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National Tlingit Day

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Teslin Tlingit Council



Message from Naa Shaáde Háni

On behalf of Executive Council, we would like to acknowledge former Speaker Koodu.aat Tláa (Sharon Shorty) for her work during the last four years. She has upheld the speaker's office being respectful and diligent. Controversial issues have come to the table and she stood with us through those times and didn't allow anything to affect how she conducted herself. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

Congratulations to Bob Magill for accepting this responsibility. Bob was sworn in as Speaker of General Council on July 11, 2018.

TTC recently held the Annual General Assembly (AGA). Citizens and GC members were updated on the numerous programs and services that TTC delivers. The following pages will give you an idea of what was presented at the AGA. I have highlighted some of them below:

- The Youth council provided an update on the recent Youth Assembly that. Youth would like more activities in Teslin such as basketball, archery and land-based activities. A survey will be sent to youth to provide input and the plan is to have this developed by December 31st.
- Housing Committee this past year has been busy with allocations, grants, and transfers. They revised policy (includes response from TTC/Citizens), home insurance, working towards housing needs in the community..
- Citizenship Committee works with the Elders Council on the recommendations for the recognition list that was presented to clans in November 2016. Duties includes: process from applications to approval, genealogy and heritage work, clan meetings regarding recommendations. Meetings can be setup with the chair, registrar and clan representative.
- Lands Management Committee does a lot of work with Lands . which includes: land allocations, community planning and improvement plans, environmental

assessment, timber harvest strategy planning, contaminated sites, Teslin Lands and Resources Act, and review of the five-year plan

Executive members attended the official unveiling of *The Landscapes Speaks* project and the monumental landscapes art piece "The Gathering" by Tlingit artist Douglas Smarch Jr. on National Tlingit Day. What a wonderful event for the community! Thank you everyone who attended and celebrated this day, thank you to Liz, for organizing such a great event.

We will be engaging with citizens in the fall on some key issues that we will be needing decisions on at the GC in November

The AGA gave us an opportunity to officially thank Pat for the years of service.. The new director of Finance is Orlando Cochingo

In closing, thank you for your time and continuous support.

Gunalchish,
Naa Shaadé Háni Achêno
(Chief Richard Sidney)



Welcome to New Justice Council Members



The new Justice Council members have been appointed. They were sworn in on August 8th, with the Executive Council.

They are: Martina Baker – Yanyeidi; Anne Turner – Ishekeetaan ; Hannah Turner – Youth Council rep; Liz Bosely – Dak’aweidi; Pearl Callaghan – Elder’s

Council rep; Doug Smarch Jr. – Kookhitaan
Looking forward to working with them, they have lots of experience.

Moose Population Concerns

During their General Assembly, the Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) passed a resolution to continue the voluntary restrictions on moose harvesting for TTC citizen. Also, the TTC is restricting licensed moose harvest on all its Settlement Lands and will not issue access permits to non-citizens, effective immediately.

The TTC is concerned that there is overharvesting in the Teslin Tlingit traditional territory and wants to avoid harvesting pressures on the moose population within the Teslin Tlingit traditional territory and Settlement Lands. According to Elders, the moose population has been decreasing for a number of years.

“We take our role as stewards of the land seriously. This means ensuring that our future generations can also enjoy fishing and hunting,” stated Naa Shaáde Háni, Richard Sidney. “Conservation is not only a priority but a duty for the TTC.”

The TTC enacted its Lands and Resources Act in June 2018 and now is exercising its

authority over its lands. The Act gives the Teslin Tlingit Council the tools necessary to protect and govern over their lands within their Traditional Territory.

The TTC is asking citizens to register their harvest with the Department of Lands and Resources. This will help the management

of the moose population and will provide important information to the TTC.

The Department of Lands and Resources is currently updating its Moose Management Plan with the collaborating of the Yukon Government, the Teslin Renewable Resource Council and the Province of British Columbia.

Counselling Support in Teslin

Counselling support in Teslin, as it relates to challenges with chemical dependency and mental health. My hours are Monday-Friday from 9-12PM and 12:30PM-5PM and my office is at the Forestry Building. For members who live outside the village and have transportation challenges, arrangements can be made. My goal is to help adults who need support in making positive changes in their lives.

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National Tlingit Day

by Elizabeth Bosely,
Community Arts & Events Coordinator

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Morris emceed. Justin Ferbey-Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Sierra van der Meer-CanNor Regional Director, and Bob Magill-TTC Trust spoke to the success of the Landscape Speaks project. Employment opportunities were provided for our community and an already beautiful landscape was further enhanced to include: a fire pit & amphitheatre, outdoor classroom,

viewing deck, patio & fire pit with five conversation rocks that represent the five clans, a dock, and walking paths that lead to points of interest that allow guests to fully experience the grandeur and functionality of the Heritage Center.

It was fitting to showcase the Heritage Center on National Tlingit Day. Nestled on the shoreline of Teslin Lake with a majestic view of Tle' Nax T'awei (The



Three Aces), it embodies why “We are Part of the Land, Part of the Water” words spoken by the late Virginia Smarch that reflect who we are as Tlingit People. For years to come, the Heritage Center will highlight our rich history and culture to a global audience that desires authentic, cultural experiences. The Heritage Center’s cultural demonstrators are the ambassadors of our traditional knowledge and practices, and each proudly shares their traditional knowledge with our guests.

Skaydu.û - Autum Jules

enthusiastically demonstrates regalia design in the Great Hall at the Heritage Center. At a young age, Skaydu.û was drawn to art from watching her mother Connie Jules and her Auntie Pearl Keenan design, sew and bead regalia and other traditional products. She states, “The love they showed for the culture and language, keeping it rich and alive for future generations...I fell in love right then and there and told myself this is what I want to do, not only for myself but for the future generations.” Autum’s regalia designs are a combination of traditional Tlingit and contemporary design elements using textiles, beadwork, hides, applique designs, Northwest Coast form line designs, and foliage designs.

Skaydu.û is methodical and creative in her pattern designs, and her attention to detail results in traditional colored fabrics being embellished with vibrantly colored beads. She has a Fashion Design Diploma from the Art Institute of Vancouver.

Yagât - Peter Jules takes pride in practicing his traditional Tlingit culture year round. His fine-tuned skills in the outdoors were passed down from his parents – Clara & Leon. Peter has a background in big game guiding, and has hunted moose all over our traditional territory. He’s worked at TTC’s culture camp and has taught the school kids how to cape-out a black bear. At the Heritage Center, Peter demonstrates how to fillet and prepare fish for the smoker. He has smoked lake trout, white fish, pike, sockeye and coho salmon for guests to sample. Edna Cavazos from Sinton, Texas has this to say about Peter, “He was working the smoke house where he had just placed some salmon. He explained the process to me in great detail. He also shared fishing and hunting stories filled with traditions from the Tlingit...Peter is knowledgeable in nature whether it be animal or the environment. If you get a chance to visit the Heritage Center, stop by and visit with him.

He is very intriguing. I will be back with my family.”

Yeikunasheen – Lorraine Wolfe feels that her position at the Heritage Centre has been positive and inspiring as she is able to share and bring awareness to people from all over the world about our culture, traditions, history, and the resilience of our People.

Yeikunasheen is a carver. In 2017, she completed a two year Diploma in Northwest Coast Fine Arts at the Freda Diesing Northwest Community College in Terrace, BC. She gained valuable hands-on instruction from Master Carvers Stan Bevan and Ken McNeil and had the privilege of being mentored by renowned carver Dempsey Bob.

Many of Lorraine’s art pieces have been sold to private collections, Spirit Wrestler Gallery, and most recently, her “Bear Mother” alder mask was selected for the Yukon Permanent Art Collection. Adding to her accomplishments, Lorraine’s wolf design won the 2017-2018 Arts – North of Ordinary Cover, and her “Raven Brings Light” design was chosen for the Yukon Government Tourism Banner Project.

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Put **Laura Nolan** in the forest, and she will impress you with her in-depth knowledge of indigenous plant medicines and their traditional uses. The kitchen cache at the Heritage Center is filled with jars of sage, yarrow, fireweed, arnica, Labrador tea, wild roses, devil's club, balsam pitch and bark, bed straw, valerian, goldenrod, plantain, wild onion, and wild mint...just to name a few! Laura is able

to make salves, tonics, tinctures, lotions, creams, ointments, gels, soap, wines and teas from the variety of plants that she picks. The tourists love Laura's enthusiasm, wisdom and wealth of knowledge about the plants indigenous to this area.

In 2011, Laura graduated from the Community Herbalist Program at the Pacific Rim College in Victoria, BC and is furthering her education in phytotherapy-medical herbalism.

Visiting the Teslin Tlingit Heritage Center is a delightful, informative experience. Guests

enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea, a golden, crispy piece of bannock, and a sample of smoked fish. We've received guests from the Netherlands, Germany, New Zealand, Australia, Czech Republic, and the USA. Their comments include, "Very interesting! Beautiful place! Thanks for sharing your culture! Wonderful salmon! Delicious bannock!"

So inspiring! Come and experience the hospitality of the Heritage Center. We are a world-class center that offers quality service to the public.



Gunatchîsh to all the helpers on Tlingit Day

Gunatchîsh to all the people who helped make this day so WONDERFUL. With so many people visiting our center on July 28th making this day such a success. Many people enjoyed the cultural demonstrators showcasing our Tlingit way of life here in Teslin. Along with an unveiling of the 'Lands Speaks' and final touches to the grounds at the heritage. Gunatchîsh to Doug Smarch Jr on his work done on this landmark. This monument will stand for hundreds of years. Long after the heritage center and everything else is gone, this rock will stand as a memento of the people who once lived here. The afternoon held dance performances out to the unveiling and followed by Cash Creek Charlie and Grandma Suzi performing. To finish the night of Don Burnstick had people in tears laughing. Gunatchîsh to the heritage staff and volunteers who came out and helped.



Carcross Totem Pole Rising

July 27th, 2018 marked a historic day for the Carcross Tagish First Nations. The day started with a nice bus ride from Teslin to arrive just in time for lunch. A total of six totems were unveiled, while another was put up with people from all over helping to raise the final pole. A huge crane was also used to help hold the final pole in place while workers fastened the pole to the ground and building. The Learning center is a place where people can go and learn about the Tlingit culture and language. It plays a key role in helping to revitalize our language

and culture. With outstanding views and beautiful art work, this building has much to offer. Chief Andy Carvill and his Executive staff spoke about the poles of their clan and sang a song to honour their clan poles. Chief Carvill also asked TTC Chief and Council to say a few words as well. Many children along with the day care staff performed for the crowds. Our youth will be the ones to carry our culture forward, and we must help them in any way we can. The learning center will play a massive role in these important matters. After the people filled the great

hall and enjoyed performances put on by the following Dance groups: Carcross/ Tagish Dancers and DaKa Kwan dance group. Even Cash Creek Charlie and Grandma Suzi showed up to make the crowds laugh a lot. The evening finished with a feast which everyone enjoyed. Then a short bus ride home to conclude the day.



CRA and Service Canada Outreach Visits

Sept 10th, 2018
10:30-2:30
Teslin Long House

CRA & Service Canada will be doing Outreach visits in your area to share information with your community residents regarding pensions – CPP & OAC, Employment Insurance, Canada Child Benefit and Goods and Service Tax.

Fall 2018 Upgrading Courses By Distance

Courses available between September 5–December 20, 2018

COLLEGE ACCESS PATHWAYS (COLLEGE PREP)

Course Name	
ENGL 030	Communication through Reading and Writing
ENGL 050	College Writing Skills
ENGL 060	Introduction to Literature
MATH 030	Basic Mathematics and Introductory Algebra
MATH 050	Intermediate Algebra
MATH 060	Advanced Algebra
HIST 050	History of Yukon First Nations
CHEM 050	Intro to Chemistry I
BIOL 050	Intro to Biology I
SCI 030	Intro to Science



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.

Registration ends on September 7, 2018.

Dates and Time

September 5 to December 20

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

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.

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Back to the Land Support

TTC has funding for citizens 14 years of age and older to pursue traditional and cultural activities on traditional land. Support offered through this policy must fall within an established budget and work-plan. Receipts must be added with application for proof of payment.

2.1 Eligibility

This policy applies to citizens who will or intend to engage in traditional Teslin Tlingit cultural, on the land pursuits WITHIN the TTC traditional territory and as follows:

- Is a TTC citizen, enrolled with TTC
- Does not owe TTC any money, unless a

repayment plan has been signed and honoured for at least 6 months.

2.2 Eligible Support for Back to the Land Policy can be used for the following:

- Expenses such as gas, food, etc., where reasonable.
- Registration for tanning (such a moose hides)
- Travel and accommodations specific to training, such as hunting areas, harvesting area with in TTC traditional lands.
- Materials and equipment as required to assist with cultural activities such as camping

gear which includes tent, bedroll, etc.

- Assistance may be approved for rebuilding of fish camps, purchase of fish nets.
- Use towards purchase of equipment for harvest i.e. saw, meat grinder, pressure cooker, canning supplies, etc.
- Purchase of firearms and or ammunition.

Applications can be picked up and dropped off with Executive services. Deadline for application is September 27th, 2018. Payments will be made October 11th.



Hunter Safety Tips

1. Always carry a waterproof fire-starting kit in a pocket. If you get wet, starting 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 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.

TTC Administrative Appeals Process Update

In 2015, General Council identified a need to develop and implement a process for citizens to appeal internal Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) government decisions specific to employee-employer relations and the delivery of programs and services such as housing, post-secondary and temporary financial assistance (TFA).

In 2016, TTC established a legislative committee to draft an administrative appeals law. During this time the legislative committee recommended that an administrative appeals process not handle employee-employer or human rights matters. The proposed law would however provide a process for citizens to appeal decisions issued either by the TTC government departments or TTC committees specific to particular programs and services, such as post-secondary, housing or TFA.

In 2017 the proposed administrative appeals law was taken out for consultations held with Executive Council, Management Board, Elders Council and the TTC citizens. Through the consultation process there was general support to develop a process for citizens to appeal TTC government and committee decisions; however there were questions whether TTC should establish an administrative tribunal panel.

In 2018 the legislative committee recommended to the General Council that additional consultations were required to bring forward recommendations on how to proceed with establishing an appeals process. The legislative committee identified that the next stage of consultations would be informed by a survey of TTC citizens (18 years and over), asking then which option they support to provide an appeal process on TTC government and committee decisions.

Between the dates June 5, 2018 to June 19, 2018, citizens over the age of 18 were invited to participate in a survey to identify their support to have administrative appeals heard before:

- a) An arbitrator;
- b) An Ombudsman;
- c) The Executive Council or
- d) An administrative tribunal

72 citizens participated. Out of 72 entries, 2 surveys were incomplete or spoiled. 5 citizens were in support of an arbitrator, 31 citizens supported an ombudsman, 9 citizens supported Executive Council and 26 citizens supported the administrative tribunal.

Informed by the consultations through public meetings and the survey results, the legislative working group recommends the following:

- a) Defer the matter to the November 2018 general Council;
- b) Legislative working group to further explore the two options that received the most support by citizens of establishing an office for a TTC ombudsman and establishing an appeals process;
- c) Legislative working group further evaluate and report to the November 2018 GC:
 - 1) Requirements to establish the ombudsman and appeals process (by statute or policy)
 - 2) Ability to establish as a combination or stand-alone process;
 - 3) Enforceability of decisions; and
 - 4) Cost to establish and operate processes (combined or alone)

The decision that was made at the July Annual General Assembly is to hold these discussions at the November 2018 General Council. Clans are encouraged to meet and discuss the issues and work towards having a decision by December.

The Legislative Working Group is available to attend clan meetings.

Duane Gastant' Aucoin
Kim Smarch
James Smarch
Carl Smarch
Wes Wirth

CYFN: Lands and Resources Committee

The Council of Yukon First Nations has restarted a committee of First Nation Lands and Resources Departments. This committee is an opportunity for First Nations across the Yukon to discuss common issues they face, to support and advise each other, and to

provide coordinated input, advice and support to political or administrative bodies. The first meeting of the new committee was held in Mayo in June. TTC was pleased to host the second committee meeting at Brooks Brook on August 1st and 2nd. Agenda

items include topics like regional land use planning, the Yukon Forum, government policies such as the Resource Roads regulation, Yukon Parks Strategy and trapper compensation. The committee will continue to meet on a regular basis.

Leadership Advisory Committee (LAC)

SURVEY UPDATE

Summary

All Teslin Tlingit Citizens who reside on and off Teslin Tlingit Settlement Land were asked to participate in an anonymous survey, to indicate their preference for leadership determination. The options were:

- a) Traditional Selection – Elders Council and Clan Leaders decide;
- b) Citizen Selection – Citizens 18 years and older get to vote on leadership

Discussion

The survey results are reported in this update, which has been discussed at the TTC 2018 Annual General Assembly in July.

Leadership Advisory Committee will begin preparing for leadership determination at the TTC 2020 Annual General Assembly.

The current process followed for leadership determination is defined under Schedule 'B' of the TTC Constitution – amendments may be required and can be brought forward to future General Council meetings leading up to the AGA for approval.

Survey Method

TTC's Communications Unit delivered the anonymous survey on behalf of TTC's Leadership Advisory Committee, using the online service 'Survey Monkey' between the dates April 16th – June 29th 2018. Notice of the survey was sent out by postal mail and email. The advertising we used consisted of newspaper and radio ads, along with posters around Teslin and at the TTC Whitehorse Office. The LAC hosted four (4) open house events, in Whitehorse and Teslin.

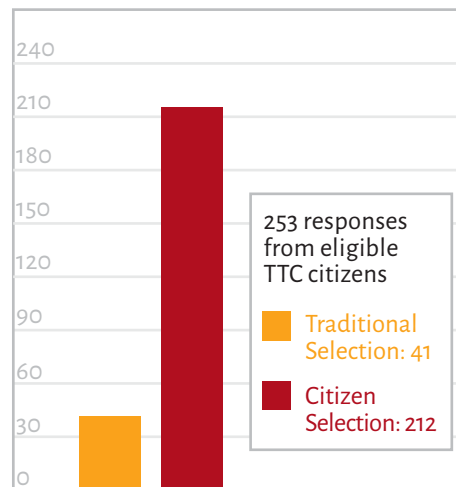
At the request of the Leadership

Advisory Committee, the survey timeframe was extended until the end of June 2018 to ensure many TTC Citizens had the opportunity to participate.

The Communications Coordinator and Whitehorse Information Officer were available in person, by phone and email.

Survey Outcome

An estimated 83.8% of TTC Citizens (on and off settlement land) who participated in the survey regard Citizen Selection (voting) as the preferred option for TTC Leadership determination, 16.2% regard Traditional Selection as the preferred option.



Data Analysis

Survey question: Please choose one of the following options

253 survey responses from eligible TTC citizens:

Traditional Selection: 41
Citizen Selection: 212

Result Analysis

42% of eligible TTC citizens participated (253 responded out of 600)

Some citizens have abstained from participating in the survey.

A large portion of TTC's population participated in this survey, comparative to other recent surveys conducted by TTC.

Only eligible TTC citizens participated. The eligibility requirement was determined by the LAC, as anyone who received a TTC beneficiary payment in 2016.

TTC Councils & Committees

Youth Council members: Shania Hogan, Mike Sidney, Chris Fairclough, Destiny Taylor and Daniel Hager.

Housing Committee Members: Anne Turner, Agnes Vance, Mike Sidney, Pat Lindsey, Leslie McMillan, Jean Hogan and Bob Magill.

Citizenship Committee members: Anne Turner, Pauline Sidney, Aggie Johnston, Berdina Hager (Deshitan), Alice Douville (Dakh'l'awedi), Martina Baker (Yanyedi), Daniel Hager (Youth)

Lands Management Committee members: Whitney Horne, Delores Jackson, Lee Turner, Chris Fairclough, Rosanne Douville.

Language and Culture Oversight Committee members: Bessie Cooley, Aggie Johnston, Pauline Sidney, Duane Aucoin, Charles Jules, Tim Hall, Kim Smarch and Shania Hogan.

TTC Annual General Assembly

Resolutions: July 2018

Resolution #2018-002

Confirmation of Executive Council Members: Ishkitan

Whereas the Ishkitan appointed Lesley McMillian to serve as their Executive Council member from the period August 1, 2017 to August 1, 2018. Therefore be it resolved that Blair Hogan (Gunta) is the Executive Council member for the Ishkitan effective July 10, 2018 for a period of two years to the Annual General Council Assembly in July 2020.

Resolution #2018-005

Leadership Advisory Committee: Report & Recommendation

Whereas the General Council established a leadership advisory committee (LAC) to evaluate various political leadership selection processes and bring forward options to the General Council to determine how the Naa Shaade Hani and/or Deputy Naa Shaade Hani (if appropriate) may be selected at the 2020 AGA (GC resolution 216-008: November 24, 2016). Whereas the LAC has concluded research and consultation with Teslin Tlingit Citizens. Therefore be it resolved that General Council accepts the committee's report and recommendation to select the Naa Shaade Hani and Deputy Naa Shaade Hani in the year 2020 by way of a citizenship election process and; that the Leadership Advisory Committee brings forward various citizenship election process options to the November 2018 General Council meeting for consideration and approval.

Resolution #2018-006

Constitutional Amendment: Speaker Selection Process

Whereas the General Council has the power to appoint a new Speaker in accordance with section 10.9(f) of the TTC Constitution, the General Council has the authority to prescribe procedures to address important matters pursuant to section 6.3 of the TTC Constitution; Whereas the General Council confirmed that the Speaker would be selected and appointed in accordance with the following process and nomination form at the February 21-22, 2018 General Council meeting (resolution #2018-013). Therefore be it further resolved that the revised selection process

and nomination form is hereby adopted as Schedule "C" tot eh TTC Constitution.

Resolution #2018-007

Confirmation of Speaker Selection (2018-2022)

Whereas the Executive Council received a letter of interest and appropriate documentation within the required timelines by a single candidate, Bob Magill, that expressed an interest to serve as the Speaker (as outlined in an Executive Council briefing note dated June 19, 2018). Whereas the General Council is satisfied that Bob Magill can fulfill the authorities and responsibilities as required by the TTC Constitution. Therefore be it resolved that Bob Magill is hereby appointed as the Speaker of the General Council for one term, effective July 11, 2018 to the second day scheduled for the July 2022 Annual General Council Assembly.

Resolution #2018-008

Requirement for Speaker to Swear an Oath

Whereas there are no expressed requirements in the Constitution or Teslin Tlingit Laws for a person selected to serve as a Speaker to swear or affirm an oath and any person selected to serve as the Speaker would assume a privileged position within the highest authority of the Teslin Tlingit Council. Therefore be it resolved that any person selected to serve, as the Speaker for the General Council shall be required to swear an oath as prescribed by this resolution. ** (Oath was read and signed July 11, 2018, during the TTC Annual General Assembly in Brooks Brook).

Resolution #2018-010

Transboundary Negotiations—Group Trapline

Resolution #2018-011

Transboundary Negotiations—Land Occupied by the Teslin Tlingit

Resolution #2018-012

Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) Supplementary Budget 2018-2019 Fiscal Year

Whereas the Executive Council presented and tabled the TTC departmental work plans (2018/19) and a Core Operating Budget estimate for 2018/19 (Core Budget) to the General Council in February 2018 (resolution #2018-009). The Executive Council proposed to present a supplementary budget to the

General Council at the July 2018 AGA to confirm, if any, additional revenues may be available and to seek the General Council's approval of excess expenditures. The Executive Council has tabled a supplementary budget in the amount of \$360,115.49. The General Council has the authority to approve budget expenditures in accordance with sections 10.9(b) and 22.3 of the TTC Constitution. Therefore be it resolved that the General Council approves the supplementary budget in the amount of \$360,115.49.

Resolution #2018-013

Lingít Yoo X'atángi Ka Haa Shagóon Oversight Committee—Language Mandate

Whereas the general Council enacted the Lingít Yoo X'atángi Ka Haa Shagóon law (the "law") for the revitalization, protection, advancement and increased access to Lingít for the citizens of Teslin Tlingit Council. The Lingít Yoo X'atángi Ka Haa Shagóon Oversight Committee has been established to develop a mandate for the Lingít Yoo X'atángi Ka Haa Shagóon. Be it resolved that the oversight committee present the Lingít Yoo X'atángi Ka Haa Shagóon mandate to General Council in November 2018.

Resolution #2018-014

Yukon River Salmon Conservation Plan

Whereas the general Council Resolution #2017-012 directed Executive Council, in consultation with Department of Lands and Resources to develop a new Plan, for the management of the salmon of the Yukon River for presentation at the July 2018 AGA. The Teslin Tlingit Salmon Advisory Group and the Department of Lands and Resources conducted a thorough review of the existing management approach and goals as called for by the General Council and the first TTC Salmon Plan (2010). A proposed Salmon Conservation Plan was presented to General Council. Be it resolved that the General Council approves the Salmon Conservation Plan (2018) as recommended by Executive Council for immediate implementation. Be it further resolved that the Plan be in effect for seven years, in recognition of the full length of Chinook life cycle and the Teslin Tlingit Salmon Advisory Group remain operational for the duration

of the Plan to guide the implementation and will provide updates to the General Council.

Resolution #2018-015
Executive Council Authorized to Negotiate and Secure Impact Benefit Type Agreements (Teslin Tlingit Traditional Territory)

Whereas the General Council authorized the Executive Council in February 2016 to engage and secure impact benefit agreements with resource development companies who are seeking to develop resources and lands that are located within the Teslin Tlingit traditional Territory with specific limitations whereby resource or lands could not be developed on Teslin Tlingit Settlement Lands, sensitive harvesting areas, special management areas or special operating areas (February 2016 resolution #2016-003). The Executive Council has identified that there is increasing interest by third party resource developers to develop resources and lands within the traditional territory and in particular mining exploration and development. Therefore be it resolved that the general Council authorizes the Executive Council, in accordance with section 10.4 of the Teslin Tlingit Constitution, to engage and secure impact benefit type of agreements at both the exploration stage and mine development stages of any potential mine and existing mines in the Teslin Tlingit traditional territory. Be it further resolved that the Executive Council will provide a report on the consultation and mineral strategy and any pending impact benefit type of agreements to the November 2018 General Council.

Resolution #2018-016
Moose Harvest on Teslin Tlingit Settlement Lands

Neighboring First Nations have recently restricted the harvesting of wildlife on lands that overlap with the Teslin Tlingit traditional territory, the General Council is concerned that there is overharvesting in the Teslin Tlingit traditional territory and these recent decisions and actions by other First Nations will compound harvesting pressures on the moose population within the traditional territory and settlement lands. Teslin Tlingit Citizens have restricted their moose harvest since 2010. Whereas the Teslin Tlingit Council has the authority to regulate the moose harvest by non-Teslin Tlingit citizens within the Teslin Tlingit traditional territory. Be it resolved that the

voluntary restrictions exercised by Teslin Tlingit citizens continue and for those who choose to harvest moose that they be required to register their harvest with the Lands & Resources department. Be it further resolved that the Executive Council and Lands & Resources be authorized to increase monitoring of harvesting on traditional territory and settlement lands, restrict harvesting of moose by non-TTC citizens, complete work on the food security strategy, collaborate with other Governments and Councils to update the Moose Management Plan, engage YG and BC to reduce harvest on Crown lands, require other First Nations to obtain TTC's permission to harvest on Teslin Tlingit Settlement Lands and provide a report to November 2018 General Council.

Resolution #2018-017
Political Office & Compensation Policy: Approval of Proposed Amendments
Whereas the General Council approved the Teslin Tlingit Accountability and Ethics and Political Office Policy at the AGA on July 13, 2016 (Resolution #2016-007). The general Council approved a series of amendments and affixed a new name to the Policy and titled it "Political Office & Compensation Policy" on February 22, 2017 (resolution #2017-003). The Executive Council reviewed the Policy and recommended the Policy be amended. Therefore be it resolved that the General Council approves the proposed amendments and that the Policy be dated as July 11, 2018.

Resolution #2018-018
Deisleen Development Corporation (DDC): Multi Year Operational Funding
Whereas the General Council approved funding of the DDC for four years commencing April 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2019 (Resolution #2015-008). The Executive Council has approved the DDC budget for the current fiscal period ending March 31, 2019. The Executive Council has met with the DDC Board of Directors and is recommending to General Council that the DDC continue to be funded at an annual rate of \$214,000.00 for an additional four years commencing April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2023. Whereas the DDC and the Executive Council will be working closely together to position DDC to take on a larger role in some of the bigger projects in and around Teslin. The Working relationship between the DDC and the Executive Council

will be fostered by regular meetings between EC and DDC Board of Directors. Be it resolved that the General Council approves annual funding for the DDC in the amount of \$214,000.00 for an additional four years commencing April 1, 2019. Be it resolved that the terms and conditions of the annual funding will be determined by Executive Council and that the DDC provide annual reports of its activities to the General Council at each AGA up to July 2023.

Resolution # 2018-020
Confirmation of Executive Council Authority to Advance the TTC Financial Transfer Agreement (FTA)
Therefore be it resolved that the Executive Council provide General Council with a status report on the FTA negotiations at the November 2018 General Council meeting.

Resolution #2018-021
Construction of a New Administration Bldg
Whereas planning for a new TTC Administration building started as scheduled in the Community Development Plan in 2017/18, a pre-feasibility work indicates that the most viable option for location is across the highway from the current main admin building. There is a biomass heating center that could probably be used for the new building. And since most TTC employees would be in the building, a large parking lot will be needed. Be it further resolved that the Executive Council directs Executive Services and the Lands & Resources department to enter into necessary work and financial agreements, as necessary to begin construction of a new administration building within 12 months and provide periodic reports and updates to the General Council about progress of the construction.

Resolution #2018-022
Justice Council Appointments (2018)
Whereas the General Council amended the Teslin Tlingit Constitution on February 22, 2018 (resolution #2018-012) to increase the size of the Justice Council from 5 members to 7 members. The Justice Council include 5 members to represent the 5 clans, 1 Elder to represent Elders Council and 1 Youth to represent the Youth Council. Whereas all seven seats on the Justice Council are in effect vacant as of July 10, 2018. It is

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recommended that the terms for the Elders Council and Youth Council appointments be for a 4 year term. Whereas the clans have identified the following persons to serve on the Justice Council; Elizabeth Bosley – Dakl'aweidi, Anne Turner – Ishkeetaan, Doug Smarch Jr – Kookhittaana and Martina Sidney – Yanyeidi, Pearl Callaghan – Elder and Hannah Turner – Youth. The Deisheetan will bring forward an appointment to the Justice Council at the November 2018 General Council. Therefore be it resolved that the persons named are hereby confirmed to

serve on the Justice Council; be it further resolved that should the Deisheetan identify their appointment prior to November 2018 General Council the Executive Council is authorized to confirm the appointment.

Resolution #2018-023

Appointment of Citizenship Committee Members (2018-2023)

Whereas the Citizenship code provides that a Citizenship Committee be established and is to be comprised of 7 Teslin Tlingit Citizens to include 1 clan member from each of the 5 Teslin Tlingit clans, 1 representative from the Elders Council and one representative

from the Youth Council. The following clan representatives have been nominated to serve on the Citizenship Committee for a term of 5 years, Martina Sidney – Yanyeidi, Pauline Sidney – Kookhittaana, Anne Turner – iskeetaan, Alice Douville – Dakl'aweidi, Berdina Hager – Deisheetan, Aggie Johnston – Elder and Daniel Hager – Youth. Whereas the 7 representatives identified all consent to serve on the Citizenship Committee for a term of 5 years. Be it resolved that the General Council confirms the appointments to serve on the Citizenship Committee for a term of 5 years from July 2018 to July 2022.

Moose and Salmon Management

Moose Management

TTC continues to be concerned about the status of moose populations in the Traditional Territory. Citizens have been asked to voluntarily restrict their harvest for the past 17 years. More recently, we are worried that hunting restrictions put in place by neighboring First Nations will result in more hunters coming to the TTC area to hunt. We also recently heard that an assessment of harvest indicates that 4 Moose Management Units are experiencing an unsustainable level of harvest. As a result, General Council passed a resolution at the July AGA (Resolution # 2018-016) that directs the Lands and Resources Department to:

- Continue the voluntary restrictions on moose harvest by Citizens;
- Implement mandatory harvest reporting by Citizens;
- Increase monitoring of moose harvest;
- Restrict the harvesting of moose by non-Citizens on TTC Settlement Land;
- Complete the food security strategy;
- Work with the Yukon Government, the Teslin Renewable Resources Council and the Province of BC to develop moose management plans throughout the Traditional Territory.
- Engage the Yukon and BC governments to reduce harvest by licensed hunters, and
- Require other First Nation hunters to obtain TTC permission to hunt.

As directed by General Council, Lands will be

issuing more communication materials asking Citizens to comply with voluntary restrictions that have been in place for many years; limit of one moose per household and avoid hunting in the Nisutlin region during the rut. We have also designed a new harvest reporting system, so later this fall, hunters will be contacted by Lands staff and asked about their moose harvest. TTC has issued a press release advising licensed hunters that we will not be allowing non-Citizen harvest on any of TTC's Settlement Land. For the moose component of the food security strategy, we are also working on a study that will give us a better understanding of routes and areas in the Traditional Territory that are important for moose and for moose hunters. TTC has met with Yukon Government and the Teslin Renewable Resources Council, who have agreed to begin management planning for moose in the Yukon portion of the Traditional Territory. We will be advocating for restrictions on licensed hunters in the management plans. We hope to begin discussions with the BC government soon. And finally, as required in the TTC Final Agreement, hunters from other First Nations will need to get a permit from TTC before they hunt on Settlement Land.

The Lands and Resources Department thanks the General Council for their continued support and guidance so that we can safeguard moose in our Traditional Territory. And we thank Teslin hunters in advance for your participation in TTC's moose management programs. Your input and information will help Lands be effective partners and make informed decisions on moose with our management partners.

Salmon Management Update

This year's Chinook salmon run is well underway. As of August 8, Pilot Sonar Station at the mouth of the Yukon River has seen 161,899 fish, which included 71,854 Canadian origin Chinook salmon. Eagle Sonar, located at the Alaska/Yukon border has counted 55,198 salmon, and estimates as of August 8 predict that at the end of the run, between 57,000 and 58,000 Chinook will have crossed the border into Yukon.

Work at the Deadman Creek Restoration project has continued this summer, and this August will have TTC and EDI staff preparing sites for egg planting at Morley River and Deadman Creek. These sites are built to mimic natural redds, which are created by spawning salmon that have returned to their natal streams. Staff collect eggs and milt from spawning salmon in Morley River and plant the fertilized eggs in sites at Deadman in an effort to see spawning Chinook return to the Creek.

This August, TTC and EDI have been searching for spawning Chinook in the Upper Teslin River watershed. Chinook that are caught will be radio tagged, and a genetic sample will be taken. The data gathered during this process will further understanding of spawning distribution, and will ultimately provide information about areas that may benefit from restoration projects similar to Deadman Creek.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with James McGrath, the Acting Renewable Resources Coordinator, or anyone at the TTC Lands and Resources Office if you have any questions or would like further information.

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Happy Snappy Birthday to **Tessa!** We love you much and are so blessed to have you here this summer. Love, Memaw, Nanners, Daddy, Whitney, Juicy Jazz, Twitcheroo, Peka Boo, Vinney, Baloo, and Peco

Happy Birthday to the 3 Amigos! **Tom, Buck, and Peter!** Wishing you all an AWESOME Birthday and Many, many more! Love your Family and Friends.

I would like to wish my Grandson **Izaiah** a Happy 8th, Birthday on July 23, and Happy Birthday to my Son Roderick – Sept 14. Lots of love, love Mom

Happy Birthday **Annie** for Aug.14th. Love Gary, Molly, and Ginger.

Aug. 11th Happy Birthday **Aunty Jane** Love your Family and Friends.

Happy Birthday **Aunty Pat Casey** for Aug. 12th Love your Family and Friends.

Elders Birthdays

August

Jane Smarch, 82
John Henry, 81
Patricia Casey, 77
Annie Grunsky, 72
Lena Moon, 71
Timmy Dewhurst, 68
Jerry Geddes, 66

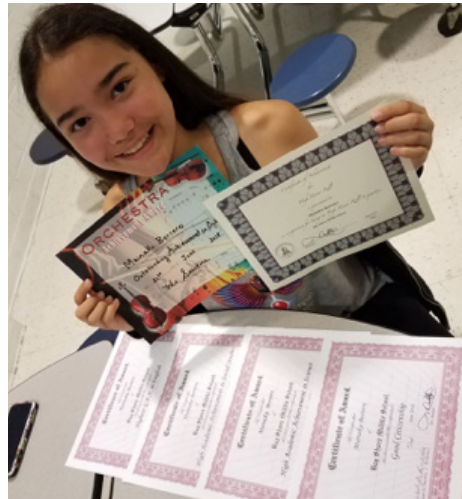
September

Marion Horne, 74
David Keenan, 67
Richard Sidney, 65
Dennis Jules, 64
Ed Smarch, 62
Gordon Smith, 62
George Bailey, 68

Happy Birthday July 8th to the Newest Fox Family Member, **River!** Welcome to the WORLD Little Guy! Love your FOX Family.

Happy Birthday to **Dale Smith!** Wishing you all the best and many more! Love your family and friends.

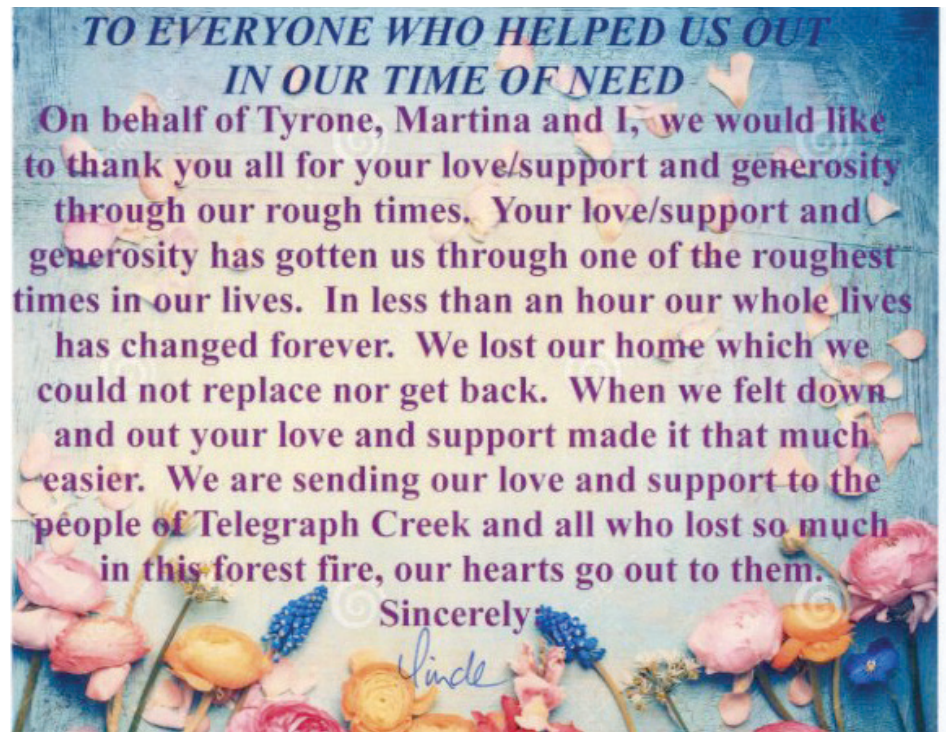
Congratulations!



Proud Grandparents of our “Super Girl” **Mainaku Borrero**, for her High Level Achievements!! Blanche and Greg Warrington!!



Congratulations to our sister **Nicole Fox** on the birth of her beautiful son **River Fox** Born on July 8, 2018. Xoxo We love you two with all our hearts xoxo. Love your sisters, Tasha, Michelle & Sarah





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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 or call 867-390-2532 ext 300



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