



Migrating Swans A sign of Spring!

Often seen gliding across lakes and rivers, the swan has long represented elegance and beauty.

Take a drive to Johnsons Crossing or Swan Haven to take in the sights and sounds of the returning of spring!

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Thank-you to those who submitted articles amd photos for this issue of the Neek.

Teslin Tlingit Council









Chief's message



Photo: Courtesy of: Teresa Ward Slippers made by Arts & Culture Students

Message from Naa Shaade Hani

Máa sá iyatee,

Greetings to everyone,

We say 'Gunalcheesh' to our General Council for their support of our Annual Operating budget for Teslin Tlingit Council for the fiscal year 2021-2022. This support signifies the confidence and trust you have in the work to be done this year. The biggest take away we have from the work in presenting the budget and workplans was the request to have greater involvement with our citizens in the development of the budget. We fully agree with this and we will put in place a plan that will reflect that participation. There are definitely some required expenditures that we have to meet and where we have discretionary funding available we can plan how we may be able to utilize those resources on activities or projects we'd like to see happen. Having citizen involvement in the development of our annual operating budgets will create an opportunity to have a greater understanding and awareness of what financial resources we have available to work with and where we'd like to see some of those resources utilized.

We want to say 'Gunalcheesh' to Gunta - Bair Hogan for his service on the Executive Council. Through his help we have infrastructure in our community that relies Biomass capacity for heat. He's helped to create a way forward for us to have even more of these types of Green Energy opportunities in our community. The knowledge that Gunta has related to economic development has worked its way in to the various areas within our work over the years. The work done on Reviving Our Economy, establishment of Desleen Development Corporation, and making Biomass a viable economic opportunity have benefited from Gunta's involvement. At our March 31st General Council the Ishkitan announced that Gunta would be stepping down as Executive Council member and Leslie McMillan would be stepping forward as their new Executive Council member. We welcome Leslie to the Executive Council and we looking forward to working with her and we all will benefit from the knowledge and experience she brings to our work. We say Gunalcheesh to our Ishkitan Clan for their work for this smooth transition.

We are embarking on a new fiscal year and we are excited about all the work that's being planned and are

truly looking forward to a successful spring, summer and fall work season.

We've had a higher than normal snowfall this past winter and we are monitoring the melt and are hoping for no flooding issues in our community. If the melt is gradual and the ground freeze isn't too deep and is able to absorb some off the runoff than we may be safe. We take this opportunity to thank all those that have helped over the winter to manage snow removal, plowing roads, keeping walkways clear and helping Santa get his vehicle unstuck in Smarchville this past Christmas. We have not seen this much snow in over 40 years. We just ask everyone to stand ready if we are to have any problems with the spring runoff.

There were instances where prayers were being requested for community members who were having health or family challenges and we acknowledge and say Gunalcheesh to all of you for offering up your positive thoughts and prayers during those difficult times.

Naa Sháade Háni - Eric

"It's not what you have; it's what you do with what you have."











Teslin Tlingit Council

March 23, 2021

Message to TTC Citizens Update on Covid-19 and Vaccinations

Dear Citizens:

TTC continues to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak in the country in order to minimize the threat to our community and citizens. We are reminding citizens to remain vigilant in following Yukon Health Measures (Safe 6 plus 1) from the Chief Medical Officer of Health – Yukon.

Following measures for Yukon:

- Maintain physical distancing 2 metres apart
- Wash your hand frequently
- Stay home if you feel sick
- Limit social gatherings to 10 people indoors
- Limit travel to communities
- Self-isolate as required
- Wear a mask in all indoor public spaces

Teslin had seen two Vaccination Clinics thus far this year. Following the two vaccination clinics **294 (67%)** Teslin residents have received their **first dose** and **242 (55%)** have received their **second dose**.

• First Clinic - January 25, 2021

Count: 248 residents (56% of eligible population*)

Second Clinic – March 1, 2021

Count: 294 residents (67% of eligible population*) (242 received 2nd dose and 52 received 1st dose)

*eligible population of +18 in Teslin: 439 (based on Yukon Bureau of Statistics September 2020) Residents can call 1-877-374-0425 to book vaccine appointments.

Thank you to everybody for your part in ensuring the health and safety of our community and residents. Call your local health care provider if you experience the symptoms associated with COVID-19.

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TTC Executive



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TTC Trans-boundary update

Treaty related issues

The British Columbia (BC) and Canada governments' responses to our term sheets have been sluggish in coming and inadequate. When TTC-C/TFN teams met with the provincial and federal teams for a main table session on March 11-12, 2021, it became clear early on that both governments were in no way prepared for a discussion at any level other than to continue with the concept of Constructive disengagement.

The TTC and Carcross/Tagish First Nation (C/TFN) negotiating teams explained clearly what the intent and purpose of the draft term sheets are. We have included a term sheet on 'Governance' to make sure that Canada and BC are aware of the importance of our traditional concepts of governance. It also ensures that governance is an essential and a part of the whole concept of cogovernance.

The agenda was structured to move us forward in our discussions. The team carefully and methodically walked both governments through our term sheets and explained our concept of co-governance and the steps we are prepared to take to ensure our stewardship of the lands, water and resources continues. To that end, Lands, Heritage and Resources Director, Emmie Fairclough, presented to the governments TTC's existing legislation and its legislative agenda.

It soon became clear that the BC government was in no way prepared for a real discussion.

To frustrate matters further, BC has still not assigned a chief negotiator nor a full-time legal representative to their team which stalls the process and progress since their lead negotiator has to always go back for instruction.

The province, through their lead negotiator, acknowledged the Nations forward thinking and committed to relay a call to action to their senior officials to get the right people at the table to negotiate and implement the term sheets to their full potential in a timely manner. We expect their response at the June negotiation session.

Recognition and Reconciliation of Rights Policy (RRR's)

The Province, Canada and the First Nations Summit hosted a forum of chief negotiators on March 29, 30 & 31 to discuss ways to fully implement the spirit of the RRR's policy. Our Term Sheets are consistent and within the scope of the RRR's policy. What is missing from the process is BC's political will to provide the direction and capacity to engage in meaningful negotiations. As a participant, I asked 3 questions that reflect the core of TTC's mandate to ensure our treaty & selfgovernment rights are respected and incorporated to the extent practical. My questions were acknowledged by the Assistant Deputy Minister of negotiations and dismissed as a capacity issue.

Next steps

We're just not a priority for BC at this time and are given minimal

attention. Our November 26, 2019 request for the province to engage with us in developing a Strategic Decision-Making Agreement (SDMA) continues to be met with resistance. In the meantime, our rights continue to be eroded from 3rd parties' pressure, whether it be mining exploration, grazing leases or land alienation.

BC Summit Participation

TTC continues to participate at every level of the Summit through the development of joint political, negotiating and communication strategies.

Schedule

The next negotiation session is scheduled for June 16 & 17.

A chief negotiators forum with the BC Summit is scheduled for April 29 & 30.

TTC Caucus meetings are currently scheduled on a monthly basis with the next one on April 14th. Public meetings are currently scheduled quarterly with the next one scheduled for April 27th.

Taku River Tlingit First Nation has extended an invitation to TTC for a small delegation to visit Atlin on April 21 to discuss TTC interests in BC. This is a preliminary meeting leading up to a larger gathering with leadership involvement later this spring. Bess Cooley, Madeline Jackson, Michael Campbell and myself will attend this initial meeting.

Elders meetings scheduled for April 30th.

Dakh Ka Nation

On February 24, 2021, the Dakh Ka Nation held a Nation Rebuilding Virtual Community Engagement Event. Two sessions were held - one in the morning and one during the afternoon to ensure that we gave Citizens the opportunity to participate.

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Il three communities of Teslin, Carcross and Atlin were connected virtually and participated. We're proud to say that many did engage from our Elders to our youth. Over 75 Citizens joined us and shared their ideas of how we could come together as a Nation. We heard a wide range of Ideas. Here a few of them:

• A storytelling and spoken word

event

- Building trails together
- Develop a healing strategy
- •Host camps to be together and learn

This event was the continuation of our journey together. In 1986, the Elders met to discuss bringing all three First Nations together, to speak with a unified voice, as one - a unified voice of Dakhka Tlingit Nation.

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hrough the project process, we have reaffirmed the importance of our Dakhka Mission Statement which is to reunite for all time the Dakhka as one self-reliant and self-governing Nation based on healthy Citizens who believe and practice a

strong cultural identity, which will ensure protection and the wellness of our future generations, the land, the water and our environment.

Presently, we continue to develop our Dahk Ka Nation workplan based on the resolution of February 1, 2021 signed by our respective leaders. The workplan will focus on these areas:

- Wildlife
- Boundaries
- Economic Development
- Language and Culture and
- Legislation

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Gunalcheesh - Dave











TTC welcomes Community Safety Officer!

In the spirit of Community Safety, Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) would like to welcome Jeff Myke as our Community Safety Officer (CSO) Manager. Jeff brings a wealth of experience with his education in law enforcement, conflict resolution training, and work experience.

A First Nations Mohawk from Six Nations, Jeff possesses a great understanding and personal knowledge of Yukon First Nations, particularly TTC's Culture & traditions. With an almost 20 year career working for the RCMP in northern Yukon and NWT communities, Jeff truly feels at home in the north.

Recently retired from the RCMP, and taking up permanent residence here in Teslin, both Jeff and his wife Alicia feel truly at home. He enjoys hiking, camping, canoeing and spending time on the land. One of Jeff's most memorable experiences since moving to Teslin, was taking part in the TTC canoe journey from Atlin to Carcross for the Haa Kusteeyi Celebrations in 2019.

Jeff will be working closely with the Teslin Justice Council as he implements the CSO program.



Update from the WCLCM

Working Committee on Legal and Constitutional Matters (WCLCM)

On behalf of our Committee, I would like to thank the TTC Communications for inviting me to provide an update on our activities to date.

We are the Working Committee on Legal and Constitutional matters, or the WCLCM for short. We are established and mandated by the General Council. This Committee was created at the General Assembly in 2020 and is tasked with three major jobs: First, we are to develop a Teslin Tlingit Nation Charter based on the principles of Haa Kusteeyi which in our language means "the way we live". The second major task is to review the elections process of 2020 and the TTC Elections Act to see where improvements can be made if needed. Finally, we will look at the TTC Constitution to see what we can do to strengthen our Clan based government. All of this work will strengthen our Nation of people and our government.

Our committee is Clan based with a representative from each Clan. The Elders and Youth Council also have a member appointed to the Committee.

Chair – Bob Magill Elders Council – George M. Henry Youth Council – Savana Kremer Kookhitaan – Sandy Smarch Ishkitaan – Anne Turner Yanyeidi – Duane Aucoin Deisheetaan – Marian Sheldon Dakl'aweidi – Sheila Clark

Our Committee is made up of seven members and me as an independent Chair. We use modern technology to meet. We use Cisco WebEx which allows us to combine in-person and virtual participation by our members. This way we can involve our citizens from as far away as Ontario and Vancouver. We have three members on this Committee who don't live in Yukon, but who can participate from afar. It is wonderful to have our people participate in General Council business and the work of our government, no matter where they live in the world.

We are fortunate to have citizens with skills from various backgrounds available to help with this important work. Committee members bring working experience in TTC governance, justice, law, traditional Haa Kusteeyi knowledge, Tlingit language and culture among other things. We have the perspective of our Elders and our Youth as part of our circle.

The entire committee is aware of the huge workload placed before them and all are willing to fully participate. We are proud that the work of this Committee is one hundred percent done by Teslin Tlingit. The Committee is not aided by outside consultants. We have the knowledge and skill within the Committee to accomplish the mandate work. To support our work, we are currently looking for an office assistant. This will be an opportunity for another one of our Teslin Citizens to gain some part time work in office administration.

We have established our Terms of Reference, Work Plan and budget. We had a positive meeting with Management Board and Executive Council to provide our budget estimates for this fiscal year. All of our information was provided to General Council on March 31st and approved.

We have reported to the General Council regularly and have had three consultations with the Elders Council. The work of this Committee will be guided by the Elders Council all the way through. We reviewed our Work Plan with them and have their approval to move forward. We will work closely with them and all Clans going forward. It is important that the work be community based so that citizens have a sense of ownership of this Charter when it is completed. It has to be meaningful to them. The Charter has to come from the citizens.

We are currently at the beginning stage of a research project on the principles of Haa Kusteeyi. What have our Elders said about the way we live... about Haa Kusteeyi in the past and what do our Elders say today. Many Elders have left us, but we have recordings of interviews with them that we can draw on. We can't forget what our Elders had to say in regard to Haa Kusteeyi and this is a way of ensuring their knowledge is never lost and will be passed on to future generations. These Haa Kusteeyi principles will form the foundation of our modern Teslin Tlingit Nation Charter. It will be a work of the people.

A lot of research has been done by TTC over the years and we will be reviewing all of this material to see how it can help us with our work. The Committee does not want to duplicate any work that has already been completed, we want to breathe life back into what we have in our records and archives as well as the living voice of our current Elders Council. This research will be done by our committee and we have asked our Naa Shaade Hani and Executive Council to facilitate access to the valuable documents and historic tapings of our Elders and citizens. We will reach out to the Sealaska Heritage Foundation and to organizations within Yukon like CYFN and Yukon Archives. Northern Native Broadcasting Yukon, Haa Shagoon and CHON FM will have valuable records we can access. Internally, TTC had undertaken research in the areas of language and culture, administration of justice, BC Claims negotiations, etc. which can support the work of the Committee. We are developing a research framework so we don't get lost in the ocean of research available to us. This work is both exciting and at times overwhelming when we think about the large task we have been assigned.

We will continue to give updates in the Deslin Neek and to General Council. Clan consultation is also a priority so please come out to our meetings. We want to hear your voice. This is your Charter, and it has to be an expression of what you want. The reason TTC has initiated this work is to help our citizens return to the principles of Haa

Kusteeyi as a way to guide our daily lives. Our Ancestors walked this way and we haven't lost this way of living. We just need to breathe life into it again.

On behalf of our Committee, thank you for taking the time to read our update and giving me the opportunity to introduce our Committee. We look forward to future discussions with everyone. Have a great spring and coming summer.

Gunalcheesh - Bob Magill

Chair, WCLCM

Did you know?

Some of the largest species of swans, including the mute swan, trumpeter swan, and whooper swan, can reach a length of over 1.5 meters (59 inches) and weigh over 15 kilograms (33 pounds). Their wingspans can be over 3.1 meters (10 feet).



General Council Resolutions

Non-Governmental Assets GC Resolutions

NGA GC – February 18th, 2021

Resolution # 002 - passed

NGA General Council Procedures (in person and virtual)

Whereas Teslin Tlingit Council is exercising protective measures, informed by the Yukon Chief Medical Officer's directives, to safeguard the health of Teslin Tlingit, staff and contractors in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Therefore be it resolved that the General Council authorizes the meeting procedures of February 18, 2021 be conducted in person and virtually with the support of video or teleconferencing methods provided that a) all GC members and the Speaker participating in the meeting can communicate with one another, and b) a GC member participating in the meeting in accordance with this resolution will be deemed to be present at GC, deemed to have so consented, counted in quorum, entitled to speak and vote in accordance with the Constitution and rules of procedures as if they were in the same location.

Resolution #003 - passed

Approval of NGA Minutes (February 2019)

Whereas the General Council received and reviewed the NGA GC minutes for February 19, 2019. There were no additions, deletions or qualifications added. Therefore be it resolved that the GC approves the NGA GC minutes as was presented.

Resolution #004 - passed

Payment on Teslin Tlingit Council Trust grid Promissory Note: Request for

\$348,994.00

Whereas The TTC Trust issued the TTC a grid promissory note dated November 29, 2006 in the amount of \$30,000,000.00 ('the promissory note') and which currently has a balance owing of approximately \$21,514,149.00 as of December 31, 2020. The promissory note is evidence of a debt the Trust owes to TTC. The Executive Council is requesting that the General Council approve a demand notice to the Trust to issue payment on the promissory note in maximum amount \$348,994.00 to address the following TTC anticipated expenditures: a) \$248,994.00 to provide TTC with resources to provide monthly payments to TTC Elders as described in the TTC 2021/22 Budget. And; b) \$100,000.00 to enable TTC to provide additional programs and services as described in the TTC 2021/22 Budget (including Back to the Land, Arts & Culture, Executive Donation, Artist Assistance Grants and Elders Wood).

Therefore be it resolved that the General Council approve that a demand notice be issued to the Trust to issue payment on the promissory note in maximum amount 4348,994.00 to be applied to the TTC 2021/22 Specified Expenditures. Be it further resolved that when the Executive Council seeks access to the \$348,994.00 to provide a written notice to the TTC Trust at least 8 weeks in advance in order to convert assets required to respond to the financial request and avoid any negative impacts to the return on investment to the NGA Asset people.

General Council Resolutions

February 19, 2021

Resolution #002 - passed

General Council Procedures (in Person

and Virtual)

Whereas Teslin Tlingit Council is exercising protective measures, informed by the Yukon Chief Medical Officer's directives, to safeguard the health of Teslin Tlingit, staff and contractors in response to the Covid 19 pandemic. The GC is scheduled to meet, with some members and support staff attending the Heritage Centre and others located in other TTC facilities, supported with the use of video and teleconferencing measures.

Therefore be it resolved that the General Council authorizes the meeting procedures be conducted in person and virtually with the support of video or teleconferencing methods provided that a)all GC members and the Speaker participating in the meeting can communicate with one another, and b) GC members participating in the meeting in accordance with this resolution be deemed present at the meeting, to have so consented, counted in quorum and entitled to speak and vote in accordance with the Constitution, as if they were in the same location.

Resolution #003 - passed

Approval of Annual General Council Assembly Minutes: November 19-20, 2020.

Whereas the GC received, and reviewed the GC minutes for November 2020, there are no corrections, omissions or changes to GC minutes.

Therefore be it resolved that the GC approves the GC minutes as revised/ presented.

Resolution #005 - passed

TTC Community Services Building: Class C Budget Approval

Whereas the GC mandated Executive Council to begin preparations and identify financial resources to construct a new administration building (TTC community services building). The GC authorized the Executive Council to access an existing TTC line of credit to fund the architectural design and planning costs of the TTC administration building, up to a maximum of \$2.2M plus interest. TTC retained professional services of DNA/KZA as the architects to design the proposed TTC community services building. DNA/KZA provided GC with a presentation on the projected budget to construct the community services building.

Therefore be it resolved A) GC approves the class C Estimates as presented by DNA/KZA and authorizes the DNA/KZA continue the design work and prepare the drawings for tender purposes. B) DNA/KZA provide final Class A cost estimates to the general Council at the Annual General Council Assembly scheduled for July 2021.

Therefore be it further resolved that Executive Council provide financial proposal to General Council at the AGA scheduled for July 2021 to confirm how TTC's contribution of \$11.5M will be funded.

March 31st, 2021 Resolutions

Resolution # 002 - passed

Whereas Teslin Tlingit Council is exercising protective measures, informed by the Yukon Chief Medical Officer's directives, to safeguard the health of Teslin Tlingit, staff and contractors in response to the

Covid 19 pandemic. The General Council holds regular meetings to conduct government business with members that support staff attending at TTC facilities and other locations, supported with the use of video and teleconferencing measures. The TTC Constitution is silent on the use of electronic or virtual measures for the purpose of conducting GC business. Section 10.9(g) of the TTC Constitution confirms that GC has the authority to make rules and regulations in respect of any matter affecting good government and well-being of TTC. **Executive Council recommends that** the TTC General Council: Rules of Procedures (July 2016)(GC Rules) be amended to include provisions that authorize GC meeting procedures to be conducted in person and virtually with support of video or teleconferencing methods.

Therefore be it resolved that the GC approves the following provisions to be incorporated as the new section 5 of the GC Rules titled 'General Council Procedures (Virtual Participation)'.

- A) GC Meetings can be conducted with the assistance of video or teleconferencing methods;
- B) A GC member, confirmed by their respective Clan and recognized by the Speaker, participating by way of video or teleconference will be considered to be present at the GC meeting, be counted as part of quorum and be entitled to speak and vote in the meeting as authorized by Constitution; and
- C) GC members participating by way of video or teleconference are bound by the rules of procedures.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the GC adopts these rules effective March 31, 2021 and that the rules be cited as TTC: General Council Rules of Procedures, March 31, 2021.

Resolution # 003 – Withdrawn & Incorporated into resolution # 004 – March 31, 2021 - passed

Resolution #004 - passed

TTC Annual Operating Budget Estimates 2021-2022 Fiscal Year and Future TTC Budgetary and Consultation Processes

The budget of TTC belongs to its citizens. All funds received by TTC whether from our FTA, the Trust, a Contribution Agreement or our Own Source Revenue, is funding provided for governance and program and services for the benefit of all Teslin Tlingit Citizens. Section 10.9(c) of the Teslin Tlingit Constitution states that GC has the power to provide for management systems, including financial management, audits and publications of reports by all governing bodies to show their accountability to TTC citizens. GC members must be provided the details of the TTC fiscal budget in a timely fashion, to review and provide information to Clan members to obtain informed consent, the GC members are unable to be accountable to their Clan members based on the current budget timelines. The Executive Council presented an Operational Budget estimate for 2021-22 in the amount of \$21,342,047.00 to the GC on Feb.19, 2021; and the EC has identified that there are confirmed revenues for the 2021-22 fiscal year (\$19,513,280.00) resulting in a budget shortfall in the amount 0f \$1,828,767.00. TTC experienced a shortfall in revenues for the 2020-21 fiscal year because the monies that were intended to be withdrawn from the Trust were not authorized by GC as the NGA GC was cancelled due to Covid considerations.

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The EC is requesting GC approve a demand notice to the Trust to issue payment on the promissory note to TTC; and EC recommends that monies be applied to the 2021-22 Operational Budget estimates thereby eliminating the budget shortfall. The EC is also recommending the GC approve the Operational Budget in the amount \$21,342,047.00. The GC has the authority to approve the budget expenditures; GC requested additional time to consider the Operational Budget and deferred final review and approval. The EC office held a public consultation on the Budget on March 8, 2021.

Therefore be it resolved that the EC is mandated by the GC to do the following work and report its progress to the Annual General Assembly (2021);

- Prepare and recommend to GC a budgeting process which provides openness, accountability, transparency, and fairness to all TTC citizens.
- Review the current citizenship consultation processes employed by TTC with a view to recommending a process which encourages maximum citizen input, combining various consultation initiatives and consulting in a TTC citizen's forum.

GC authorizes that a demand notice be issued to the TTC Trust to issue payment on the promissory note in amount of 4327,370.00 be applied as provided in the TTC 2020/21 operating Budget. GC also authorizes the application of the monies as set out above, to eliminate the projected shortfall and hereby approves the Operational Budget in the amount of \$21,342,047.00.

Resolution #005 - passed

Working Committee on Legislation and Constitutional Matters: Elder Council Representative

Whereas on September 24, 2020, in accordance with Resolution #009 (2020.09.24) the GC established the Working Committee on legislation and constitutional matters consisting of five clan representatives, and representatives from Elders Council and Youth Council. The Elders seat has become vacant and the Elders Council identified George Henry to serve as a representative for the duration of the term. George Henry acknowledges the appointment and consents to serve on the committee.

Therefore be it resolved that the GC confirms George henry as the Elders Council representative on the working committee to serve until July 2023.

Resolution #006 - passed

Working Committee on Legislation and Constitutional Matters Terms of Reference and Mandate Amendment

Whereas the Working Committee on Legislation and Constitutional Matters (WCLCM) was created and mandated by GC Resolutions (res#2020.07.00.004, res#2020.09.24.009 and #2020.12.14.003). The WCLCM mandate includes these objectives; Complete the legal and technical drafting of Haa Kusteeyi and present it to the 2021 AGA; Complete a comprehensive legislative review of the Naa Shaade Hani awe kaa wudsageedi (election of a leader) and review of the 2020 leadership election process; develop recommendations to govern the 2024 selection process and provide recommendations to 2023 AGA; Review the Constitution with a purpose to provide recommendations to strengthen the clan-based government; and participate in briefings to the TTC, EC on TTC's application to intervene In the VGFN appeal. GC resolution #009 (2020.09.24) requires the WCLCM to develop and present Terms of Reference (TOR). The WCLCM is at

the beginning stages of developing the legal draft of Haa Kusteeyi ans will not have enough time to submit the proposed act to Executive Council. The WCLCM has met with the Elders Council in which the Elders unanimously support the WCLCM request to GC to extend timeline for completion of the Haa Kusteeyi work.

Therefore be it resolved that the GC accepts the WCLCM Terms of Reference (draft – March 25, 2021) and GC extends the mandate timeline for the Haa Kussteey work.

Resolution #007 - passed

Working Committee on Legislation and Constitutional Matters Honorarium Rate

Whereas the honorarium rates for Committees created by GC are established by the GC honorarium rate schedule. The April 1, 2020 GC rate schedule assigns rates for GC members, full or half days, and based on members with or without the First Nation Leadership Training, which has 3 modules(terms) of training. The WCLCM currently receives the rate available for first term GC members who have not received the FN Leadership training. The honorarium for this status is \$307.20-#372.20 depending on terms served. The FN leadership training is not accessible to WCLCM members who live outside Yukon. Current WCLCM members have well developed professional skills, extensive working histories in areas of Haa Kusteevi traditional knowledge, corporate knowledge, Indigenous legal rights, communications, research/ writing, education, Administrative law, archival work and Council/Board experience. The GC mandated the WCLCM to work on three high level priorities of the TTC. The WCLCM feel an honorarium rate of \$400.00 per day is a reasonable and justifiable rate for its members for the fiscal year 2021/22.

Residency Grant Information

Therefore be it resolved that the GC approves the WCLCM honorarium rate at \$400.00 perday and will be payable to the WCLCM retroactive to its first meeting in November 2020 and onward for 2021/22

Resolution #008 - Withdrawn

Mandate for a TTC Projects Contractors Coordination Manager – Teslin Based Opportunities

Therefore be it resolved that GC supports the creation of the TTC Projects Contractor Coordination Manager position and approves the TTC Projects Contractor Coordination Manager Mandate.

Resolution #009 - passed

Justice Council Appointments

Whereas the GC amended the TT Constitution to increase the size of Justice Council to seven members, five clan members, one Elder Council and one Youth Council member. Currently the Elders and Youth Councils are vacant. The Youth has nominated Billy Smarch and the Elders Council has nominated Darcy Kerr to serve on the Justice Council.

Therefore be it resolved that Billy Smarch and Darcy Kerr have both confirmed their interests and are in agreement to serve. Both Billy Smarch and Darcy Kerr understand their obligations to uphold their duties, responsibilities and authorities.

Therefore be it further resolved that Bill Smarch and Darcy Kerr are hereby confirmed as the Youth Council and Elders Council representatives on the Justice Council, respectively.

WHAT:

TTC takes great pride in providing programs and services to its citizens and the community ofTeslin. Running an effective and efficient government takes funds. One way that TTC obtains funds is through Personal Income Tax (PIT). TTC has an Income Tax sharing agreement with both Canada and Government of Yukon. This means that 95% of the income tax paid to the federal or territorial government by individuals, both Citizens and non-Citizens, living on TTC Settlement Land will be collected by TTC.

TTC in turn, will give individuals residing on settlement land and having paid income tax, 10% of their Yukon First Nation portion of their income tax payment th rough the Residency Grant Initiative.

WHO

- Have your primary residence on TTC Settlement Land on December 31st,
- Have taxable income,
- Complete and submit your tax return to CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) indicating that you live on TTC Settlement Land,
- To indicate to CRA you live on TTC Settlement Land you must complete the Yukon First Nation information box on your income tax return form and enter TTC's identification number 11011.

HOW

Apply for the Residency Grant at TTC Finance Department before September 30.

Once you receive your Revenue Canada Tax Assessment, provide this to TTC Finance Department, with your application for the Residency grant, on or before September 30th. Your tax assessment identifies the amount of income tax you paid for the First Nation Tax.

You will receive a Residency Grant cheque from TTC by December 21.

ANYONE living on TTC Settlement Land. They need to let their Tax Preparers know to check the "yes" box on their 2020 Income Tax Returns and enter TTC's #11011.

This will result in some of their Tax money coming back to TTC of which they'll get 10%. If there is an amount recorded on line 432 of their tax return. This info will be NEEDED for the Sept 30th Residency Grant Application later in the year.

NOT sure if you're on settlement land? To see if you're on the list of entitled applicants? For more information Contact Bernie Morris @ Ext: 341 OR Darryl Kremer @ Ext:343.

First Nation Arts Program - Yukon University























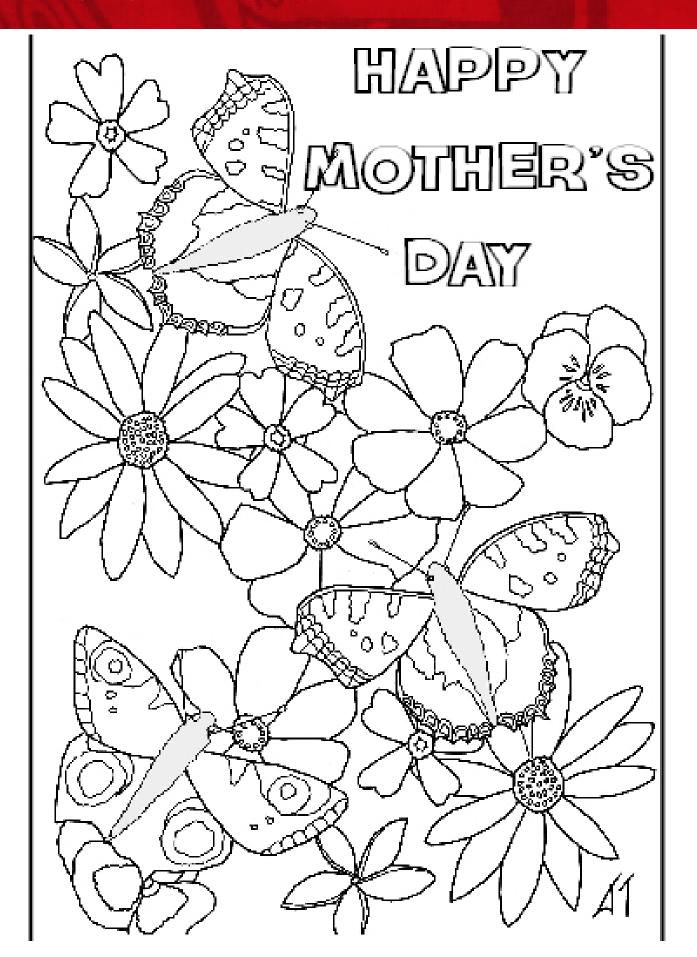












Covid - Moderna Vaccine - What to know!

Sleeves up, Yukon. The future is looking bright.

A safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine has arrived in Yukon and suddenly there's light on the horizon.

Vaccine clinics have now begun in some rural Yukon communities and limited clinics have started in Whitehorse.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

(mRNA-1273 SARS-CoV-2 vaccine)

How does the Moderna vaccine protect against COVID-19?

• The vaccine causes our body to produce protection (such as antibodies) to help keep us from becoming sick if we are exposed tothe COVID-19 virus. The vaccine uses a new method called messenger RNA (mRNA) to help our body protect itself from the virus.

Who can and cannot receive the

COVID-19 vaccine at this time?

• If you have any symptoms that could be due to COVID-19, you should not go out to get vaccinated because you could spread the infection to others. Talk with your health-care provider, or call 811 about your symptoms and getting a COVID-19 test. Your health-care provider will advise you if and when you are able to receive the vaccine.

Tell the health-care provider if:

 You have fainted or felt faint after receiving past vaccines or medical procedures.

Your health-care provider may recommend that you receive the vaccine lying down to prevent fainting.

 You have a bleeding disorder or are taking medication that could affect blood clotting.

This information will help the health-care provider prevent bleeding or bruising from the needle.

* Polyethylene glycol (PEG) can rarely cause allergic reactions and is found in products such as medications, bowel preparation products for colonoscopy, laxatives, cough syrups, cosmetics, skin creams, medical products used on the skin and during operations, toothpaste, contact lenses and contact lens solution. PEG also can be found in foods or drinks, but is not known to cause allergic reactions from foods or drinks.

What are the risks of the vaccine? In a large study, half of the people who received the Moderna vaccine were monitored for at least two months and no serious side effects have been found to date. People who have received the vaccine in studies continue to be monitored for any longer-term side effects. Side effects can develop within a day or two after receiving the vaccine. Although these side effects are not serious to your health, they may make you feel unwell for about one to three days; they will go away on their own. These types of side effects are expected and can indicate the vaccine is working to produce protection.

In the study, side effects included one or more of the following:

pain, redness or swelling where the needle was given, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, nausea/vomitting, chills, fever or enlarges lymph nodes (swollen glands) in the underarm.

Allergic reactions can rarely occur after receiving a vaccine. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include hives (bumps on the skin that are often very itchy), swelling of your face, tongue or throat, or difficulty breathing. The clinic staff are prepared to manage an allergic reaction should it occur. Seek immediate medical care if you develop any of these symptoms.

What should I do before coming to the clinic?

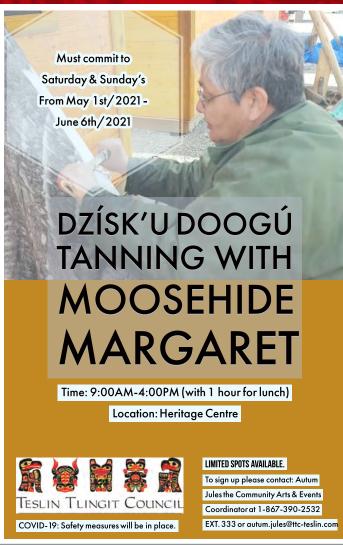
- Wear a short-sleeve shirt or top with sleeves that are easy to roll up.
 To prevent feeling faint while being vaccinated, have something to eat before coming to the clinic.
- Bring your mask. Bring any identification required by the clinic, such as your health card.
- Bring your immunization record with you and/or download the CANImmunize app to keep track of this and other vaccines.
 You will be provided with a paper COVID-19 Immunization Record.

To learn more, visit:

https://yukon.ca/en/modernavaccine-information



Coming Programming





Shakaat Artist Residency Program

Are you interested in becoming an Artist-in-Residence this summer at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre?

The Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre is proud to once again invite Indigenous artists to apply to our annual Artist-in-Residence Program. This is a paid, community-based program that encourages, supports and showcases Indigenous art and provides opportunity for the visiting public to engage with Indigenous artists. The program will take place during the 2021 summer season in the KDCC's Culture Cabins.

Artists will be required to set up their studio for a three-week period, and throughout this time, demonstrate their art form at the KDCC. During their time at the Centre, the artist will also deliver a workshop that is open to the public, participate in a social media takeover and create a piece for a Fall opening exhibit at KDCC.

Who Should Apply?

Application is open to traditional, contemporary, emerging and master Indigenous artists that practice visual arts, fashion, traditional crafts, dancing, drumming or other art forms.













Student Education Financial Assistance Deadline

For all eligible Teslin Tlingit Council Citizens new applicants or returning students interested in attending a Fall & Winter semester beginning in September at a recognized post-secondary institution

Applications will be accepted no later than 5:00pm Yukon Time on May 15, 2021

Late applications will be deferred to the next intake in November 2021

APPLY EARLY!

Applications will be marked "pending" if acceptance letter unavailable

Please email, mail, or fax applications to:

TTC Community Skills Development Manager

Teslin Tlingit Council

Box 133, Teslin YT, Y0A 1B0

Phone: 867-390-2532 ext: 318/Fax: 867-390-2176 Email: carlene.hycha@ttc-teslin.com





TTC Citizenship Registrar

Hello Citizens,

I am currently the Acting Citizenship Registrar for Teslin Tlingit Council. I am working on updating our system and would like all citizens who have moved recently to please contact me and give me their current addresses. There is Citizenship forms that can be filled out for any new born babies or and children that have been born in the past 4 years. It is very important that we get all our citizens enrolled and keep our records in good standing order and all updates will be greatly appreciated. If there or any questions, comments or concerns please contact me at any time my work email is martina.baker@ttc-teslin.

com my work contact is 1-867-390-2532 ext. 324

Gunalcheesh to all of our citizens, take care and be safe always use hand sanitizer and your mask.

Martina Baker

Acting Citizenship Registrar Teslin Tlingit Council (867) 390-2532 Ext:324

2020 AFN Yukon Regional Leadership Awards



Dănnch'e,

On behalf of the AFN Yukon Region, we acknowledge the Traditional Territories of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation as we join #togetherapart in celebrating the second

Annual Yukon Regional Leadership Awards.

Thank you to our sponsors and to everyone who has made this exciting celebration possible!

Today, we celebrate the 2020 AFN Yukon Leadership Award winners! These awards celebrate leaders in communities, and acknowledge the important contributions made to Yukon First Nations and the region.

We honour and acknowledge these outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to their community, to Yukon First Nations, to the Yukon Territory and beyond.

As I reflect on the work and leadership that has been accomplished, I am overwhelmed with the support and dedication that has led us to where we are today. While we acknowledge there are challenges ahead, I am confident those will be met and overcome as in the past. I truly believe that we have been and will continue to be 'A Yukon that Leads'.

Gunalchéesh, Shawnïthan, Mahsi Cho

Kluane Adamek, Aagé AFN Yukon Regional Chief



CONGRATULATIONS TO.OUR WINNERS

Bill Webber | Lifetime Achievement
Lena Johnson | Lifetime Achievement
Ron Chambers | Lifetime Achievement
Frances Woolsey | Lifetime Achievement
Colesen Ford | Emerging Leader
Michelle Friesen | Emerging Leader
Adanchilla, Trina Pauls | Rising Youth
Rennes Lindsay | Wellness
Bengie Clethero | Wellness
Emily MacDougall | Climate Leader
Grady Sterriah | Language Leader
K'aank'i, Aggie Johnston | Cultural Leader
Dorothy Smith | WomXn in Leadership

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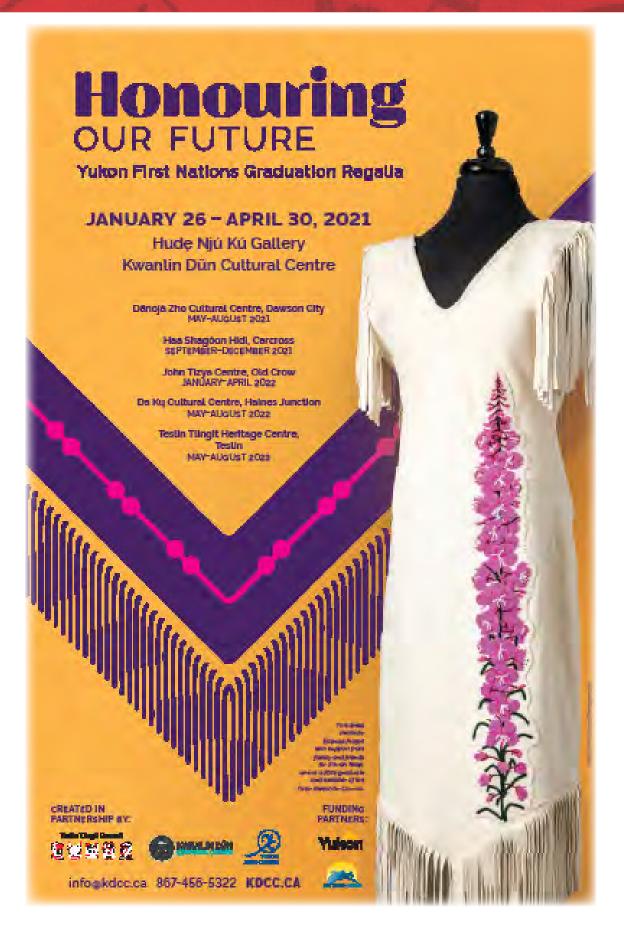


YUKON FIRST NATION EDUCATION DIRECTORATE









Congratulations

Congratulations to Winston Daniel Albert Jackson for becoming a **Member of the Canadian Armed** Forces For the Navv!

He filled out an application and was accepted for the Armed Forces then COVID 19 hit just when he was getting ready to start his basic training for the Army, therefore his start date kept being pushed back.

He then changes his mind about the Army and filled out an application and was accepted for the Navy.

In December 2020, he signed a letter of employment with the Canadian Armed Forces for the Navy, for the nextfour years.

January 15, 2021, TTC's Executive Council and Management Board wished him well and gave him what monies was collected to help him while being in Calgary, Alberta. From the bottom of our hearts, we want to say thank you and Winston appreciated just how much Teslin cares for its citizens.

In January, Winston received an email stating his enrollment date is in February 2021! Winston soon was sworn into and is certified into the Armed Forces, in which he had to go to Victoria, BC. After two weeks isolation, Winston started his 10 weeks of training.

Congradulations Bud! I am so proud and extremely happy for you! You wanted to do this, you are and you made it all on your own. Every step that needed to be taken, you took and now your efforts are paying off!

Love you always....xoxo

Mom













Meet the new DDC Board!

Teslin Tlingit Council Executive Council has elected the current DDC Board members: Kathryn Porter – Chair Dave Hett – Vice Chair Danielle Sheldon – Secretary/Treasurer John Burdek Riel Sidnev Gus Jules Ben Clark Karen Keenan Tim Dewhurst

Save the Dates

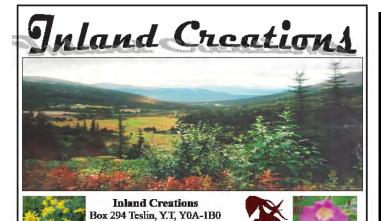
Elders Council Meetings:

- April 30, 2021
- May 18 19, 2021
- June 23 24, 2021

Confirmation notices will be sent as we get closer to dates.

For further information, contact:

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Obituary

SLANG: Lena. It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our extraordinary Mother Lena Slang (nee Rudolf)on February 7, 2021. At the age of 91 Mom passed away peacefully at Kelowna General Hospital with her family by her side.

Predeceased by the love of her life, Rolf (1923-2004), Lena is survived by her daughter Gale (Tom) and two brothers Gary and Hans (Laura). Mom has gone to join her family who went before her including her beloved parents Mabel and Herman Rudolf, her stepfather Ingmund Johnson, brother Charley and sisters Lillyan, Laura and Olga. She will be forever missed by her sisters Liz and Ingrid, her brother Albert, her 6 grandchildren Shauntel, Danielle, Tommy, Lucas, Corbin, Shelby. Remembering her are family in Canada and Norway and lifelong friends in the Yukon, BC and Costa Rica.

Lena was born on the Nisutlin River. seventy miles from Teslin, Yukon on May 24,1929. She grew up in the home cabin and later lived in Atlin, Teslin, Gladys lake and Whitehorse. After finishing school, Mom worked for many years in a grocery store in Atlin and eventually opened up her own cafe called "Lena's Place".

Mom had the most beautiful soul. You just couldn't help but love her. Dad came to the Yukon from Norway in 1954 in search of gold. Instead he found Lena, his greatest treasure who had a true heart of gold. Mom and Dad were married on December 15, 1961 at Teslin Anglican Church. They lived the first years of their married life in Atlin and then Whitehorse where they owned a gas station and tire shop. Twin babies Gale and Gary were born in 1962. Two years later they were blessed with another son, Hans. In 1965, Rolf and Lena moved the family to Teslin, where Dad built the Yukon Motel. Together they operated the

motel with rooms, restaurant, cocktail lounge, gift shop and a gas station for 7 years. It was here that Lena became known all along the Alaska Highway for her delicious homemade pies. She would be awake and baking by 4:30 am to ensure that those fresh pies were out in time for the tourists to enjoy while travelling through Teslin.

Besides taking great pride in being a cook, Lena was a skilled knitter, oil painter and cake decorator. She won several cake decorating contests and sold a number of her paintings of the Northern landscapes and wildlife. Her character traits such as patience , selflessness, generosity and warmth shone through in everything she did.

Dad and Mom enjoyed travelling, camping, fishing and dancing together . They travelled to Norway 7 times and also ventured across Canada and throughout the United States. Hawaii and Reno were among some of their favorite places to visit. No matter where they went together they were always seen smiling and holding hands.

Rolf and Lena sold the motel in 1973, retired and moved our family to Kelowna. Three years later Dad decided to take us on an adventure. He bought a motor home and drove our family south to Costa Rica where we lived for three wonderful years. In 1979 we moved back to Kelowna and lived in the Okanagan Mission area until 1997. Mom and Dad bought a condominium downtown where they lived together for 7 years until Dad passed away at the age of 80. For the next 14 years Mom lived alone, however she was always surrounded by family and friends. A few times each year she would venture down to Vancouver to stay for extended visits with Gale and Gary. In 2016 Lena moved into a seniors home where she lived for the next three years. After an unfortunate fall, Mom was moved



into Cottonwoods Care Centre and remained there for the past two years.

Her amazing life should be celebrated and remembered as one filled with love and compassion. Lena was a remarkable woman. Wherever she went, her kindness left an everlasting impression on you. Her faith in God was strong and she always believed in being a good person. It's truly an honour to call her our Mother.

Our family would like to give our sincere thanks to all the staff at Cottonwoods for all the wonderful care they gave her during the last two years of her life. Thank you also to the special friends who took time over the years to bring her coffee and her favorite donuts. Your thoughtfulness brought the biggest smiles to her sweet face.

If flowers grow in heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for us.

Place them in our Mother's arms and tell her they're from us.

Tell her we love her and miss her and when she turns to smile,

Place a kiss on her cheek and hold her for awhile.

We have a Guardian Angel in Heaven, we call her Mom.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www. firstmemorialfuneralkelowna.com

Birthday/Anniversaries

March 30th, "Happy Birthday **Tom,** lots of love, Mom!"

Happy Birthday **Ben Clark**, wishing you all the BEST and many more from your friends and family.

Lordy, Lordy looks who is 40! Happy Birthday **Tammy** and many more!

Happy 19th birthdays to **Tamika** and **Savana!!** xox





A huge thank you for the Elders Wood Program!

Thank you to these two gentleman for all their time and work!





Capital & Infrastructure NUMBERS:

HOUSING ON CALL 24/7 1-867-334-6957

TTC Rental Units Only **

Dan Morin – Property Manager 1-867-335-6572

TTC Government Buildings and Rental unit issues **

Chad Laverdure – Sawmill Manager 1-867-384-0151

Sawmill Capital Yard (LTF) **

Rodrick Dewhurst – Biomass Manager 1-867-334-8949

Heating issues, boilers or furnaces only **

Travis Wolfe – Light Duty Mechanic 1-867-334-3720

- TTC vehicle issues, oil change, tires, etc. **

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TTC CONTRACTORS

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(keep calm & carry on)

CHANGE OF DATE NOTICE for TTC Contractor Invoicing

As of **April 14, 2021** Invoice Intake will be every other Tuesday

Sun	Mon	Tues NEW Invoice Intake date As of April 14, 2021	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs Same Pay date	Fri	Sat

Gunalshéech for your co-operation and understanding as we develop better management systems



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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 continues to update 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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