

Deslin Neek

The Voice of the Teslin Tlingit Council



Left-Right: John Striker, Mayor Jules, Stacey Hassard, Sandy Silverman, Alex Oakley.

Annual Community Steak Dinner

Every year, since 2015, Teslin Tlingit Council and Village of Teslin host a Community Steak Dinner. The evening consists of entertainment and to provide the residents of Teslin an update on the 10 year Joint Community Development Plan. There was a great turn out for the event, most people remembered their steak knives!

Congratulations to the door prize winners.

Thank-you to the Teslin School for catering the dinner once again!

Teslin Tlingit Council



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Message from Nha Shade Heni

We all know Spring is here when the weather is beautiful and swans have come back to Johnson's Crossing and beyond! Always a reminder, the little people will be outside more often, please keep an eye out for them.

Spring brings change and growth and TTC is not immune to the seasonal change. At the TTC, we have new people join our organization. We'd like to welcome the new employees, Lands & Resources Director Emmie Fairclough. Emmie brings many years of skills and experience to the position, welcome home Emmie! Health & Social Development Director - George Ransom. George is from Ontario and has years of experience in Business, health and social programs, services and delivery. Assistant Director of Finance— Matt Hall. Matt is a Certified General Accountant (CGA) and a Certified Management Accountant (CMA): and is training with Pat Wiens. TTC has created an Executive Financial Officer position— George Bailey has been hired to fill this position. George will be working out of TTC's Administration building and will work closely with the Executive team... I would like to thank Dalyce for stepping up as Acting Director of Health and Social and making sure our programs and services continued to run smoothly. I would also like to thank Tom Cove as the Director of Lands & Resources for his years of service. All the best! Gunalchéesh!

We had a productive General Council, the 2017/18 Annual Operating Budget was passed. People can read more about the GC in the coming pages of the Neek.

On March 16, 2017, TTC Executive attended the Intergovernmental Forum at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. We had the opportunity to hear from Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada, Yukon Premier, Sandy Silver, CYFN Grande Chief, Peter Johnston and many Yukon First Nation Leaders. Discussions included Bill C17 and Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women and Girls. These meetings give us the opportunity to work at a political level and move TTC's interests



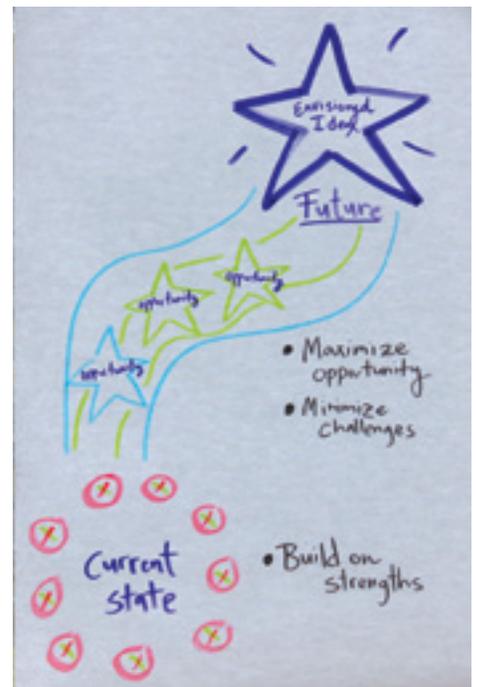
Photos above and below: Strategic Planning March 28-31st at Brooks

and issues forward. We have a new territorial government, and our hope is to have a positive working relationship with them.

One of TTC's priorities is Community Healing. On March 27th we hosted a 'Journey Back to Our Culture' session, facilitated by Carl Sidney. There will be a written report provided to TTC and the community. The Healing Journey is ongoing, and everyone's input is crucial to our Community's progress.

TTC's Management Board and Executive Council took part in a four day Strategic Planning workshop at Brooks Brook. The purpose of the planning session was to take stock of our challenges and accomplishments; prioritize our goals; and look to the future. We aim to have a 5-10 year Strategic Plan that will guide us in supporting our Citizens and taking care of the land. During the retreat, we heard about each department's successes and challenges. It is incredible the work that has been accomplished since we signed our Agreements over 20 years ago. I would like to say thank-you to all participants for their insight and input, to Mr. Florian Lemphers for presenting the Core Services Review and to facilitator, Lyn Hartley, for a job well done! The development of TTC's Strategic Plan will involve TTC employees as well as Citizens. We will seek staff and Citizens' input and feedback to ensure that TTC priorities reflect your expectations.

Thank you TTC staff (past and present) for your dedication and hard work! A special



thank you to the Capital Department Staff for getting Brooks Brook operational so we could hold our meeting uninterrupted. We also want to express our gratitude for the great food provided by To The T Catering.

Please remember that our Annual General Assembly will be held on July 11th – 13th at Morley (Morris) Lake. We look forward to everyone taking part in this very important meeting. More information will be sent out as the date gets closer.

Gunalchéesh,
Achéino - Richard

TTC General Council Resolutions

February 2017

RESOLUTION # 2017-004

Youth Council: Confirmation of Representatives & Jurisdiction : Passed

WHEREAS the General Council seeks to establish a youth council at the July 2017 Annual General Council Assembly which would operate as a fifth branch of government under the constitution of the Teslin Tlingit Council (GC Resolution 2016-006: November 23, 2016); and each clan was requested to bring forward a name of a youth representative to serve on a youth council; WHEREAS each clan has identified a youth representative, between the ages of 14 and 29, to serve on a youth council, specifically Christopher Fairclough to represent the Kùkhhittàn; Lesley McMillan and Jacob Jackson (alternate) to represent the Ishkitàn; Mike Sydney to represent the Yanyèdi; Daniel Hagar and Travis Wolfe (alternate) to represent the Dèshitàn; and Billy Smarch to represent the Dakh'awèdi.

WHEREAS the youth that have been identified by each clan have agreed to serve on a youth council for a period of 4 year(s) and operate alongside the current term of the General Council.

RESOLUTION # 2017-005

Justice Council Appointment: Kùkhhittàn: Passed

WHEREAS the Kùkhhittàn have nominated JOHN PETERS JR. to serve on the Justice Council for a period of 5 year(s);

WHEREAS John Peters Jr. consents to serve on the Justice Council for a term of 5 year(s).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT General Council confirms the appointment of John Peters Jr. to serve on the Justice Council in accordance with the Teslin Tlingit Constitution and Teslin Tlingit Peacemaker Court and Justice Council Act: ax'kh xh'adu wus'yé for a term of 5 years.

RESOLUTION # 2017-006

Intergovernmental Agreement with Government Of Yukon : Passed

WHEREAS the current Yukon Government is committed to building government to government partnerships with self-governing Yukon First Nations and addressing issues of common interests;

WHEREAS the Executive Council recommends that Teslin Tlingit Council continue its negotiations and conclude an intergovernmental agreement with the Yukon Government to realize

Teslin Tlingit Council priorities that include but are not exclusive to educational curriculum development, improved child protection services, regional land use planning, promotion of Teslin Tlingit participation in capital projects within Teslin Tlingit traditional territory, expansion of Fox Point, construction and lease on a new school in Teslin, support for Category 1 Traplines, and subdivision developments and all other Teslin Tlingit priorities contained in the draft intergovernmental agreement (revision 8) attached to this resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Council continue and conclude its negotiations with the Yukon Government to achieve an intergovernmental agreement to realize the priorities set out in this resolution and the draft intergovernmental agreement; and that the Executive Council be authorized to approve the agreement in principle and provide a report to conclude the authorization before the General Council; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Council provide a negotiation status report to the General Council at the 2017 Annual General Council Assembly.

RESOLUTION # 2017-007

Financial Transfer Agreement (FTA) – Extension And Renewal Negotiations, Lobbying And Legal Advice : Passed

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Council is mandated to negotiate and sign an extension agreement to extend the FTA for an interim period from April 1, 2017 to March 2018 and negotiate an FTA renewal, and that such extension agreement be on a "without prejudice" basis.

RESOLUTION # 2017-008

Teslin Tlingit Council: Executive Council Offices – Credit Cards : Passed

WHEREAS the Executive Council requires the General Council's approval to apply for the corporate business credit cards in accordance with section 12.1(c) of the constitution of the Teslin Tlingit Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council authorizes the Executive Council to apply for two Teslin Tlingit Council corporate credit cards each with a borrowing limit of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) per credit card;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the General Council approves the use of the credit cards in accordance with Teslin Tlingit Council's credit card policy

RESOLUTION # 2017-009

Leadership Advisory Committee – Confirmation Of Dakh'aweidi & Elders Council Representative: Passed

WHEREAS the Elders Council have confirmed Marian Horne as a representative to serve on the leadership advisory committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council confirms Francis Van Kessel (as an interim as outlined in this resolution) and Marian Horne as representatives to serve on the leadership advisory committee.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the General Council reconfirms that the leadership advisory committee's mandate is to

1. address the question of whether the selection of the Nha Shade Heni or the Deputy Nha Shade Heni, if appropriate, should be selected by an election or an appointment process;
2. provide the General Council with an interim report at the Annual General Council Assembly in July 2017, with a key focus on whether the Nha Shade Heni should be selected by an election or appointment process; and
3. present its final recommendations to the General Council at the November 2017 General Council meeting.

RESOLUTION # 2017-011

Teslin Tlingit Council Annual Operating Budget Estimates 2017-2018 Fiscal Year : Passed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council approves the following:

1. 2017-2018 Core Budget in the amount of \$14,236,416.00;
2. 2017-2018 Additional Budget Requests in the amount of 1,074,547.00; and
3. 2016-2017 expenditures for a value of \$647,761.00 are carried over into the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Council is authorized to borrow the monies from a commercial lender to establish a line a credit, in accordance with section 12.1(c) of the constitution.

Lands & Resources

Game Guardians

Hello fellow citizens, the Game Guardians have been doing some road patrols along the Alaska Highway. We saw lots of caribou along the highway this year, so we advise you to take extra caution while driving on the highway as the number of caribou on the road will spike again soon. It was great to see lots of trappers being successful on the land this season and we would like to encourage more of our younger generation to start trapping as well since that is a part of our traditional way of life.

Trapper Training Course

Thirteen new trappers were certified at a training course held in Teslin in early February. There was 100% attendance, and participants did a great job learning how to set traps and how to skin a variety of furbearers. This was our best ever attended course! This event was jointly hosted by TTC and the Teslin Renewable Resources Council, and taught by Frank Johnstone. Thanks to Martin Owen, the Teslin CO, and Sandy Smarch for assisting, and to the Heritage Centre for the beautiful venue!

Salmon Management Plan Review

TTC's Teslin Tlingit Salmon Management Plan has been guiding TTC's approaches to salmon conservation, management, and restoration since 2010, to great effect. Combined with the 2016 salmon management resolution passed by General Council and a new salmon communication strategy, the current plan provides a strong starting point for the development of a revised plan that will reflect TTC's evolving strategy and considerable sacrifices to date.

The plan will be reviewed and updated over the coming months, with the assistance of an Advisory Group, which includes representatives of Executive Council, Elders Council, Youth Council, the Teslin Tlingit Renewable Resources Council, and TTC Lands and Resources staff. A number of community meetings (in Teslin and Whitehorse) are planned over the course of the review, as well as a period of review and input from Citizens. We look forward to learning from and building on the incredible progress that has been made in recent years, supported



Photos: Participants during the Trapper Training Course hosted by TTC and TRRC



by the hard work, commitment, and sacrifices of TTC Citizens. If you have any questions about this review, please contact Gillian Rourke or Kaitlin Wilson.

Deadman Creek Chinook Salmon Restoration

The Lands and Resources Department, working with Environmental Dynamics Inc., continues to monitor the progress of the salmon restoration project taking place in Deadman Creek since August 2016. This project is funded through the Yukon River Panel's Restoration and Enhancement Fund.

Guidance from Elders, the Teslin Tlingit Renewable Resources Council, and Citizens

around restoration work in the traditional territory continues to stress the importance of minimizing interference in the natural life cycle of the Chinook in order to protect our wild stocks, and to recognize and respect the cultural relationship between Teslin Tlingit and Chinook salmon. In response to that guidance, and the need for restoration of some local spawning populations, TTC began exploring options for in-stream incubation.

Chinook eggs from Morley River were fertilized and placed into 5 redd sites each in Morley River and Deadman Creek using a number of in-stream incubation methods last August. The hope is that we can learn more about how these methods perform in northern streams



Top photos: Salmon Restoration Project. Below: Lands staff l-r: Dorothy, Linda, Wilbur and Richard

and any limitations, and that through this work, a population of spawning Chinook can be re-established in Deadman Creek.

The Lands and Resources summer students and a crew of Y2C2 students were a huge help in preparing redd sites in Deadman and Morley. Tom Dewhurst was hired as a fish technician for the duration of the project, and has continued to work on the project in his current role with our department.

The eggs have hatched in both Morley River and Deadman Creek, so we are now monitoring the development of the newly hatched salmon in Deadman so that we can determine how quickly they are growing and how well they are surviving. L&R staff and EDI plan to share more information about what have learned so far, and plans for the coming year, at the pre-season salmon management community meeting, likely to be held in June.

If you would like to learn more about this project, or have ideas for restoration needs in the traditional territory, please contact Gillian Rourke.

Timber Needs Survey

We have completed our personal fuelwood survey (17 responses received) and will be working with this feedback to develop a summary report to inform forest use. Before finalizing the report, we have a few more interviews to conduct with commercial timber harvesters in our community. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on this important issue!

BC Interim Land Use Guidelines

Lands staff have begun conducting BC Interim



Land Use Guidelines interviews. We will be looking to speak with many more community members over the coming weeks about various types of land use in the BC part of our Traditional Territory. This information will be very important in guiding our Department in decisions about managing BC lands. It will also be increasingly important as TTC and BC engage in treaty negotiations.

Information Gathering Project

This phase of the project (also known as the Evidence gathering project) is wrapping up now. Annie, Alice and Billy are now finished in the Records Room. Gunalchish to you and Marion for all your hard work! In total, they scanned and catalogued about 1,100 documents. There were many, many letters and reports as well as maps, photos, books, interview recordings and transcripts, and even some newspaper clippings. We have over 200 interview recordings from Teslin folks in the files now. The earliest was from 1980 but

most are from the 1990's when Kim Smarch and Sheila Greer were doing interviews. We had 4 people working on transcribing recordings which did not have transcripts yet. Carcross-Tagish First Nation was kind enough to let us use their big scanner so we were able to scan the key map sheets that were found. All information (including the audio and video recordings) was saved into electronic files on the computer so the information is duplicated and safe.

There is much more work that could be done if we had the money and the staff, such as more interviews with people, more archaeology research, searching museums and archives Outside etc. There could also be more work analyzing and summarizing the information and linking it to other information that TTC has been working on, such as the genealogy work, place names research and people's Tlingit names. A work plan will be developed soon so keep your ears open for news on that.



PHOTO: Youth have an exciting time watching the fishnet being pulled.

Culture Camp 2017

Thank you to the hard workers and staff who organized and put on Culture Camp 2017. The tremendous amount of work that went in does not go unnoticed. Every time we host a culture camp we are ensuring that another generation will have had a chance to learn and participate in these cultural events, helping to defy us as DA KA Tlingit. Helping future leaders to learn healthy Tlingit lifestyles.

It was amazing watching the youth learn how to pick pitch for traditional use. Once they had enough they mixed up a batch of medicine and made sure everyone got a small container of pitch. Pitch is revered as a strong medicine which would help heal most if not all ailments from cuts, scratches, and infections.

Youth are running a fish net with Elder Johnny Bob. Every time a fish was hauled out of the water youth would shout and scream while clapping with excitement. Look how attentive they are sitting and watching the camp helper run the net.

After running the net youth then set out to drill some holes and drop a few bait hooks in the ice. Many of the youth are overwhelmed with excitement at the thought of hauling out a big fish on their line. When asked "What was your favorite part of the Culture Camp?" Many responded on how much they "loved the food!"

After all the fishing, youth then set rabbit snares. Hopefully they would have caught a couple rabbits to see how they are skinned and cooked. Sure enough they were lucky enough to catch a rabbit. Ivy Rain gladly taught other youth how to skin and clean the rabbit. I couldn't help but think about being that young age and setting and running snares with my Grandma every morning while everyone still slept warm in their beds. The smell of coffee fresh brewed with bacon frying was always sure to wake me up. My Grandparents would be the only ones awake and moving around the cabin.

Fond memories have come flooding back for Elders as well I imagine. A few Elders made

their way down to the culture camp every day. Matt Thom, Wilma Magill and Pearl Keenan made a point of coming down more than once. The Mayor came down with her grandkids and her sewing, thank you Mayor Jules.

A HUGE thank you to Aunty Pearl, who came down and told stories to the youth. The story she told was one I had heard from Aunty as a small child as well. The story of the Otter Man "Kushda Ka", sitting in a circle, youth watched and listen to legends of long ago. Their wide eyes, and ears perked up, how enthralled they all look as Aunty Pearl continues to finish her stories.

With so much to do at culture camp there was never a dull moment. Dream catcher making, moose hide tanning, board games, colouring were all fine and dandy for inside events. Youth had much more fun running snares and nets and picking pitch to make traditional medicines.

Thanks to Margaret Douville for putting

on yet another moose hide tanning course for adults who wish to learn the traditional process of taking care of a hide. It was not easy at first, but many hands make fast work. Participants can be seen all working a hide in the pictures below. Within 45 mins or less they had the hair off, fleshed and grained the hide. Students in this course had many discussions on how other people from other places would take care of their hides. All in all the moose hide tanning was very successful. Under the keen eye of master tanner Margaret students were able to learn at an accelerated pace. Thanks again to Margaret and all her teachings of this ancient craft of hide tanning. Here is what a couple students who finished the course had to say:

“The moose hide tanning workshop was a GREAT program to enrich the Tlingit tradition and culture of preparing and caring for the product. Being aware of the proper usage of all the required tools and to process in the traditional way.

Having this knowledge taught to you first hand, truly is a privilege. Margaret's passion for moose hide's is inspiring, to say the least. Her teaching is an essential tool that should be taught to young men and women

of today. Working with hides gives you the appreciation for yourself and others.

After working on hides, you have a whole new perspective on the love and hard work that is put into every hide.

Like I said before, Margaret's skills as a professional tannery is highly sought after.. the lost art of Moose hide tanning is going strong in the heart of the students, who are privileged to have Margaret teaching you.”

—M. Keenan, former student in the Moose hide Tanning Program.

“What an AMAZING opportunity, I am more than Blessed to have a chance to work with Margaret. She has so much knowledge on tanning moose hides, and has a wonderful sense of humour. She encourages you to work hard and do your BEST! I works the hardest I have ever had physically in this course. I was exhausted, but man did it ever feel good. And to have Margaret there cheering you really helped when you felt like giving up. Margaret is a GREAT teacher, probably one of the BEST I have ever had. She shows you the mistakes she has made so you don't make them yourself. I have been born and raised in Teslin and know quite a bit about Tlingit Culture, but spending time

with Margaret and doing this workshop has been one of the BEST examples of that Tlingit Heritage and Culture. She loves her people, and teaching Moose Hide tanning.

Thanks Margaret for your knowledge and the experience! You truly are an INSPIRING Woman!”

—Amber Marston, former student in the Moose Hide Tanning Program.

The final day youth took part in a challenge that had some training sessions each day. Youth learned a new skill each day and incorporated it into a final challenge on the last day. In teams of two they dashed on as the events were all times. Prizes were given out to all the teams.

Gunatchish to the staff and all the hard camp workers and last but not least the cooks who helped with Culture Camp 2017. Thanks to all the youth who came and participated as well. You are all an integral part of our teachings, both students and staff and teachers. A promise to future generations that the Tlingit Cultural Traditions will be looked after for many years to come. Gunatchish yigooiyax'wan!

More photos on pages 8 and 9



TOP LEFT: Two men learn how to scrape hides. **TOP RIGHT:** These two brothers are proud to be the first at the heritage to enjoy the day's events.

Department Updates

Culture Camp Photos *Continued from previous page*



ABOVE LEFT: Youth had tons of crafts to do. ABOVE RIGHT: Cooks prepare pork chops for dinner. BELOW: Elder Pearl Keenan tells youth legends of long ago. BOTTOM LEFT: Youth learn how to make a fire during a survival challenge. BOTTOM RIGHT: A moose hide stretcher waits for group to scrape the next hide.





ABOVE: Whitney helps Austin as he prepares to move the hide for final position of the skin to be worked.

Biomass Burner Training



ABOVE LEFT: Biomass Training took place in March – there was plenty of participants.



ABOVE RIGHT: Biomass burner.

Heritage Highlights

Sam Johnston's Storytelling Festival Wednesday, March 8th, 2017

(Photo: top right)

It was a packed house for the Sam Johnston Storytelling Festival! Thank you to Rhoda Merkel and to the Teslin School for bringing so much colour, laughter and smiles to the Heritage Centre Great Hall. We look forward to this becoming an annual event!

Fawn Fritzen

Tuesday, March 14th, 2017

The Storytelling Festival was a hard act to follow, but Fawn was able to fill the Great Hall with some of her own wonderful new work. A delightful jazz vocalist who we would love to host again! Thank you to the Southern Yukon Presenters Network for this year's partnership and we hope to partner with you in the future!

Moosehide Tanning Workshop

March 20th – March 31st

(Photo: middle right)

Margaret continues to share her knowledge daily with participants of the 2017 Moosehide Tanning Workshop.

Dance Group Practice Has Begun!

(Photo: bottom right)

Teslin Dance Group Practice takes place EVERY TUESDAY night at 7pm at the LONG-HOUSE and EVERYONE is welcome to attend!

Regalia Making in Teslin & Whitehorse

Regalia Making will start February 1st at 6pm – 9pm in Teslin at the TTC Education Boardroom (downstairs) with Robin Smarch and on February 2nd at 6pm to 9pm in Whitehorse at the TTC Whitehorse Office Main Boardroom with Delores Jackson. Regalia making will continue every Wednesday evening in Teslin and every Wednesday or Thursday in Whitehorse. For more information please contact Robin Smarch at robin.smarch@ttc-teslin.com or Delores Jackson at delores.jackson@ttc-teslin.com.



COMING IN APRIL

REEL CANADA National Canada Film Day 150
April 19, 7pm at the Heritage Centre Elder's Room
Film Viewing/Screening of Angry Inuk

Jean Taylor Painting Workshop (Whitehorse)
Sat, April 29th & Sun, April 30th, 1pm – 5pm
at the TTC Whitehorse Office Main Boardroom

COMING IN MAY

Jean Taylor Painting Workshop (Teslin)
May 3rd-5th, 2017 6pm – 9pm at the Heritage Centre Great Hall. Please register with Melaina at Melaina.sheldon@ttc-teslin.com or via phone at (867) 390-2532 ext.333

Governments of Canada and Yukon support bus purchase for TTC

News Release

Rural and northern communities have unique infrastructure needs. Remote locations, coupled with challenges in accessing quality digital connectivity and sources of energy and supplies, mean targeted investments are required to build strong communities.

The Honourable Larry Bagnell, Member of Parliament for Yukon, on behalf of the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable John Streicker, Minister of Community Services, Government of Yukon and Nha Shade Heni (Chief) Richard Sidney of the Teslin Tlingit Council announced funding today of \$215,000 through the federal Gas Tax Fund to purchase a 28-seat passenger bus for the Teslin Tlingit Council.

This new bus will have an accessibility ramp, accommodate two wheelchairs and will replace the current aging bus. In June, Teslin Tlingit Council citizens, in particular elders and students, will enjoy an improved ride to events, appointments and various functions in Teslin and other communities.

The bus will help reduce the number of vehicles on the road and decrease air pollution. This will protect the sensitive northern environment, as many of the trips will be to Whitehorse, located 180 km north of Teslin.

QUOTES:

“The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of investing in infrastructure that supports cohesive and vibrant communities. Along with our territorial partners, we are proud to support projects like the Teslin Tlingit Council passenger bus that will provide those living and working in Yukon with greater opportunities and a better quality of life.”

The Honourable Larry Bagnell, Member of Parliament for Yukon, on behalf of the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

“In Yukon, the Gas Tax Fund is helping First Nations and municipalities build and enhance infrastructure that addresses their

local needs. Access to this predictable funding supports effective community planning and investment in projects that support community development in the territory.”

The Honourable John Streicker, Minister of Community Services, Government of Yukon

“The Teslin Tlingit Council prides itself on the services it offers its Citizens. It is essential that we have safe transportation for our Elders and our youth. This means of transportation is not only an efficient use of our resources but also reduces our carbon footprint.”

Nha Shade Heni (Chief) Richard Sidney of the Teslin Tlingit Council

QUICK FACTS :

- The Government of Canada will provide more than \$180 billion in infrastructure funding over 12 years for public transit, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, transportation that supports trade, and Canada's rural and northern communities.

- To support public transit networks and service extensions, Budget 2017 proposed \$20.1 billion over 11 years for provinces and territories.

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TTC General Council

TTC General Council has established a Leadership Advisory Committee to assess the leadership selection process and bring forward options to GC to determine how the 2020 Leader may be selected.

The Leadership Advisory Committee has started to meet. The Committee plans to have community meetings, and want to hear from all Citizens. Watch for posters & emails!

Leadership Advisory Committee members are:

Elder, Marion Horne

Youth, Mary Bob

Randy Keleher

Lee Turner

Aggie Johnston

Marion Sheldon

Francis Van Kessel

TTC Housing Committee

The Teslin Tlingit Council Housing Committee hosted a Housing Forum on April 20th & 21st 2017. This Forum focused on the housing initiatives TTC is offering. The Yukon Housing will be in attendance to provide information on housing programs and what they offer in the communities. Some financial institutions attended to offer advice on personal finances. The Goal is to promote the TTC housing initiatives the FN Government is currently

undertaking. To Offer a space our citizens can learn more about the Housing in Teslin.

Topics consisted of:

- Introduction to Yukon housing opportunities
- CIBC speak about loans, and money saving
- TTC speaks about housing grant \$54,269
- TTC FNMHF speak about program and

how TTC guaranteed \$15 Million

- TTC Speak about residency grant
- LMC speak about process of allocating land or obtaining a lease
- Speak about Green subdivision
- Speak about how Biomas is starting in Teslin and how it can be incorporated into other projects and subdivisions.

Child and Adolescent Therapeutic Services

Todd Pryor is serving as the Outreach Counsellor for Child and Adolescent Therapeutic Services (CATS) on an 8-month term, and he will be visiting the community of Teslin on a bi-weekly basis. Todd has a background in psychology and counselling with children, youth, and families, and he has previously served as a child and youth counsellor in a small Yukon community. Referral forms for parents and legal guardians are available through Health and Social Services, The Teslin Community School, and various departments at the Teslin Tlingit Council offices. Todd can be contacted in the CATS office in Whitehorse at (867) 667-8283.

May 2017

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Photo: Swans on the Teslin River

Update from the Teslin Campus Yukon College

As per usual, the Teslin campus is very busy this time of the year. We recently wrapped up a nine-day, three-module Biomass program. We are also delivering several courses in partnership with other organizations and have some spring safety courses and workshops.

From March 6 to 16, the Teslin campus hosted a three-module, nine-day biomass program which included an overview of biomass, woodlot and harvest operations, and boiler installation and operations. The modules were developed by Yukon College in partnership with Teslin Tlingit Council and funded by the Energy Solutions Centre. We had 21 students for the first module, 19 for the second module, and 17 for the third module. Many thanks to all the students who participated and assistance from Teslin Tlingit Council.

Many thanks to Stephen Mooney in the

Cold Climate Innovation at Yukon College for developing the idea and sourcing the funding. The Yukon College team of Eric Hoogstraten, Sky Pearson, and Victor Pernel made a tremendous effort in developing the curriculum and lining up instructors. Meanwhile, Teslin campus staff handled community relations and local logistics.

The campus and Deisleen Development Corporation partnered with dāna Näye Ventures to deliver a series of entrepreneurship workshops on setting up a business, procurement, and financial awareness in March. The campus also partnered with the Yukon Literacy Coalition to deliver a financial literacy workshop at the end of February. In the coming months, we will be delivering a Food Safe (with the Ross River campuses), Standard First Aid, Yukon Traffic Control, Leading Effective Meetings, Minute-

Taking, Introduction to Land Claims and Self-Government, Introduction to Oral Traditions, 3-D Workshop, and Intermediate Chainsaw Safety.

We have completed our annual campus plan and will be circulating it shortly. We are planning multi-week programs in the fall and spring. Drop by the campus if you want to see it or discuss it.

The Teslin Campus Coordinator/Instructors are TTC Citizen Ingrid Johnson and 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

UPCOMING COURSES

Introduction to Oral Traditions

April 25 & 26
9am-4pm
\$199 + GST

Leading Successful Meetings

May 4
9am-4pm
\$129 + GST

Minute-Taking Workshop

May 9 & 10
1-4pm & 9-12
\$195 + GST

Yukon Traffic Control Person

May 23 & 24
9am-5pm
\$475 + GST

Food Safe Level 1 (by distance)

May 29
9am-5:30pm
\$115 (no GST)



Teslin Tlingit Council

For all Teslin Tlingit Council citizens attending a fall semester beginning September 2017 at a recognized post secondary institution:

Applications for student financial assistance will be accepted up to 5:00 PM on May 15, 2017. Any late applications will be deferred to the next intake date in Nov 2017. Please email, mail or fax your application to:

Attn: Community Skills Development Officer
Box 133, Teslin, Yukon Y0A 1B0
Phone: 867-390-2532 ext. 318 | Fax: 867-390-2176
Email: marie.davies@ttc-teslin.com

UPCOMING YUKON COLLEGE TESLIN COURSE

Understanding Land Claims and Self Government

With Ingrid Johnson

The road to land claims and self-government was not a straight one.

Starting with Canada's relationship with its indigenous peoples, the drafting of *Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow*, and through to the signing of Yukon's ground breaking agreements, this workshop will take you through the history of land claims and self-government in the Yukon and explore how our shared history influences contemporary issues.

This course covers:

- ◆ The land claims journey;
- ◆ The Umbrella Final Agreement;
- ◆ Self-determination and self-government;
- ◆ Final and self-government agreements;
- ◆ Implementation challenges;
- ◆ Reconciliation



New Dates!!! May 23 and 24 ~ 9:00am-4:30pm

Tuition fees are \$199 plus gst per participant.

If you have questions or want to register, please contact the Teslin Campus at 390-8800.



Supporting pathways that inspire individual and community empowerment

Announcements

Happy Birthday!



Happy 7th Birthday **Channing Smarch**, for March 8th. Love Auntie Michelle and Devin xoxo

March 24: Happy 1st Birthday **Hazel Rose Bunbury**. Love you lots, Grandpa Jay & Grandma Char

Happy 11th Birthday **Emily Ann!** Love you lots, Grandma Char & Grandpa Jay

March 16: Happy Birthday, **Darrell** Love Char and Jay

March 30: Happy 4th Birthday **Mia Moose!** Love you lots, Grandma Char & Grandpa Jay

Happy Birthday to **Sugar**, Love Mom – March 15th.

Happy Birthday to **Margaret Douville** with Love, Alice, March 4th.

Happy Birthday to **Rita Grant** with Love, Alice, March 20th.

Happy 7th Birthday **LILY** for April 6th from your Bud Liam

Happy Birthday **Rodney** for April 6th from Jodi and Liam

Happy Birthday **BANANAS** (Santana)

for April 12th from Jodi & Liam

Happy 7th Birthday **LIAM RYLES** for May 26 Love you to the moon and back, from Mommy & Daddy

Happy 19th Birthday to my little sister **Taneshia**, for June 8th Love you baby, from Jodi and Liam

Happy 4th Birthday to **Mia Cadence Sidney** on March 30/17 . Love Grandma Jody & Grandpa Howard

Happy Birthday **Sidney Twins, Ryan and Theron** On March 30/17 Love Aunty Jody and Uncle Howard

Birthday greeting for my Nephew **Jacob Jackson** for April 26th , my granddaughters who will be 4 years old **Gracie** on April 15 and **Rory** April 23rd, Lots of love from Gramma Alice



CONGRATULATIONS to Leslie Mcmillian and Dusten Meng on the birth of **Jordyn Mariah Meng** born Feb.27! (top left) Love Aunty Rachel , Uncle Curtis and the cousins . **Tyrell's** 16th birthday present from cousin Leslie (top right)

Happy Birthday **Clara Jules** for May 6th Love your Family n Friends! Wishing you all the best & many more!

May 7th Happy Birthday **Uncle Phillip!** Love from Family and Friends! But mostly from your Nephews! Wishing you all the BEST and MANY MORE!

May 25th Happy 4th Birthday **Little Leon!** Love Uncle Charles and Peter

March 29th Happy Birthday **Kyra!** Love Grandma n Grandpa and the whole Family and all your Friends! Especially Uncle Charles, Love you and hope you had fun at your party!



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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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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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