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YG and TTC Sign Intergovernmental Agreement

On January 12, 2018, Government of Yukon and Teslin Tlingit Council sign intergovernmental agreement to work together on shared priorities

Premier Sandy Silver and Teslin Tlingit Council Naa Sháade Háni Richard Sidney met in Teslin to sign an

intergovernmental agreement.

There were many representatives from TTC and YG in attendance to celebrate the signing! Thank you all for coming out!

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Message from Naha Shade Heni

My sincerest condolences to the families, clans and communities that have been through so much pain and sadness these past few months. Our people have lost some great leaders, elders and youth! They are loved and will always be remembered! Our prayers are always with each and every one of you!

It has been a busy start to 2018 in what will prove to be a very productive year for Teslin Tlingit Council. The Executive Council plays an important role in ensuring that our Citizens are actively engaged in their Government.

January 12, Signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Teslin Tlingit Council and Government of Yukon was well attended. The purpose of the agreement is for the Parties to work together, establish government to government collaboration. It is intended to assist TTC's and Yukon's success in economic, social, cultural and development decisions, and to ensure aboriginal and treaty rights and titles remain meaningful. To learn more on the agreement, please

feel free to stop in at the Executive office for discussion, we will be happy to see you!

Vancouver Mining Roundup was held Jan. 22-5, 2018, 35th AME (Association for Mineral Exploration), in Vancouver, BC. TTC had a few representatives attend this year's event. AME is the lead association for the mineral exploration and development industry based in British Columbia. Established in 1912, AME represents, advocates, protects and promotes the interests of thousands of members who are engaged in mineral exploration and development in B.C. and throughout the world. 2018 Round Up topics included:

- Technical Session Regional Overviews: BC/Yukon/Alaska
- New Geoscience: Expanding Exploration Space
- Commodities & Financial Markets
- Innovation Talks

Annual Event Yukon Days event to place in Ottawa – February 5th and 6th. A series of meetings between the Government

of Yukon, Government of Canada and Yukon First Nations to place. TTC had representatives attend these meetings, discussions included environment, tourism and child welfare.

General Council will be held from February 21-22, 2018 at the Heritage Centre. General Council members, TTC staff and Citizens will review the 2018/19 budget. On March 1, 2018, the NGA (Non-Governmental Assets) General Council will take place at the Heritage Centre. During this time we will be reviewing the current assets, investments and business reports. All citizens are welcome to attend these meetings.

February 14th, 2018 marked the 25th Anniversary of TTC Self Government. TTC Heritage department will be hosting a celebration event on February 21, 2018 at the Heritage Centre!! Happy Anniversary TTC!!

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

Gunalchish,
Achéino - Richard



Above: Naa Shaade Hani Sidney and Premier Silver shake hands after signing.



Government of Yukon and Teslin Tlingit Council sign intergovernmental agreement

Today, Premier Sandy Silver and Teslin Tlingit Council Naa Sháade Háni Richard Sidney met in Teslin to sign an intergovernmental agreement.

The agreement will help the governments successfully facilitate economic, social, cultural and development initiatives. It will also enhance government-to-government collaboration and reconciliation by outlining shared priorities and creating a plan to address these matters together.

The governments can now move forward on key areas and develop practical ways of working together on shared priorities including education, fish and wildlife, economic development and tourism.

Quotes

“Our goal with this agreement is to work together cooperatively and effectively to enhance social, economic and cultural development and realize the spirit and intent of the Teslin Tlingit Council Final and Self-Government Agreements. This intergovernmental agreement

recognizes the common interests of our governments and paves the way for closer collaboration.”

– Yukon Premier Sandy Silver

“The Teslin Tlingit Council is pleased to sign this agreement on behalf of its citizens. This agreement represents the dedication we share in developing strong relationships, opportunities and working collaboratively between governments. We can now focus on achieving our mutual goals”

– Teslin Tlingit Council Naa Sháade Háni Richard Sidney

Quick facts

- The bilateral agreement is between the Government of Yukon and the Teslin Tlingit Council.
- The agreement tasks officials from each government with making progress on the shared priorities outlined in the agreement.
- Under the intergovernmental

agreement, the Premier and Naa Sháade Háni will have annual meetings to discuss progress made on their governments’ shared priorities.

Learn more:

Agreements with First Nations at www.eco.gov.yk.ca/aboriginalrelations/agreements.html

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Assembly of First Nations Update

Statement from National Chief Perry Bellegarde on Second Reading of Bill 262, An Act to Harmonize Canada's laws with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

February 8, 2018

(Ottawa, ON) – Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Perry Bellegarde released the following statement following the second reading of Bill 262 – an Act to harmonize Canada's laws with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

“Yesterday, a crucial step towards reconciliation was taken as Bill C-262 passed second reading in Canada's Parliament.

Reconciliation is a non-partisan issue. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is a central part of reconciliation. First Nations and Canadians support legislation to implement the UN Declaration. All parliamentarians should be part of this act of reconciliation as a matter of human rights.

Bill C-262 would require the federal government to take concrete action with First Nations to co-develop a national action plan and work together to ensure the laws of Canada are consistent with the Declaration.

Bill C-262 is about working together to build a stronger country for all of us. We look forward to ongoing dialogue with First Nations and Canadians as we work towards the adoption of this Bill.”

The AFN is the national organization representing First Nations citizens in Canada. Follow AFN on Twitter @AFN_Updates.

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

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

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



Please email, mail or fax applications to:
Attention: Community Skills Development Officer
Box 133, Teslin Yukon Y0A 1B0
Phone: 867-390-2532 ext:318 / Fax: 867-390-2176
Email: marie.davies@ttc-teslin.com



TTC is Accepting Applications for Housing Grants 2018

Mortgage Categories are:

- Construction
- Purchase
- Refinancing
- Renovations

Teslin Tlingit Council Market Based Housing Program has been developed in conjunction with the First Nation Market Housing Fund and approved lenders.

The objective of the program is to provide TTC Citizens access to affordable and competitive mortgages and loans in order to build, purchase, renovate or refinance homes on TTC Settlement Lands.

In order to make the process simple and

understandable, an orientation package has been developed to assist you with the planning of your build, purchase, renovation or refinancing. This package is available at the Capital & Infrastructure Office year round. Please feel free to come and visit our office to pick up your package. Packages are available at our Whitehorse Office as well.

Support staff will be available to assist you in any way to fill your application out completely and properly.

We will be hosting a Housing Forum on February 9th & 10, 2018 at the Teslin Rec Plex beginning at 10 am. You are required to attend.

Cut off date for the Housing Grant Application for the new fiscal year is March 7, 2018. Approval of applications will be March 16th, 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to phone 867-390-2532 Ext. 391 or 395.

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Pauline Retires!

After many years of working at our Heritage department, Pauline has now retired!

Thank you Pauline for your years of service and experience at our Heritage department. You will be missed!

Lands Department Update

Land Use Planning Kickoff

The Lands and Resources Department began talking to Citizens about moving forward on planning for some land use initiatives in the Traditional Territory. We held an open house in Teslin on January 18th and another open house in Whitehorse on January 20th. We thank everyone who came out to share their thoughts so far. There will be more communications about this in the near future so keep an eye open for events.

During these open houses, we asked Citizens about several initiatives. Some of these are already started (such as the Biomass Project), some are projects that were identified in the joint TTC-VoT 10-year Community Development Plan (such as a new school or TTC housing), and some are fairly new ideas (such as a biomass heated greenhouse). Here are some highlights of the proposals and ideas:

- New admin building to be built across the highway from where it is now, on the baseball diamond side of the airport road. The current admin building could be re-purposed into offices for rent. This new building is scheduled for construction within a year.
- A new school is scheduled for several years down the road in the TTC-VoT Community Development Plan however we need to have a really good idea of where it will go so we can plan the road infrastructure. There is a proposal to make the school kindergarten to Grade 12, with a swimming pool and (new idea) a greenhouse. If the school is that big, it will probably not fit on the site where it is now so there is an idea to build it up by the airport where that subdivision used to be. That is not TTC Settlement Land so some sort of arrangement will have to be set up with the Yukon Government. The existing school could be reused for something else, like maybe an Elder's Center or Youth Center (or both).
- The Connector Road linking the airport area to the large piece of TTC Settlement

Land east of the lagoon should be built this coming summer (the environmental assessment was done this fall and winter). If the school is planned to go up by the airport, that will have to be considered when in the final design of the Connector Road.

- Lands is working with Yukon Forestry and the Teslin RRC on a new Timber Harvest Plan. The plan would lay out where we could cut fuelwood for the biomass burners as well as act as a fire break for the community. One of the areas proposed for cutting blocks is north of town in a swath from near the Sawmill Road subdivision to near the Fox Point subdivision. If we are to have trucks hauling timber out of those areas, there is an idea to have the Phase II Connector Road (Sawmill to new subdivision) to happen earlier than 2024 as it's laid out in the joint Community Development Plan. This will provide wood cutters with an industrial road to use and would keep industrial-type traffic out of the Sawmill residential area.
- Lands has been directed to find and plan for many more residential lots to allocate to Citizens. The feasibility study for the large piece of TTC Settlement Land east of the lagoon (called Airport West) suggested there is room for as many as 125 lots there. One concern about building there is the potential for unpleasant smells from the lagoon. If there will be 100 or so new lots added to the sewage system, perhaps the lagoon will need to be upgraded anyway, and the government would consider a sewage treatment plant rather than continue to use a lagoon system?

There are maps and much more information available on all of these projects and more for anyone to look at and discuss. Please come in to the Lands office to chat with Dorothy Cooley and other staff.

Trapper Support Program

Thanks to everyone who applied for the 2018 intake to the Trapper Support Program! We are excited to be offering this assistance program for the second year running. The

Game Guardians are currently working with successful field-based assistance applicants to schedule field work, dependent upon safe weather conditions and their other duties as Game Guardians. We wish everyone a successful trapping season, and welcome any feedback for how to improve upon our programming.

BC Trans-boundary update

By *Dave Keenan*

As a result of ongoing political meetings between our leadership and federal and provincial ministers the TTC and CTFN caucuses met with representatives of the Federal and provincial negotiations teams on December 5-6, 2017 in Whitehorse.

This initial meeting was meant to let them know about us, our history who we are as a people and our connection to our land, water air and surrounding environment. We were





Above: Salmon Management Plan Advisory Group and Lands department meetings to review the 2010 plan and begin structuring the revised plan.

well represented by elders Bess Cooley, Aggie Johnston, Annie Johnston and Sam Johnston. In such a good way they spoke of the “flood days” and beyond when we lived as a part of the Land, water and air and how we protected, managed and shared our traditional territory under Tlingit custom law.

The elders pointed out some of the traditional use areas including their place names where food and medicines were gathered including berry patches that are now been used by 3rd party interests. Our elders generally communicated that we are willing to share our lands through the concept of co-governance and that we want our rights recognized through a Treaty; essentially what we have in our Yukon Self-government land claims agreements.

It made an impact when the elders spoke of the imposition of the border and how it limited the freedom of travel and forever altered the lives of the Tlingit who lived in the area. It led to the loss of homes and communities, the transfer of reserves to the Atlin Indian Band and the division of families due to mission schools for DIA administrative ease.

It was important to take government on this journey into our past and to educate them as to our aspirations and direction for the future. Our almost three decades of self-government experience based upon Ha Kus Teyea and community values have propelled us forward into a period of rejuvenation or a renaissance period. This is not to be taken lightly for it is what TTC has been planning for and all governments should help facilitate.

The government negotiators explained that their respective ministers have heard our leaderships’ message and they are committed to working with the TTC and CTFN in developing a joint mandate that will be presented to their ministers’ respective cabinets for their approval. This is good news; never before have I heard an offer of collaboration at this level and to the extent possible.

To this end the negotiators have created a work-plan and budget to year-end 2019 that will facilitate; the joint mandate concept and the negotiation through to the completion of an Agreement in Principle. We are currently finalizing the work plan and budget with government.

We have built into the negotiation process

‘tables’ that will enable us to address all aspects of our mandate and expect to begin consultation with our citizens once we are resourced. I expect that this will begin in late March.

TTC Salmon Management Plan Review

The TTC Salmon Management Plan Advisory Group has continued to work on reviewing TTC’s salmon-related priorities for the revised plan over the last 2 months. Next steps for the Lands department and the AG will be to begin drafting the structure and content of the plan. As part of this process, and to provide an opportunity for input and feedback from those not part of the Advisory Group, the AG and Lands department will be hosting a ‘salmon open house’ in the near future. In addition to hosting feedback activities to gather input that will directly influence the creation of the plan, we hope to use this opportunity to collect and visualize local and traditional knowledge and ideas that will broadly contribute to all of the salmon-related work that TTC is doing and to also share information about work that is currently being carried out. Watch for advertisements of this open house coming soon!

You or a Family Member Need a Status Card?

For clarification, TTC does not do the New Secure Status cards. However; you can obtain the application form on-line or pick up one at my office located downstairs of the TTC Administration building.

INAC takes appointments for Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to assist with applications if need be. You can call INAC at (867) 667-3399 to make an appointment. Please remember to include in your application:

- Original full birth certificate;
- A copy of two pieces of I.D. (one copy needs to be signed by a guarantor and I can sign off for you);
- Two photos (one photo needs to signed and dated by a guarantor)

And please remember to sign all spaces that need to be signed or the whole form will be mailed back for signature.

TTC issues the laminated cards here in my office. If you or a family/friend need a status card, you call my office to make an appointment.

If you have any questions, you can call me at my office or drop by.

**Charlene Peters, Citizenship Registrar,
Teslin Tlingit Council
(867) 390-2532 Extension 324**

Welcome New Employees!

The Lands and Resources Department is happy to announce that **Dorothy Cooley** has accepted a permanent position as the “Lands and Resources Planning Manager.” She spent the last 3 years with TTC in various positions, most recently as the BC Interests Lands Coordinator. Before moving back home to Teslin in 2014, she spent 23 years working as with the Yukon Department of Environment. She worked

as the North Yukon Regional Biologist in Dawson City for 21 years, and as the Harvest Coordinator in Whitehorse for 2 years.

We are also happy to announce that **Hannah Turner** has accepted a position with us as the Natural Resources Manager. Hannah recently completed a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Science and Sustainability through Dalhousie

University, and is excited to be applying the knowledge that she’s gained through her education in her new position as Natural Resource Manager with TTC’s Lands and Resources Department. Some of her hobbies include spending time outside, playing hockey, and working on art projects. She is so happy to be joining the TTC team, and is looking forward to getting to know the community!



Elders Shopping Days 2018

January 29	Monday
February 26	Monday
March 27	Tuesday
April 26	Thursday
May 29	Tuesday
June 27	Wednesday
July 30	Monday
August 29	Wednesday
September 26	Wednesday
October 29	Monday
November 28	Wednesday
December 20	Thursday

Monat Launch Party

My name is Brandon Johnson. I will be hosting a launch party for Monat Products.

Date: February 17, 2018

Location: Long House (Healing center)

Time: 1:00pm till when ever we are all feeling fabulous!

There will be snacks and drinks provided, I will also be doing some blow-outs (some styling, curling, up do's). I will have the lovely Agnes Vance and Sarah Fox doing hair cuts. But no color. There will be a charge, depending on your hair!

Come on out and enjoy some great laughs and just a fun filled time and get your hair done. All are welcome.



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Teslin Tlingit Council thanks everyone for their generous donations to the TTC Whitehorse Christmas Party!

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Pizza Hut

Sandie Diemert

Rod Vanevery

Roseanne Douville

Huge thank-you to Organizers:

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Magill



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to my Great Nephew **Silas**— Lots of Love from Aunty Alice—January 26th.

To My Granddaughter **Leigha** “A Very Happy Birthday Sweetie”, February 14th Love Grandma Alice

Happy 16th Birthday **Savana** for March 7th— from Tamika and Chloe.

To **Joyce** “Happy Birthday Sis - February 11th” — Love Alice

Happy Birthday to **Iris** for Feb. 3rd from Jody, Howard and all the girls

To My Grandson **Zethaniel** “Happy Birthday Son Shine” Love from Grandma - February 19th.

I would love to send a Happy Birthday to **GEORGE NED SIDNEY** for JAN. 30TH. Lots of love from Mom, Howard and all the girls

Happy 13th Birthday **Madison Johnston** for Feb. 12

Happy 21st Birthday **David Johnston** for Feb. 18th

Happy 17th Birthday **Tyrell Tibbett** for Feb. 27th

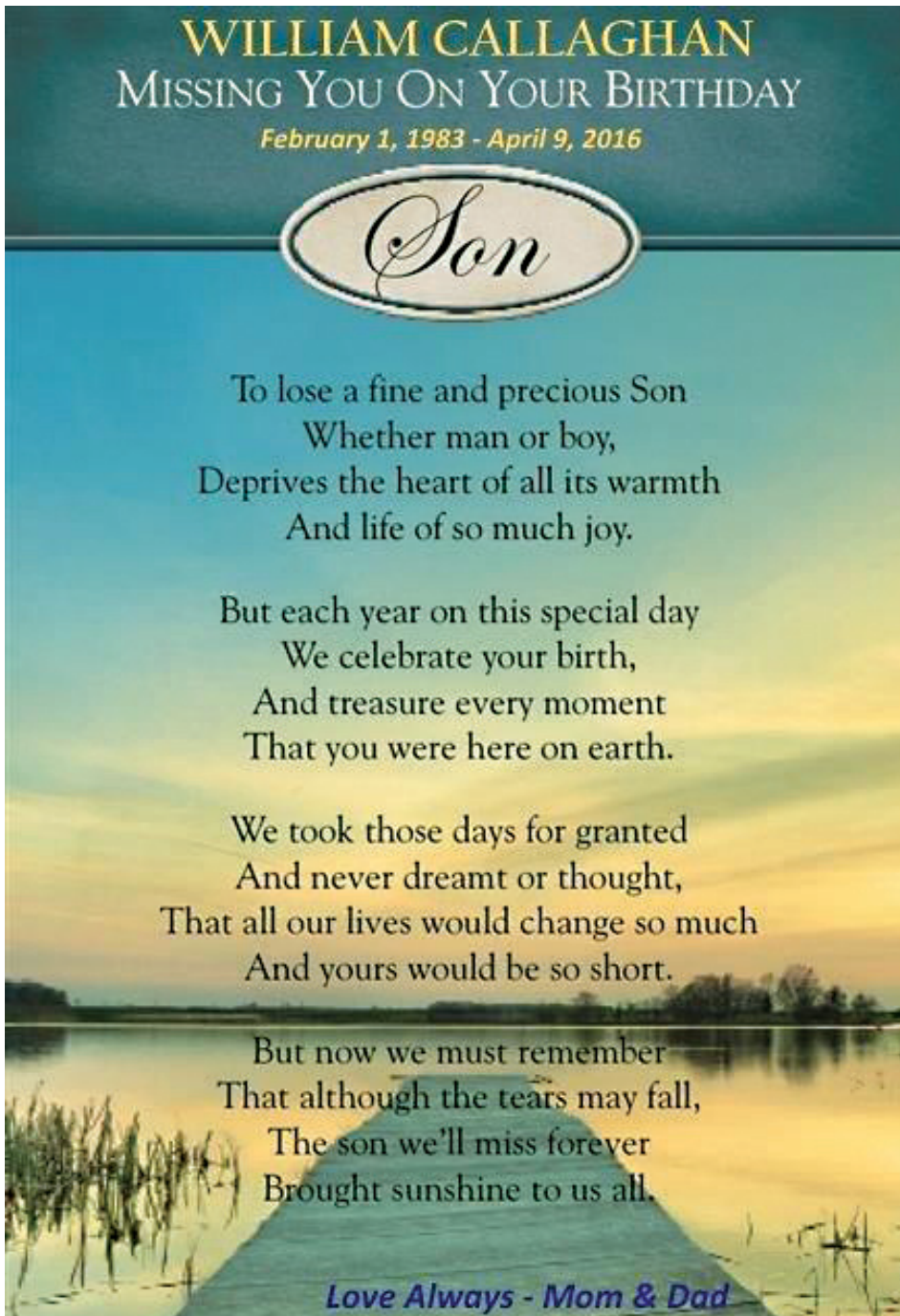
Happy 1st Birthday **Jordyn Meng** for Feb. 27th, Love The Netro's

Happy 16th Birthday **Leigha** for Feb. 14th!! From Tamika & Chloe

“Happy 1st Birthday **Jordyn Mariah**” love mom and dad

Happy Birthday to the Sweetest 16 year old we know and Happy Valentine's Day, sweetheart! You have grown into such a beautiful young woman, inside and out! 16 years and you've already accomplished so much! I can't wait to see what 16+ more will bring! You are continually impressing me with your maturity and intelligence—you are far too wise for your years! Happiest Birthday to our beautiful daughter **Leigha**. Love Mom, Dad, Grace xox

Phillip, Thank you for inspiring, encouraging, and comforting me. Thank you for always finding joy in making me happy. I love you. Happy birthday! Love Chip & girls



Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to **John Peters Jr.**
January 13, Love Char & Jay

A very happy, happy birthday to **Iris Johnny**, February 3
Lots of love, Mom & Jay

Happy Sweet 16th Birthday to
Tamika Johnston for March 31st!
Love you Sugar! Love mom and sister



The Canucks Team, Ms. Val, Air, Ms. Jingles, Dexter & Little Ms. Ariel would like to wish **Randy & Daniel Keleher** a Very Happy Birthday for February 11th. Wishing you both the absolute best for the upcoming year ahead.

Congratulations!

On behalf of Teslin Tlingit Council, Workforce Development would like to take this opportunity to Congratulate **Tasha Fox** in her eighteen (18) months of the First Nation Housing Manger Certificate Program that was offered by CMHC. Tasha is one (1) of fourteen (14) First Nation participants across Canada to graduate from the program. Once a month Tasha would travel from Teslin, YT to Edmonton, AB for her training that began in June 2016, Tasha graduated January 2018. On behalf of Teslin Tlingit Council, we are sincerely happy and proud of you for all your early mornings, long days and your commitment to your position in Capital.

For Sale

Shiny black stylish snow boots, size 7
1/2 unused new \$145 sell for \$80
For more info please call:
390-2010 or 689-5170

Fridge, excellent working
condition, \$220

For more info please call:
390-2010 or 689-5170

Dark blue sofa and matching chair
extending footrests on each, good
condition \$600. More info call:
390-2010 or 689-5170



Teslin Tlingit Council would like to thank all of the following businesses for their contribution of door prizes at the annual TTC Staff Christmas Party. Your support has contributed to a very successful event.

All the BEST in 2018.

Thank you again for your kind donations.

Canadian Tire
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Yukon Inn
Tle'NaxTawei
Independent Grocer
Sandy Smarch
Nisutlin Trading Post
Yukon Motel
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Stephen Phillips

GunalChich, Thank You Again!



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

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

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

Attention TTC Citizens

TTC is currently updating its Citizen Mailing Addresses, Email Addresses and phone numbers.

If any of your contact information has changed and you would like TTC to have it, please email Reception@ttc-teslin.com or call 867-390-2532 ext 300



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