had to go in timed heaps because so many teams signed up.

Refreshments provided by Teslin Minor Hockey Association. Plenty of burgers and hot dogs to go around for everyone. Thanks Doug, Pat and Lance for helping with this important fundraiser for our youth of Teslin. It was nice to sit back and enjoy a \$6 burger and hot chocolate to help everyone stay warm.

Skidoo races proved to be very entertaining again. Watching how fast the machines went sent shivers up a person's spine. Even the little ones had their own skidoo race. Congrats to all the winners over the weekend of events. Thanks to Teslin Tlingit Council, Village of Teslin and recreation programmer Kelsey! A huge thank you to all the volunteers for such a fun time.





# Community Events

## CYFN 45th Gala





## Lands Update

### Salmon Management Plan & Yukon River Panel

The Salmon Management Plan Advisory Group is continuing their work with the Lands department on the revised TTC Salmon Management Plan. In an effort to ensure that the draft content that is being developed is representative of TTC Citizens, an Open House was held in Teslin and Whitehorse in early April. We will have more information about what we heard in those two meetings in the next Deslin Neek issue. The AG will continue to draft the content of the Plan over the next month or two, following which there will be a round of Citizen consultation.

A TTC delegation will be attending the Yukon River Panel meeting in Anchorage in mid-April. The YRP meetings are now live streamed on YouTube, so if you are interested in watching from home, or if you would like to join Lands staff who will be watching from Teslin, keep an eye out for a notice with more information on how to get connected, or contact Gillian Rourke at Lands. More information about what to expect this season for run conditions and TTC approaches to management will be released as we progress through various pre-season meetings in April and May.

### Trapper Support Program

Thanks again to folks who applied to the Trapper Support Fund. We hope that you and all of our trappers had a successful season. Weather conditions were certainly challenging this year, as we seem to be seeing more and more

often. We have been working with some trappers with ongoing access challenges to find long-term solutions that will provide for more certainty in their trapping season in years where early winter conditions prevent safe access routes from forming. These challenges are a clear sign of our changing environment, and helpful for understanding how winter conditions may be affecting our furbearer populations and other species that require certain conditions for winter survival.

For all those who received assistance, we remind you that final reports needed to be in by March 31st, even if you were unable to complete your activities. If you haven't submitted a report yet, please contact Gillian Rourke. If we were unable to get out on the land with you this year, we encourage you to let us know in your report how your season went, and to apply again next year. Trappers are always welcome to come and see us about getting maps printed, or assistance with GPSing their trails for future planning.

### Game Guardians

Spring is finally in full swing! Watch for caribou, as they are still moving across the road in numerous places, and they blend in well with the road this time of year. Ice conditions will change quickly with the warmer weather, and can be unpredictable even though it looks safe. Take extra care this time of year, and carry self-rescue ice picks and other necessary safety supplies on your person if you need to travel on the ice. If you see anything unusual on the land, please let us know. We

greatly appreciate any and all reports to assist our monitoring of the traditional territory.

### Land Planning

We continue to work with other TTC departments on various land planning projects, most of which were identified in the 10-year Community Development Plan with the Village of Teslin and DDC. We are told that construction the drainage ditches is almost complete. The location and alignment of the Connector Road is almost finalized now as well and it should be signed off at the April 5th community dinner. We will also be asking folks at the dinner for their thoughts on the location of the new TTC administration building and a new school / pool/ greenhouse. After the new fiscal year starts on April 1st, we hope to step up our work on the planning for new residential lots, new light industrial lots, and planning the Settlement Land along the Alaska Highway corridor.

The timber harvest management planning team is on track to have a draft plan out for public comment in a month or two. This timber harvest plan is for potential cutting areas in Yukon; the wood cutting in the Swan Lake Burn for biomass is also underway however we have put timber harvest planning in BC on the back burner. We will wait and see if harvest areas in the Yukon will fill our needs, or if there is public desire to cut in the BC portion of the Traditional Territory.

As always, you are welcome to stop by the Lands office anytime to look at maps and chat with staff.

## Upcoming Teslin Campus Courses



## 2018 Winter/Spring Schedule

Date	Time	Course	Cost
April 23-June 20	9am-4pm daily	Introduction to Small Engine Repair & Welding Program	\$513 +gst + tech fee
April 14 & 15	9am-6pm	Standard First Aid	\$270 (no gst)
April 23-May 14	5:30-8:00pm Mondays	Diabetes Wellness Series	Free
April 30	8:30am-Noon	WHMIS	\$79 +gst
April 30	1-5:30pm	Transportation of Dangerous Goods	\$79 +gst
May 1	9am-5pm	Fall Arrest	\$175 +gst
May 2-4	9am-5pm	Rigging and Hoisting	\$349 +gst
May 23 & 24	9am-5pm	Understanding Land Claims and Self-Government	\$199 +gst
May 30	9am-5pm	Minute-Taking Workshop	\$125 +gst
May or June (TBA)	TBA	Confined Spaces Entry	TBA
May or June (TBA)	TBA	Aerial Platform	TBA



### Questions/Registration

If you have questions or want to register, please contact the Teslin Campus at 867.390.8800.

Teslin Campus 867.390.8800

ycteslin@yukoncollege.yk.ca

yukoncollege.yk.ca

## Spring/Summer Upgrading Courses By Distance

Courses available between May 1–June 29

### COLLEGE ACCESS PATHWAYS (COLLEGE PREP)

	Course Name	Times
ENGL 030	Communication through Reading and Writing	TBD
ENGL 050	College Writing Skills	TBD
ENGL 060	Introduction to Literature	TBD
MATH 030	Basic Mathematics and Introductory Algebra	TBD
MATH 050	Intermediate Algebra	TBD
MATH 060	Advanced Algebra	TBD

Please contact the Academic and Skills Development at 867.668.8850 for more information or to make an appointment with a program advisor to register.



#### Dates and Time

May 1-June 29

By distance

#### Tuition and Fees

\$219 for English courses

\$438 for Math courses

*Note: Math courses are six-credits, English courses are three-credits.*

#### Plus tech fee

\$25 part-time students

\$100 full-time students

#### Questions/Registration

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## It's Tax Season: Remember to Tick the Box!

**T1 GENERAL 2011**  
Income Tax and Benefit Return

**Information about you**  
Enter your social insurance number (SIN) ...  
Enter your date of birth: Year Month Day  
Your language of correspondence: English Français

**Marital status**  
Tick the box that applies to your marital status on December 31, 2011:  
1  Married 2  Living common-law 3  Widowed  
4  Divorced 5  Separated 6  Single

**Information about your spouse or common-law partner**  
Enter his or her SIN if it is not on the label or if you are not attaching a label: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information about your residence**  
Enter your province or territory of residence on December 31, 2011: \_\_\_\_\_  
Enter the province or territory where you currently reside if it is not the same as your mailing address above: \_\_\_\_\_  
If you were self-employed in 2011, enter the province or territory of self-employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
If you became or ceased to be a resident of Canada for income tax purposes in 2011, enter the date of: Month Day or departure Month Day

**Person deceased in 2011**  
If this return is for a deceased person, enter the date of death: Year Month Day

**Residency information for tax administration agreements** (see Form YT432 for details)  
Did you reside on the Settlement Land of a Self-Governing Yukon First Nation on December 31, 2011? Yes  No   
Name of Self-Governing First Nation: Teslin Tlingit Council Identification Number: 11011

**Elections Canada** Elections Canada (see the Elections Canada page in the tax guide for details or visit [www.elections.ca](http://www.elections.ca))  
A) Are you a Canadian citizen? Yes  No   
B) As a Canadian citizen, do you authorize the Canada Revenue Agency to give your name, address, date of birth, and citizenship to Elections Canada to update the National Register of Electors? Yes  No

## SAMPLE TAX FORM



For all Teslin Tlingit Council Citizens attending a **Fall** semester beginning **September 2018** at a recognized post secondary institution:

Applications for student financial assistance will be accepted up to 5:00pm Pacific Standard Time (PST) on **May 15, 2018**.

Any late applications will be deferred to the next intake date in **Nov. 2018**.



Please email, mail or fax applications to:  
Attention: Community Skills Development Officer  
Box 133, Teslin Yukon YO A 1B0 Phone: 867-390-2532 ext:318 / Fax:867-390-2176  
Email: [marie.davies@ttc-teslin.com](mailto:marie.davies@ttc-teslin.com)

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# Diabetes

WELLNESS SERIES

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**Mondays**

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**TAKE ACTION**

with practical tips for  
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and personal activity



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**TO REGISTER:**

To register, call the Chronic Conditions  
Support Program at 1-800-661-0408  
ext. 8733. Registration deadline is April 16.



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# Announcements

## Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to **Sister Margaret** – March 4th,  
Lots of love from Alice, Joyce, Rita,  
Jeannette, Butch & Earl.

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Happy Birthday to **Sister Rita** – March 25th,  
Lots of love from Margaret, Joyce,  
Alice, Jeannette, Butch & Earl

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Happy Birthday to **My (Baby) Sugar** – March 15th,  
Lots of Love from Mom

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Happy Birthday to **Clayton** –  
March 8th,  
Lots of love from Douville family

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Happy Birthday to **Nephew Jacob** – April 26th,  
Lots of love from your Aunties,  
Uncle Earl

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Happy Birthday to my son **Tommy Dewhurst**, may all your  
hopes and dreams come true!  
Love, Mom

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Happy 16th Birthday **Tamika!!**  
Love all of us at home!

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Best of birthday wishes to **Cordell Jules** and **Julian Jules** – May 2018 be  
a fantastic year for you both!  
Much love to you – Mom!

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Happy Birthday **Valerie!** On May 8th  
Love from Randy, Aaron, Amanda,  
Brittany and the animals xoxoxoxo

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Happy Birthday **Kyra**  
Lots of Love from your Grandparents,  
family and friends.

Happy 19th **Ryan** – Love your Family  
and Friends.

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Happy Birthday **Amanda Keleher**  
for April 17th.  
Love from Dad, Val, Aaron, Brittany  
and pets.

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Happy Belated Birthday  
**Brittany Keleher** on February 26th.  
Love from Dad, Val, Aaron, Amanda  
and pets.

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March 2 – Happy Birthday **Jim Kirk!**  
Char & Jay

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March 16 – Happy Birthday to  
**Darrell Peters** – Love Char & Jay

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March 23 – Happy 12th Birthday  
to **Emily Ann Sidney**. Hope your  
day was awesome!  
Lots of love Grandma Char &  
Grandpa Jay

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March 24 – Happy 2nd Birthday  
to **Hazel Rose Bunbury** – Hope  
your day was amazing!  
Lots of Love Grandpa Jay and  
Grandma Char

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March 30 – Happy 5th Birthday to  
**Mia Moose!** Enjoy your big day!  
Lots of Love Grandma Char and  
Grandpa Jay

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March 27 – Happy Birthday to **Lolly!**  
Love Char & Jay and Happy Birthday  
to Del!

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April 5th: Happy 10th Birthday to  
our sonny boy **Dylan Charlie!**  
Love Mom, Atá, Nigel and Azaria xox

Happy Birthday to **Doris Bahm**  
for April 24th.  
Love Clara, Leon and Family

## Thank You!

I would like to say thank you to **Jean Taylor** for hosting another successful painting session both here in Teslin and in Whitehorse. I always feel so calm when learning in her class; as other must feel as well. I had so much to learn and gain from attending these classes. As you can see from the photos taken other students enjoyed painting and learning new techniques' as well. Look at the colours and notice the strokes as they all blend in the right direction. Many students in Whitehorse were also eager to take the course. Here some pictures from that painting session. Painting is so therapeutic and helps one to express their thoughts and emotions and feelings on canvas. Many students have done some Beautiful paintings, watching them unfold right in front of you almost seems like watching magic being created. Gunalchich again for the teachings Jean.

Thank you everyone for  
submissions and photos.

**Next Deslin neek  
submission deadline  
will be May 30th.**



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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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