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As another summer draws to an end, we welcome the arrival of the harvest season. This is an important time for Citizens as we all try to take the opportunity to enjoy being out on the land. At the same time the work of TTC continues, as we press on with some major government initiatives. In September we have some important business on the horizon with the Administration of Justice Agreement (AJA) consultation meetings.

The Justice Negotiation Team is scheduled to hold Clan consultations and all Citizens consultation meetings in Teslin and Whitehorse. These consultations will introduce the proposed Peacemaker Court and Justice Act that will be presented for approval at the November General Council. The Peacemaker Court and Justice Council Act is a new piece of legislation that TTC needs to pass as part of the implementation process of the AJA. The timing of these consultations in September is not ideal but it is necessary. The AJA will take years to fully implement and the process breaks down into many stages. To allow smooth and timely implementation we have to get many things in place before January 1, 2012. Clan and Citizen consultation is one of the first steps.

Having control of your own justice is an integral part of Self-Government. This need for TTC to have its own judicial jurisdiction was recognized long ago. Once implemented the AJA will have a huge, positive, impact on the lives of all TTC Citizens. It is important that we all take the time to educate ourselves on exactly how the AJA and its respective legislation will affect us. These consultation meetings provide a fantastic chance to begin this learning process.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF *Peter Johnston*

The Executive Councilors, as representatives of their respective Clans, are taking a leading role towards insuring the attendance of their Clan members. Citizens are asked to direct any inquires about the AJA consultations first and foremost to their Executive Councilors.

I am sure that most of you know that the Territory is gearing up for an election in early October. We recently welcomed the Premier to Teslin as part of his pre-election community tour. Two meetings took place during his visit; a joint TTC/Yukon Government meeting and a tri-partite TTC/Village of Teslin/Premier session in the afternoon. Both meetings offered a valuable opportunity to hold frank and open discussions concerning the relationship between TTC and the Yukon Government.

TTC would like to congratulate our two Citizens, Carol Geddes and Carl Sydney, who are running and wish them the best of luck. The voting day has been set for Tuesday October 11th, the day after Thanksgiving. All Citizens are encouraged to review the views of the political parties, ask the candidates questions and make time on October 11th to cast a vote for their candidate of choice.

Peter Johnston

**TTC AND VILLAGE OF TESLIN
ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO
ADDRESS THE INCEASING VOLUME
OF 'AGGRESSIVE DOGS' IN TESLIN.**

DOG CONTROL

**BOTH TTC AND VOT CONSIDER
THIS TO BE A SERIOUS SITUATION.
CITIZENS AND COMMUNITY
MEMBERS CAN EXPECT INCREASED
ACTION FROM
TTC AND VOT
TO TACKLE THIS ISSUE.**

Following 16 years of administration of justice negotiations TTC signed their Administration of Justice Agreement (AJA) on Feb. 21, 2011.

The AJA provides for the establishment of a Teslin Tlingit justice system that provides for courts, corrections and enforcement services over Teslin Tlingit matters.

Section 5.0 of the AJA provides for the establishment and jurisdiction of the Teslin Tlingit court. Section 5.1 confirms that the Teslin court will be established by Teslin Tlingit Law.

Legislation drafting of the proposed Peacemaker Court & Justice Council Act (“Act”) began in March 2005. Drafting on the proposed Act was suspended from January 2006 to February 2009 in order to focus on completing the AJA implementation negotiations. A draft Act was tabled with the Teslin Tlingit General Council in July 2009.

The Teslin Tlingit General Council passed a Resolution (July 12, 2009) authorizing the Executive Council to bring the Act into force and effect upon satisfying the following conditions: (a) consistency with the Teslin Constitution (b) consultation requirements with YG and (c) any final technical drafting requirements.

The Peacemaker Court will deal with the following situations:

- individuals and/or Clans who seek and umpire for controversial issues;
- when Teslin Tlingit laws are broken;
- matters that are contrary to Teslin Tlingit constitution;
- matters based on customary law;
- matters governed by either territorial or federal laws when there is an agreement in place with TTC; and
- appeals.

There are limitations to the Court’s jurisdiction. The Court cannot:

- hear matters that are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court; or
- deal with matters that have value in excess of \$25,000.00

There may be some circumstances in which a Court’s order can be appealed to the Supreme Court which include:

- Challenge under the Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms; or
- Court exercised authority beyond its jurisdiction.

The Justice Council will have the authority to:

- appoint Peacemakers;
- determine the Peacemakers’ salary;
- consider and make any recommendations for court reform and justice improvements;
- address complaints concerning a Peacemaker; and
- perform any other function assigned to it under Teslin Tlingit law.

The Justice Council will be a body of five clan representatives appointed by the General Council.

The Justice Council members will each serve an initial term of 4 years and can automatically be reappointed. The original recommendation was 7 years; however, it was considered to be a high expectation of public service.

UPDATE ON THE TTC INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee is made up of 5 clan representatives and was established by the General Council.

The role of the Investment Committee is to oversee the management and investment of TTC's compensation funds in accordance with the TTC Investment Policy (2004).

Over the course of 2011 the Investment Committee has seen a few changes. In the Spring, three new members joined the committee - Blair Hogan (Ishkitan), Juanita Kremer (Yanyedi) and Pearl Callaghan (Dakhlawedi). The new members join existing members Mike Gergel (Kukhhittan), Alex Oakley (Deshitan) and Peter Johnston as ex-officio.

The Investment Committee is advised by an outside body. Recently, in July of 2011, a new management group, Shaunessy Investment Brokers was selected by the committee to help with the portfolio management. Shaunessy Investment Brokers are considered a small, 'boutique' organization that will be able to give TTC more detailed support and more personal communication than some of the more mainstream Investment Brokers. In addition to the Brokers, a financial consultant is also on hand to provide further financial expertise to the Investment Committee.

The Investment Committee is overseen by a body called the Teslin Tlingit Council Trust. TTC is the sole owner or beneficiary of the TTC Trust. The TTC Trust, like the Committee, is guided by the TTC Investment Policy (2004). Besides overseeing the Investment Committee the TTC Trust has a number of other important functions. The Trust owns and manages, on behalf of TTC, several key assets such as the Heritage Centre, the Forestry House and the Shoppers Plaza in Whitehorse. Structured in a similar way to the Investment Committee, representatives for the 5 clans are appointed by General Council as the Trustees of the TTC Trust. Presently they are Bert Goodwin (Dakhlawedi), Doug Hogan (Ishkitan), Jody Sydney (Yanyedi), Shandell McCarthy (Deshitan) and Robert-Lee Jackson (Kukhhittan).

DUPLEX CONSTRUCTION IN TELSIN



There is excitement at the Capital office at the moment over the construction of the new duplex. The two bedroom family homes sit across from the Healing Centre on 19a and 19b Tlingit Circle.

The project started at the end of July and should be finished by November. The crew includes Richard Grant, Floyf Smith, Raymond Duval, Thomas Morris, Darren Wolf, Loren Jules, Steve Smith. It is an all First Nation Team. Capital is also happy to report that the project is running smoothly, on time and on budget.



As many Citizens will know a home was previously built on this site that had to be moved. The cause was an uncapped well, underneath the foundations that went undetected. After the home was built the well lead to the basement being flooded which continuously rendered the property uninhabitable. The well has now been capped, the new duplex has no basement which was part of the problem, and proper drainage has been installed.

TTC is looking forward to allocating the homes to Citizens in the near future. As with all new homes, the duplex will be filled by applicants who have contacted the TTC Housing Committee.

HOUSING UPDATE FROM THE TTC HOUSING POLICY WORKING GROUP

TTC's Housing Policy Working Group is calling a **public meeting Wednesday, September 21** regarding the drafting of the new Housing Policy. This meeting will focus on issues of home ownership.

All Citizens concerned about TTC's relationship with home



owners, or who are having challenges with home ownership on settlement land are invited to attend.

TTC is trying to create a **fair process** to assist Citizens to own and care for their own homes.

The input of Citizens is very important to ensure the policy and processes are properly made.

The meeting will take place from **6:30–9:00pm at the Longhouse**. All Citizens are invited. This will likely be the last public meeting on the housing policy.

Contact

Karl Blattmann
karl@dsys.ca

This passage is meant as an introduction to Citizens to the Workforce Development staff and their responsibilities:

James Smarch, Director Workforce Development (ext 497) - Directs and manages the overall provision of human resources services and development of capacity within the current and future workforce both within government and in the community. James encourages you to call the following employees whose individual areas of responsibility are designed to provide you with expertise in all matters of human resources.

Carlene Hycha, Recruitment & Staff Relations Officer (ext 255) - Is responsible for all recruitment, employee relations and labour relations matters; for providing support and guidance to management and employees in matters relating to performance management and job descriptions. Call Carlene for any questions about recruitment, discipline matters, benefit plan administration and open competitions.

Darlene Skookum, Community Skills Development Officer (ext 242) - Is responsible to identify and develop training and skills development opportunities for Citizens and community members. Darlene will develop and implement training and education plans for Citizens and community members including job readiness and skills development. Call Darlene for help with your resume or any post secondary education questions.

Roanna Gleason, Staff Skills Development Officer (ext 499) - Is responsible for addressing the skills gaps of current employees as identified in performance assessments or by the employees themselves. Roanna will organize workshops, short courses and seminars for staff and work with those who aspire to advance within TTC. Call Roanna about courses you feel you need to improve your skill set for your current job or prepare you for future advancement.

Valerie Tizya, Workforce Development Administrator (ext 252) - In a department that is always busy and sometimes stretched to the limit, Valerie is the glue that keeps the group together. She can direct you to the right person to call and knows where each person in the department is at all times.

Edmond Ruest, Career Counsellor (ext 504) - Has been engaged for six months to provide Career Assessments/Coaching Services to all employees, citizens and community members. If you are interested in examining your future potential or are looking for help with a career direction, call Ed who can guide you to a Career Development Plan.

Judy Corley, Human Resources Specialist - Mentors the staff of the Workforce Development Department in all matters related to human resources management and labour relations.

Robin Smarch, Senior Support Worker, Teslin (ext 239) and Lenora Minet, Support Worker, Whitehorse (667.8665) Both provide counselling and guidance to kindergarten through to grade 12 students and parents regarding academic problems, graduation requirements and course selections, accommodation and career & employment opportunities. Call either of these education counsellors regarding your children's elementary and high school education.

The department is proud to have two respected Elders on staff to work in the Teslin School assisting and guiding your children. **Sam Johnston and Tim Dewhurst** can be reached at 390.2570.



YUKON ELECTION 2011

Candidates for the three territorial political parties in the local riding have been announced for the upcoming election. Two of the candidates are Tlingit Citizens, continuing a strong tradition of **Tlingit presence in territorial politics.**

During the Citizens Forum at TTC's Annual General Assembly in July, Carol Geddes announced her intention to run as the NDP candidate in the riding of Pelly-Nisutlin in the upcoming Territorial election. The other confirmed candidate in the riding is Teslin community member Stacey Hassard for the Yukon Party. Also, on September 11, Carl Sydney threw his hat into the ring for the Liberals.

Pelly-Nisutlin is a large riding that covers the diverse communities Teslin, Ross River and Faro. Considering that Teslin is only one of three communities in the riding it is impressive that for the last nine years the riding's MLA has come from Teslin - starting with Dean Hassard from 2002 to 2006 followed by TTC Citizen Marian Horne, who was elected in 2006 and is

our current MLA. Both Hassard and Horne were elected as Yukon Party representatives. Marian Horne has announced that she will be running in Whitehorse Centre this time.

There is also a **long tradition** of Teslin Tlingit representation in the Yukon Legislative Assembly. This tradition started way back in 1985 by Sam Johnston, the first aboriginal person elected as house speaker in the Yukon and Canada. In 1996 former TTC Chief Dave Keenan was elected as the NDP MLA for Ross River- Southern Lakes. Horne continued the tradition during the last election.

For more information on Carol Geddes, please visit yukonndp.ca/carol

For more info on Stacey Hassard and Marian Horne, please go to yukonparty.ca

For more info on Carl Sydney, please go to yfp.ca

We encourage all Citizens to participate in the political process and exercise their right to vote.



WATER UNDER MOSS
by Winnifred Peterson

My favorite childhood memories are when we spent summers at Fish Lake outside Whitehorse. There were several families that lived out there during the summers.

Though the summers at Fish Lake were my favorite times, there was always work to be done. The first task on setting up camp in those hot summers was to get the water. Water was needed for drinking, cooking, washing up the dishes, pots and pans, clothes, and ourselves.

When we finally settled in and rested, Mom, the late Carrie Jackson, would talk about how we would go up on the hills to hunt small game or to pick berries when they were ready.

So in a few days, we would don our little canvas packsacks that Mom had made for each of her children, each of us had one fit for our size. We each had an empty glass bottle tucked inside our packsacks. The walk up towards the hills was hot and dry; we would often stop under the spruce trees to get shade and how wonderful that felt! Finally we reached the spot where the trees had moss under them. The shade was extra nice here and while we quietly rested on the spongy moss, I could hear the sound of water running ever so softly, bubbling over the tree roots.

Mom would pull up the cool moss to reveal icy cold water! She would fill each one of our empty glass bottles with this cold water. We would all

have a drink of this water, it tasted so good! Then we continued on our way up the hill for the day's activities.

We would later have lunch at what Mom called the "dinner camp". She made a small fire and would make a pot of tea. Needless to say, this water made very good tasting tea.

In those summer days of the early fifties, we used little water. We did live by the lake and had easy access to water for our basic needs. There was the fun swimming of course; it was difficult to remember the lake water as cold because our summers were so hot. Or was it because we had to do our chores before we were allowed to go swimming?

Today there is so much demand on our world's supply of water; there is real fear of running out of good water. We need to be very aware of this fact and to teach ourselves, our children. Ask your grandchildren about how to be good stewards of water. They know that if we don't take care of our water, they will not have good water for their generation. What about after that? It will even be worse for those generations. We could live on much less water than most of us use today.

The very basis of life is water. As babies we lived in water, in our mothers' wombs. Just think, we lived in a small sac of water for nine months!

Winnifred Peterson, February, 2009 ©.

Healthy Weights Through Nutrition & Exercise

September 28, 2011

Long House 6:30 - 8:30

Introduction to Osteoporosis

October 12, 2011

Long House 6:30 - 8:30

Wellness for Stressful Times

October 27, 2011

Long House 6:30 - 8:30



For more Information & to
register

Please contact Jade 390-2532
ext:323.

The Kùkhhittàn Clan will be
hosting a headstone potlatch for

Pete Sidney

Kanałtâkh and Genevieve Lepine,
Yèdilatsìn

Teslin on October 8, 2011.

Headstone placing is scheduled for
2 p.m. with a potlatch to follow at
5p.m.

All eagle and wolf clan members
are welcome.



Teslin Tlingit Council Prenatal Program and
Village of Teslin Recreation Program offer
Child Car Seat Safety Presentation
By Elizabeth Beecroft

Car Seat Safety Program Coordinator

When: September 27, 2011

Where: Recreation complex

Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

For parents with children 0-10 years

- Stages 1 Rear-facing
- Stages 2 Forward-facing with tether
- Stage 3 Booster seat
- Stage 4 Seatbelt Only

After the Presentation she has offered to
Inspect Car Seats and Install Car seats.

If you are planning on attending please
phone and sign up By September 23rd

Contact Jodi Jules @ the Prenatal Office
390-2532 (ext 324)

WANTED

The Teslin Public Library is looking for a person to hold a StoryTime session.

Reporting to the Board of Directors the position will provide a two hour story session at the Public Library.

Inquires can be made personally at the Library or by calling 390 2802 during opening hours.

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Clan Leader Sam Johnston with Robin Smarch; Citizens gather in regalia.



Jocelyn Boutlier and Olivia waving their TTC flags with pride at Ha Kus Teyea 2011

Appeal for housing

Housing in Teslin remains a problem. TTC currently has 6 staff working in Teslin without housing. This appeal is calling for homeowners in Teslin with rooms, cabins, or homes contact us so that we can maximise the availability of housing.

390 2532 ex 225



TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL

Capital and Infrastructure

Maintenance Request Form

Date: _____

House or Unit # _____

Name: _____

Nature of Request: please give as much detail as possible.

Please call TTC Housing Clerk 867-390-2532 ext 253 or ext 248 for housing maintenance requests

24 Hour on-call phone 867-334-6957 for housing emergencies

Capital fax # 867-390-2164

Citizens please note: if you are a renter in good standing or in the process of paying off your arrears then please use this form when requesting maintenance. Please tear out this form and submitted to Wanda Jackson, Housing Clerk ex 253

Teslin Tlingit Council - Telephone Directory (Sept.8, 2011)

EXECUTIVE (Fax: 390-2204)

Chief Executive Officer	Peter Johnston	222
Deputy Chief	Vacant	251
Executive Director	Doug Hogan	264
Executive Manager	Brenda Oziewicz	484
Executive Office Manager	Gord Curran	498
Executive Assistant	Vacant	
Executive Office Clerk	Ellen Fournier	236
Executive Elder	John Peters Sr.	490
Councillor (Deshitàn)	Alex Oakley	236
Councillor (Kùkhittàn)	Sandy Smarch	236
Councillor (Yanyèdí)	Duane Gastant'Aucoin	236
Councillor (Ishkitàn)	Kristyne Geddes	236
Councillor (Dakhl'awèdí)	Isabelle Dewhurst	236
Director of Implementation and Negotiations	Kim Smarch	425
Justice Negotiator	Georgina Sydney	257
Main Receptionist	Mildred Jackson	221
Communications Coordinator	Ian Freeman	225
Board Room		485
Public Phone		486

FINANCE (Fax: 390-2413)

Director	Pat Wiens	229
Finance Officer	Darryl Kremer	228
Finance Admin. Assistant	Claudia Huber	230
Payroll Officer	Tasha Fox	233
Finance Supervisor	Kristyne Geddes	493
A&R & Collections Officer	Matthias Liniger	496
Banks/Investment Officer	Sharon Sterritt	258
Accounts Payable	Jody Sydney	506
IT Manager	Rick Scramstad	240
Citizenship/Records Administrator	CJ Marian Sheldon	477
IT Trainee	Jocelyn Boutilier	451
Senior Finance Officer	Bernadette Wolfe	231

CAPITAL & INFRASTRUCTURE (FAX: 390-2164)

Director	Bob Magill	234
Office Manager	Vacant	227
Housing Clerk	Wanda Jackson	253
Project Manager	Tod Smarch	263
Materials Manager	Richard Horne	247
Property Manager	Randy Keleher	248
Maintenance	Mike Smarch	259
Maintenance	Daniel Morin	259
Maint./Security	Mike Callaghan	479/386
Custodian	Joseph Smith	245
Light Duty Mechanic	Vacant	483

HEALTH & SOCIAL FAX: (390-2130)

JUSTICE FAX: (390-2175) ELCC FAX: (390-2334)

Director	Kyle Keenan	330
Administrative Assistant	Charlene Peters	334
TFA Intake Clerk Support Wker	Lisa Boutilier	426
Home Support Worker	Vacant	331
Family Support Worker	Vacant	327
Health Case Worker	Jade McGinty	323
Program Coordinator	Mary Rose Sydney	329
Wellness Counsellor	Lyall Herrington	518
Traditional Counsellor	Vacant	518
Meals-Wheels Coordinator	Donna Dickson	333
ELCC Manager	Patty Wiseman	421
AHS Instructor	Natalie Derrick	436
Prenatal Coordinator	Jodi Jules	324
Justice Coordinator	Annie Johnston	322
Public Phone		332

LANDS & RESOURCES (Fax: 390-2116)

Director	Blanche Warrington	424
Administrative Assistant	Kendra Sallis	427
Renewable Resource Mgr.	Tracy Boyes	428
Lands & Env. Officer	Richard Mueller	430
Fish & Wildlife Officer	Mike Dunn	429
GIS Administrator	Linda Sidney	422

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

(Fax: 390-2176)

Director	James Smarch	497
Human Resource Specialist	Judy Corley	504
Workforce Dev. Administrator	Valerie Tizya	252
Senior Support Worker	Robin Smarch	239
Community Skills Dev. Officer	Darelene Skookum	242
Recruitment Staff Relations Officer	Carlene Hycha	255
Staff Skills Dev Officer	Roanna Gleason	499
Career Counsellor	Edmond Ruest	504
Support Worker (Whse)	Lenora Minet	667-8665
School Elder	Tim Dewhurst	390-2570
School Elder	Sam Johnston	390-2570
Training Room (Admin Bldg)		256

HERITAGE (Fax: 390-2156)

Director	Tip Evans	383
Administrative Assistant	Roberta Jackson	390
Business/Marketing Manager	Lisa Dewhurst	382
Reception		381
Community Arts Coordinator	Vacant	
Language/Culture Coordinator	Doug Smarch Jr.	244
Heritage Sites Officer	Brian Charles	384
Elder's Room		243

YUKON MINE TRAINING ASSOCIATION

(Fax: 390-2508)

Training Liaison Worker	Brandy Greenwood	387
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New West Technologies Mgr.	Paul Scholz	668-4054
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Yukon Inn Manager	Brenda Riis	667-2527

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which is why this edition is a little light. For copies of
the above contact us. Next edition will be at the end of October