

Deslin Neek

The Voice of the Teslin Tlingit Council



Photo: Students learn how to tan moose hide with Margret in Brooks, as well as a number of other activities that took place during a week-long outing in Brooks Brook recently.

Teslin Tlingit Council



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Message from Naa Shaáde Háni

Máa sá iyatee,

Congratulations to the class of grades 5, 6 & 7 of Khàtinas.àxh Community School. We hope you all have a great time on Canada's Coolest School Trip in Winnipeg, Manitoba! Thank you Parks Canada! All of the determination and knowledge that you have will definitely help you in the future. Enjoy yourselves and your new friends! We are very proud that you know and continue to learn our Tlingit Language and Culture!

Executive Council plays an important role in ensuring that our Citizens are actively engaged in their Government. Executive have been busy attending several meetings representing TTC; meetings include Yukon Forum, CYFN Leadership and many meetings within TTC. These all improve how we operate as a government. Feel free to contact your EC rep if you would like to know more of what is happening at the table. Just a reminder: Executive Council meetings are open to the public.

The Haa kusteyi celebration is coming soon, July 26th to 28th, in Carcross. During

the celebrations, all three (3) inland Tlingit Nations collaborate to ensure the event is amazing for the communities, performers and visitors. This year will be the first that Carcross/Tagish First Nation hosts the event. We know it will be very successful. We invite citizens to help us host the meals on July 26th in Carcross. Events are always recruiting volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please see TTC Community Arts and Events Coordinator for information.

Now that the summer season is upon us, students are out of classes and many are outside. Please watch over them and drive

slowly around the community.

We invite our Citizens to join us at our Annual General Assembly July 9th to 11th which will be at Brooks Brook. There is always plenty of good food and company to enjoy! Thank you for all your support, hard work and determination to help our Government be productive.

Gunatchîsh yigooiyax'wan!

'Thank you, do your BEST!'

Gunalchéesh, Achéino - Richard

Attention Citizens:

Annual General Assembly

July 9–11

at Brooks Brook



Photo: This is a picture of the Wildland Fire Suppression Crews ie Delta Crew and Echo Crew whose home base is Teslin. The crews were in attendance at the Community BBQ and participated in the Community Clean-up Day in Teslin on Wednesday, May 15th, 2019.

Teslin Echo Fire Crew

Lightning Fire Management (LFM) is a subsidiary of the Deisleen Development Corporation and holds a yearly service contract for Fire Suppression with the Yukon Government's Wildland Fire Management. The contract is to provide a crew leader, 3 crew members/trainees and their transportation. This is a territorial service and the crew is deployed by WFM to fight fires where and when needed.

The Type 1 Initial Attack Crews are comprised of firefighters who are physically fit, highly trained and skilled individuals. Initial attack firefighters operate as part of a three-person (in Echo Crew's case a 4 person crew) and are usually the first on scene of a new wildfire. Once there, the initial attack crew works quickly to set up water pumps, remove fuel from the fire's path and dig fire guards to control or extinguish the blaze. The majority of fires in Yukon are responded to by initial attack crews who perform initial attack and sustained action activities on wildland fires.

Teslin Echo Fire Crew is comprised of:

Kevin Welin who has shown his competence in fire suppression as a Type 1 Crew Member with over 50 fireline days, on fires in which rotary wing and air tankers have been utilized in the suppression effort. This is the 5th summer that Kevin has worked as an Initial Attack member and the first as a Crew Leader.

Roan Evans-Ehricht has experience on at least 7 fires or a minimum of 60 hours of fireline duty as a Type 1 crewmember and is in his second summer as an Initial Attack crew member. Roan also has his Emergency Medical Responder Certificate.

Thomas Dewhurst joined LFM as an Initial Attack Crew Member Trainee. Thomas passed the WFX-FIT fitness test and the 10 day CIFFC S-131 Type 1 Crew Member Course. Tommy was deployed to the Haines Junction Fire and got his minimum of 60 hours of fireline duty as a Type 1 crewmember with satisfactory performance appraisals and is now a Certified Type I Crew Member.



Photo: Tommy Dewhurst at the Haines Junction Fire. Tommy is now a Certified Type 1A Crew Member on the Teslin Echo Fire Crew.

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Elders News

máa sá iyatee?

Its spring but lately it feels more like summer with the hot weather. Spring/ Summer harvest for medicine is upon us, Arnica, Spruce buds, etc. If you need help gathering traditional medicine please call us at health and social 390-2532 ext: 381 (leave message) or my personal cell number: Fay @867-336-3465

The Elders Luncheon held May 22 at long house was a huge success. Elders from Carcross, Tagish and Atlin joined us for a nice lunch visit. The youth and prenatal moms were invited to this event with the goal in mind of bringing our youth and elders together. We are looking to have our next luncheon in Atlin, letters will be sent when we have a confirmed date. Thank you to Roxanne Peters for the delicious salmon chowder and to Wilma Magill for making us soapberry ice-cream, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the meal.

The elder's newsletter will no longer be mailed each month. It will now be



Woosh Kannáx Gax tuda.aat “Let us gather Together”

Whistle Bend trip is now every third Thursday of each month for the rest of the year.

June 20th will be our next trip. Please call and book a seat if you would like to go.

Let's show our support to our citizens who are in care to let them know they are not forgotten.

submitted bi-monthly to Deslin Neek, however; the elders calendar of events will continue to be mailed out each month.

If you have any ideas for activities you would like to see happening during the summer, contact me Fay at 876-336-3465 or talk to me if you see me around. I would love to hear what your suggestions!

Gunalcheech,
Fay Vienneau
Home Support

Having problems getting in and out of your tub?

The Health and Social department has a step in tub for elders or those with limited mobility to utilize. Please call us to make arrangements if wish to use the tub outside of office hours. (The jets are awesome for sore muscles)



Canadian Rangers Anniversary 1947-2019.

Photos by Minnie Clark





Photo above: Thanks to the local RCMP for their annual BBQ. As well congrats to the local detachment on their recent awards they all won for working in Teslin with youth.



Photo above: TTC FTA team of George Bailey; Dave Joe; Kim Smarch and Stephen Phillips and Duane Aucoin, Executive Council member, meeting with Canada's FTA team of Mike Haberl; Dennis Siska; and Natasha Kilpatrick on May 4, 2019 at TTC Heritage Centre.



Photo above: TRRC Annual BBQ at Friendship Park

Annual Steak Night Dinner

Teslin residents came together for the annual Joint Community Development Plan update and Steak Night Dinner. The update reported on the accomplishments of Year 4 (2018) of the plan and highlighted the plans for Year 5 (2019). Khàtìnas.àxh School students did a GREAT job serving. Many thanks to Wes With, Trevor Sallis, Gord Curran, and Stacey Hassard for BBQ-ing. The town enjoyed a short film by Ashley Evans, and her partner Silver Kim. The film 'Rise and Shine' was shot in and around Teslin and

included several community members as actors and extras. Ashley's hard work paid off as the film recently won several awards. Way to go Ashley, great job. The update of the community plan had a lot of great information, including showing \$28 million in TTC, VOT, and joint projects that were completed since its inception in 2015, and \$12 million in confirmed funding for projects in 2019 with another \$48 million pending approval. To find out more regarding the community plan, please contact TTC or VOT.

A Huge thank you to everyone for coming out and a special thank you to the 7 information booths that set up in the foyer. They were the Yukon College, Teslin Tourism, the DDC, TTC Lands & Resources Department, YG and the Nisutlin Bay Bridge, the Energy Solutions Centre, and VOT's OCP Team. Also, additional information on the Community Development Plan can be obtained from either TTC's and/or VOT's websites.





Photos above: Congrats to Wilma Magill (left) and Ellen (right) who both won \$500 at the annual steak night community dinner.

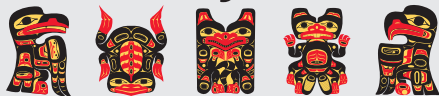
Invitation for Tenders

Teslin Tlingit Council is inviting tenders for:

**Painting services of
Khàtinás. Àxh school exterior**

Teslin, Yukon

Teslin Tlingit Council



Tender packages are available at:
(Request an e-copy at Ted.Lambert@ttc-teslin.com)
Or call Ted Lambert at 867-334-8486

Youth at Brooks

Youth enjoyed a few days at Brooks the third week of May. Events that were available for youth to take part in included: Music lessons on Violin with Amelia Slobogean, painting art with Susan Macalome, carving stations with Tommy Dickson Jr; Elder Sam Johnston took youth to the field to shoot bow and arrows. Trips to Skwanga Lake for canoeing also took place. Margaret was on site with moose hide tanning. It was a busy week for everyone involved. Friday had been reserved for family day. Students and their families enjoyed a nice day at Brooks together.



Lands Update

Salmon

On April 11th, TTC was host to one stop of the Annual Yukon River Panel Education Exchange. Four individuals from the lower Yukon River travelled up to Whitehorse to attend the Yukon River Panel Pre-season meeting, and take part in the exchange in Teslin. Accompanying them were members of the Yukon Salmon Sub-committee, other Yukon First Nations fish and wildlife staff, TTC elders and Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) staff. The exchange gave our guests from the lower Yukon a chance to see juvenile salmon for the very first time, and understand what salmon management is like in the upper river. It also gave other fisheries employees a chance to see TTC's restoration and enhancement projects up close and personal for the first time. Visitors were very impressed with the work TTC has been doing over the years, and were thankful for the steps we are taking in ensuring salmon for all, salmon for all

time. It was a successful visit and will play an important role in bridging the gap between Yukon First Nations and Alaskan First Nations in our fight to protect Yukon River Chinook.

Southern Lakes Caribou Management Planning

The Lands and Resources Department has continued to be involved in the management planning process for the Southern Lakes Caribou Herd. This process is First Nation driven and includes participants from nine governments including the six Southern Lakes First Nations as well as the Governments of Yukon, British Columbia and Canada. This group has been working hard to develop a management plan for Southern Lakes Caribou.

Over the winter the group lead a monitoring workshop which included demonstrations of the various monitoring techniques used by the different

Governments. The workshop also served as an opportunity for Land Monitors and Game Guardians to talk with one another about caribou in their communities.

This spring the group hosted a full day at the On the Land Gathering held by the Carcross/Tagish Renewable Resource Council. The 'Caribou Day' focused on sharing knowledge between Elders, Youth, Renewable Resource Councils and the management planning team, and included presentations, discussion, and activities about Southern Lakes Caribou and their importance to the people and ecosystems of the Southern Lakes. The Department of Lands and Resources would like to thank all TTC Citizens for their continued support and effort in conserving these caribou for future generations.

As always, if you have any questions or would just like to chat feel free to stop by the Land and Resources office or give Hannah a call at (867) 390-2532 ext. 374.



Above: Yukon River Panel Education Exchange stop in Teslin.

DDC - Community Development Plan



Fostering strong social, economic, environmental, and culturally sustainable community development opportunities

2019-20 WORK PLAN

OUR NEXT STEPS FORWARD

Over the last 3 years, we have ensured the Community Development Plan benefits our residents and has greatly expanded local business and job opportunities by starting and operating DDC Project Management, Teslin Environmental Services and Lightning Fire Management.

New from 2019 we have welcomed Danielle Bottle to join our team with our CED Coordinator Deborah Dupont and we can now offer a full suite of community economic development services in pursuit of our vision of a locally-led economy.



- Research and Planning
- Community Marketing
- Partnership Building
- Facilitating Access to Capital
- Business Care
- Key Sector Development
- Social Enterprise
- Revenue Generation

Our 2019 Special Projects

- DDC Project Management business plan
- Business & innovation centre - needs analysis
- Community knowledge - household survey
- DDC business loan/grant fund - scan
- Teslin Visitor Centre/Artisan co-op - pilot plan
- DDC rental housing development – scoping
- Teslin Tourism Association exploration
- Business care services
- CDP Contractor readiness bootcamp
- Community bookkeeping enterprise
- DDC website & social media
- Quarterly partnership workshops
- Heritage facilities & attractions support

We hear fabulous ideas for Teslin from the community all the time and we held a strategic planning workshop with the two Councils to discuss these. Our special projects will start work on a number of them, investing in our people, our places and our businesses to enhance our environment for your success.

We promise to report back regularly!

How can you help?

We are considering how DDC should assist tourism and we need Teslin champions to help us.

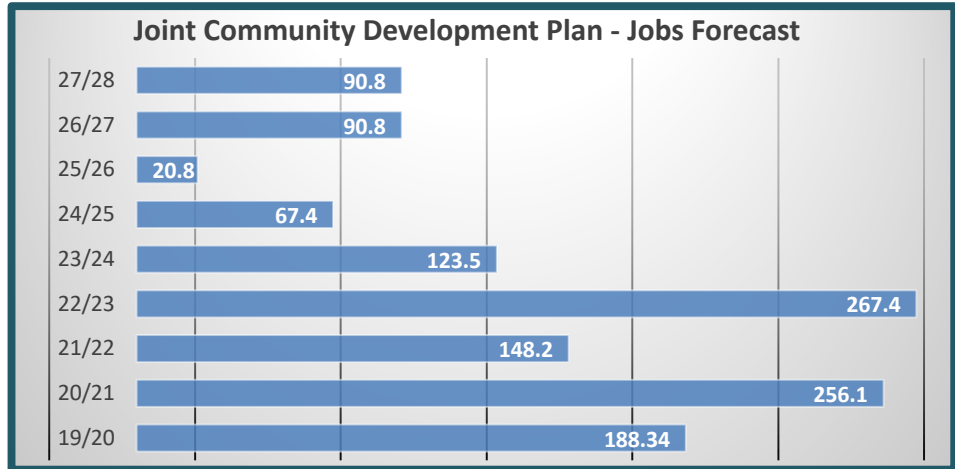
This is a short commitment over the next 2-3 months. Interested?
Call Deborah on 334-9021.

The Joint Community Development Plan - Our People and Our Jobs

TTC and Village of Teslin maintain a joint 10-year Community Development Plan of expected major infrastructure, construction, and other projects. These projects provide significant opportunities for local business and jobs.

DDC offers project management services to the two governments to break these large projects down into smaller contracts to maximize their local jobs.

BUT!
We have only 353 working age residents

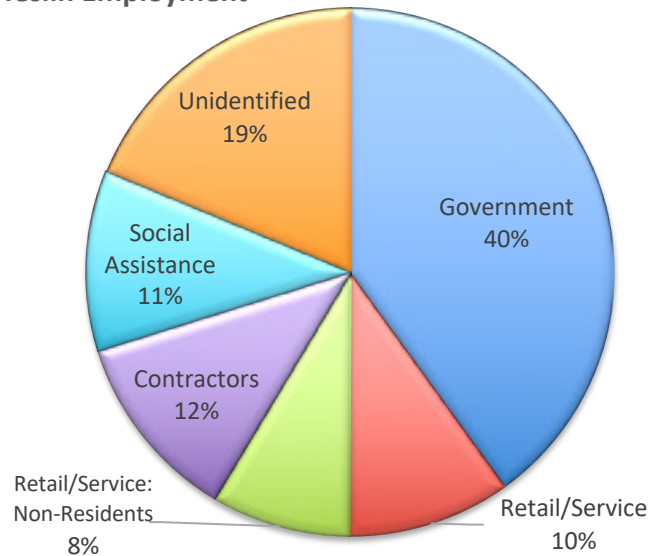


So, we recently completed an employer survey to assess the job market. There may be as few as 10-20 residents looking for work during the summer seasons.

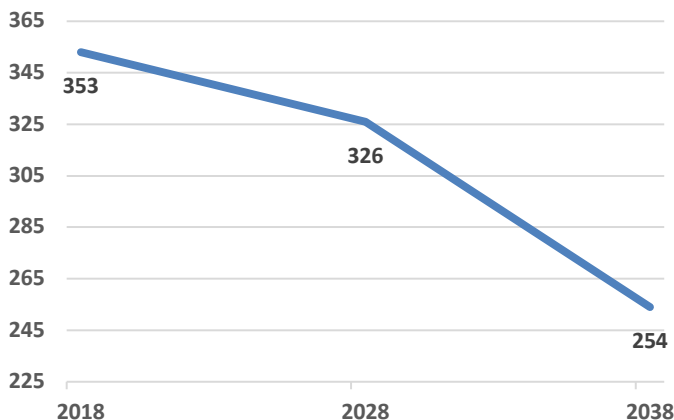
KEY FINDING
Community Development Plan labour needs exceed the size and skills of our current workforce

Also, Teslin is ageing significantly. Our workforce will soon shrink further unless more people move here to which there are barriers such as housing shortages.

Teslin Employment



Working Age Population Projection



We must know more about who needs work, what types of work, and your current skills and training needs so we know the best projects for DDC to manage for you.

How can you help?
We will soon undertake a Household Survey. Please take the time to complete it – good information is invaluable to good decision-making.



Volunteer Registration Form

About Haa Kusteeyí Celebration

The 2019 Haa Kusteeyí Celebration will take place from **Friday, July 26 to Sunday, July 28, 2019** in Carcross at the Learning Centre with three full days of programming. **Volunteers will be required from Friday, July 26 – Sunday, July 28, 2019.** All Volunteers will receive a Festival T-Shirt and Volunteers donating a minimum of 8 hours of service throughout the weekend, will receive a Volunteer Festival Gift. If possible, please attend a volunteer orientation meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at the Learning Centre at 3:00pm.**

Contact Information

First Name: _____ Last: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Preference *Other options available on-site*

- Event Set up:** Helping pre & during event, set up & take down of tables & chairs
- Site Welcomer:** Greeting visitors at the front entrance, directing traffic to parking zones
- Visitor / Information Booth:** greeting visitors, answering questions
- Artist Market:** assist with set up and daily operations assisting artists as needed
- Hospitality:** greet artists, maintain refreshments/snacks in green room, deliver messages
- Workshops/Special Presentations:** Assist with registration, setup, material prep, clean up
- Transportation (Personal Vehicle required):** Assist with transporting artists, elders and guests to accommodation
- Canoe Rides/Races (must be 18 yrs of age):** Assist with participant safety & canoe handling
- Site Tidying:** assisting to keep the site free of food product debris, etc.
- Roamer:** to fill in where needed and when required / requested
- Tear Down:** Assisting post event to help take down tables & chairs, assist sound crew in pack up, cleaning of the Heritage Centre.

Past Experience / Skillset:

When are you available to work? Please check / fill in all applicable dates and times.

TIME & DATE	Friday July 26	Saturday July 27	Sunday July 28
8am – 10am			
10am – 12pm			
12pm – 2pm			
2pm – 4pm			
4pm – 6pm			
6pm – 8pm			
8pm – 10pm			
10pm – 12am			

Applications must be submitted to Event Coordinator, Marlene Parsons by Friday, June 28, 2019.

**Return Form to Event Coordinator, Marlene Parsons at: Fax: 867.821.4802
Phone: 867.821.4251 ext. 8262 Email: marlene.parsons@ctfn.ca**





Update from Teslin Campus – Year in Review

As the Teslin campus winds down another semester, it is time to reflect on our year. We are proud to have a couple of Teslin-based students graduating from programs and a student moving into another program. Finally, we are closing out the year with the retirement of one of our esteemed colleagues. This year also featured several students taking credit courses by distance, our usual safety courses, and the delivery of professional workshops.

This year marks several significant milestones. We have two Teslin-based students graduating from Whitehorse-based programs who took all their courses from Teslin via distance. Kim Smarch graduated from First Nations Government and Public Administration program, and Dylan Jackson from the Office Administration program. These graduations are the first time in recent memory that we've had any Teslin-based students graduating from any program, much less two. We also have an upgrading student, Teslena Grant, who progressed through two levels of Math and an English this past year and will be taking the Business

Administration program at the main campus next fall. These successes say a lot about the institution's efforts to improve access to programming and student supports, and the determination and resiliency of our students.

Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to our colleague Ingrid Johnson, whose long relationship with the college pre-dates her time on the Teslin campus. She decided this past winter that it is time to retire and enjoy being an elder in Teslin. We will miss her wisdom, knowledge, and humour.

We had several students enrolled in upgrading or credit course by distance in all terms. In the Fall Semester, ten students took courses spread across four programs with one group of non-program students. In the Winter Semester, we had seven students taking courses from five different programs. Most of the students were part-time, and not all of them took their courses at the campus, but this is a significant jump from previous years. We have two students registered for spring courses in upgrading and early childhood, a first for the campus.

Above and beyond our first aid (wilderness and standard) and food safety courses, at the community's request we several driving-related courses such as air brakes, defensive driving, class 7 exam prep. We also hosted chainsaw safety and flagging courses in the spring. For professional workshops, mental health first aid and ASIST were popular courses, offerings coordinated in partnership with Yukon College's Northern Institute of Social Justice. Ingrid Johnson taught Introduction to Oral Traditions and Understanding Land Claims & Self-Government courses in April. In May, we hosted a very popular Introduction to Gardening course in partnership with Yukon College's Continuing Education and the Teslin Community Campus Committee.

The Teslin Campus Coordinator/Instructors were TTC Citizen Ingrid Johnson and, currently, Gord Curran. We enjoy visitors, so please drop by the campus. Check out our campus Facebook page www.facebook.com/pages/Yukon-College-Teslin-Campus/1524258717786082.

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

June 6th – Happy Birthday,
Mickayla Wolfe! Much love & hugs
always, Dad, Mom, Uncle Craig,
Travis & Hailey

Birthday Greeting to **Stan Stewart** –
June 28, from Alice and Friends

Happy Birthday to my Daughter
Melanie – July 5, Love Mom and family

Happy birthday to my Grandson
Izaiha – July 23 – Love Gramma

June 11th .Happy 19th Birthday
Keely Taylor Love Grandma n
Grandpa

May 25th Happy Birthday to '**Little
Leon Jules**' Love your Family and
Friends

Happy 89th Birthday to my bestest
friend my confidant my inspiration
and my mentor I love you forever until
the end of time. Love always your
granddaughter Martina Marie Sidney

Happy Birthday **Colleen Casey**
June 10th

Happy June 9th Birthday **Harley
Charlie** Love Clara and Leon and family

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Hayley and Khiel**
on the birth of their son!! (photo)

Happy 41st Anniversary to **Wayne and
Virginia Kettley**. Love Clara and Leon

Happy Anniversary to **Clara and
Leon Jules** Love your 3 Sons and all
your Grandkids

Congratulations on Graduating
Grade 12 **Curtis Dawson!!**
Love you. From Dad, Jodi & Liam



Library hours are

Monday	12pm - 5:30pm
Tuesday	12pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday	12pm - 5:30pm
Thursday	9:30am - 3pm

Everyone welcome.

Teslin Public Library

Drop in have a look around. We have some great books and board games.

We will be hosting a story contest over the summer. I have some stories from a contest held in trying to think of the year, but a long time ago; to give a hint Rachel Johnston, Brandon Johnson and Chris Thomas were just little kids in grade 1. Stories will be on display sometime this summer for everyone to come and have a read. Cuteness overload!

If you have any questions please call Kelly at the library: 390-2802

Watch for posters for fun stuff that will be happening at the library.



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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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