

# Deslin Neek

The Voice of the Teslin Tlingit Council



## Tlingit Language Summit

TTC had many participants attend the Tlingit Language Summit in Juneau, Alaska, November 12th–16th. Language revitalization is a goal of TTC's. Citizens are enthusiastic that TTC is taking steps for the preservation of our Tlingit language. To read more on the Summit, visit [www.sealaskaheritage.org](http://www.sealaskaheritage.org)

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## Message from Naa Shaáde Háni

Our heartfelt condolences to our people, families and community that are going through such hardship. May you all find peace and comfort this holiday season.

TTC recently held their fall General Council, on November 7th and 8th at the Heritage Centre. In the following pages, you will read about the work TTC departments have been doing and the resolutions that have been discussed and passed. Should you have questions, please contact your clan representative or myself. On behalf of Executive, we extend our thanks to TTC Staff for all their hard work organizing the General Council, the feast,

the kits and the catering staff for providing such good food.

TTC has hosted some public consultations in the past few weeks. Workforce Development along with Government of Yukon held public information sessions on how the new Education Curriculum is being implemented. We encourage all parents/guardians to attend school functions and School Council public meetings; Everyone is welcome to attend.

We always encourage as many Citizens as possible to attend and directly participate in TTC meetings. We do understand that this is not always possible. We continue to

make best efforts to make the Government more transparent and accountable, ensuring our citizens are aware of what our government is undertaking.

Thank you to all the staff and support that you have given TTC through-out the 2018 year. All the best to you and your loved ones this holiday season. May the New Year bring joy and happiness wherever you go! Happy Holidays!

Gunalchish,  
Naa Shaadé Háni Achêno  
(Chief Richard Sidney)

## Cannabis Legalization: What you should know

### What does Cannabis Legalization Mean?

Can possess and use cannabis in your personal time, in a recreational capacity, but:

- Must be over the legal age (19yrs)
- Must abide by smoking bylaws
- Must abide by impaired driving laws
- Must abide by public intoxication laws
- Workplace implications, to be discussed....

### What does Cannabis Legalization Mean in Yukon?

- Private & government retail store fronts; gov't run online sales
- Legal age of 19 years
- Consumption
- Grow: 4 plants per household
- Possession of 30 grams
- Current rules in place to govern the workplace, will review OH&S Act

### Cannabis Conducts:

- Legalization isn't a license to be impaired at work.
- Employees cannot come to work impaired.
- Employees can't bring cannabis or cannabis products to work
- Employees can't exchange or sell cannabis products with/or to colleagues.
- Employees can't consume cannabis or cannabis products while on work property or time (ie: lunch, coffee breaks)
- Employees can't consume cannabis or cannabis products while representing the company in any way.

### Bottom Line for Rec Use (For Now)

- An employee cannot necessarily use cannabis on personal time and expect to pass a drug test at work.
- The technology will become available in the future to detect active impairment, which may change workplace drug testing practices.

# Language and Culture Oversight Committee

Masa yee yati Ax'aka Kwaan.

Lingit Yoo X'atangi ka Haa Shagoon Daat Yei Jineix'i (Language and Culture Oversight Committee) is proud to announce that the TTC Language and Culture Implementation Plan was accepted by consensus at the November 8th General Council! This was a historic day where TTC reaffirmed our commitment to save and revitalize our precious lingit yoo x'atangi ka haa shagoon! Atlein gunalcheesh to everyone, especially our elders, who helped get us here! We couldn't have done it without you! But this is just the beginning of the amazing journey. The next step is for our committee to meet with the departments to help them integrate this plan into their workplans and budgets in time for the February 2019 General Council. We also will be working with our people who are involved in the language and culture, especially our teachers to begin this great work.

After this the committee travelled to Juneau for the Sealaska Heritage Institute Language Summit. We met with all the organizations and governments that work in language and culture to begin our collaboration of working together as one Lingit Nation in this vital work. The first organization we met with was the University of Southeast Alaska on Monday night and then we attended their language class taught by X'unei. We then went back to the hotel to greet the rest of the TTC delegation who arrived. It was good to see everyone and the Driftwood quickly became "Little Teslin"! :)

The next day the Summit started and it was so emotional to see all the fluent speakers from all over our Lingit Nation gathering and speaking our precious language and celebrating our beautiful culture! The organizers asked that everyone who spoke did so in Lingit and most of the speakers did so. There was also translation available but it was so healing just to sit and listen to our language being spoken. Especially for those whom the language is sleeping inside of them. This really helped to begin to reawaken the first language they learned and spoke as a child.

After the closing ceremonies we then met with Sealaska Heritage and Goldbelt

Heritage to thank them for hosting this and to share with them our Language and Culture Act as well as our recently approved Implementation Plan. They thanked us for coming with such a big delegation, 38! They also thanked us for sharing with them our Act and Plan which they said was way ahead of anything they have done and they look forward to working with us as one nation in this important work! We also invited our Dak Ka Lingit to join us in this meeting and many other of our Alaskan Peoples were also there. It was standing room only! It was the beginning of something great and we all could feel it! SHI then gifted us all copies of one of their Lingit books, Shanyaak'utlaax – Salmon Boy. Which is so fitting considering all of the work TTC has also done to save our Salmon People. We then sang for them the Dei Gunana and then they too sang for us. It was an amazing end to an amazing experience. This was the first but it won't definitely be the last! Atlein gunalcheesh again to TTC for first of all changing the dates of General Council so that everyone who wanted to could go to this! And then for supporting all of our Citizens who wanted to go. SHI paid for all the fluent speakers to attend and TTC covered the rest. It's a worthwhile investment in our future and the benefits are priceless! Aatlein gunalcheesh to everyone who made this important journey to Juneau!

The next day the TTC delegation travelled home and after some unfortunate bus troubles eventually made it home safe and sound! Atlein gunalcheesh to our driver Jim Smarch for getting our people to Juneau and returning them safely home! Gunalcheesh tsu Khâtinâs.âxh for driving around our elders too for their nightly bingos & shopping! :)

That Friday the committee then met with Richard Peterson, President of the Tlingit and Haida Central Council along with his staff. This was to continue our building of our team to work together as one Nation. They too agreed to do this and also agreed to work to set up a joint committee to help coordinate this historic work. They then invited us to their event they were hosting to celebrate National Indigenous Month at the ANB Hall.

The committee then couldn't travel back on Saturday as there was no ferry so we decided to tour the State Museum and then we had dinner at John & Linda Wynne's. She's Dak'aweidi from Klukwan and the former head Record's Manager with SHI. She then offered her help free of charge to help set up our Resource Library! Her and her husband have been coming to every Haa Koosteyi Celebration since they started in 2009 and consider Teslin a second home and are friends to many here as well as being related to the Boss family from Ta.an.

On the ferry ride home the next day we travelled with Marsha Hotch, the sister of John Ward from Atlin. She's right in there with language and culture on the coast and she'll also be one of our lead contacts there. Norma Shorty also travelled with us and we talked about how she could help us with curriculum development as well as our Welcome Home Ceremony scheduled for June 2019. Dakeeaankowu brought everyone together for this important team and we could feel their strength holding us all up. After 13 hours we made it home safe and sound thanks to Shkooyeil's great driving!

Finally I also wanted to say ATLEIN GUNALCHEESH SHKOOYEIL for a job well done! You've only been back home for a couple of years but in that short time you've done a lot for your People. Especially organizing getting us to Juneau for the Language Summit! We couldn't have done it without you...but we're still waiting for that Turkey! Maybe next time Kaani! :)

Atlein gunalcheesh ax x'unx'i yan ka ha kaani yan Lingit Yoo X'atangi ka Haa Shagoon Dat Yei Jineix'i for all your hard work and dedication. Especially Seit.oo who was there for every meeting and every event to help get our Implementation Plan approved. And even though she wasn't feeling well she still travelled to Juneau for the Language Summit! Your dedication to our Language and Culture is so appreciated and we thank you for this from the bottom of our hearts!

Yee gu aa yax'wan ka Sigoowu Kismas Idakatyewaan

## Alaska Tlingit Summit



I was so excited to be able to join the Elders and LCOC committee on the Tlingit Language Summit in Juneau Alaska Nov. 12th to the 16th. To hear so many people speaking our native tongue was amazing. I did not realize exactly how many of us were in attendance. It became clear when Clan Leader Sam Johnston had called out to everyone who was from Teslin. Over 30 people stood up simultaneously throughout the room and walked to stand behind Sam. It was if DAKA Tlingit's were coming out of the wood works. CBC had captured a BEAUTIFUL picture of us all standing behind our Ishkiiitann leader. Truly an AMAZING moment. Our coastal relatives were shocked at how many of us had made the long journey over.

The LCOC had left prior to us for meetings that had been set up with Sea Alaska Heritage and affiliates. It was very gratifying to hear that TTC is light years ahead when it comes to Self-Government. Sea Alaska wishes to send a delegation to our GC to study our government and our 'Clan Based System'. They want to help tear down the borders that neither side acknowledges. We were here prior to that boarder going up and we will be here long after. Here is what a few citizens had to say about their experience:

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I was so impressed by the younger Tlingit speakers. Their level of fluency speaks volumes to the commitment they have to breathing life in to our Tlingit language

and culture. The storytelling, drumming, dancing and personal reflections inspired me to learn more Tlingit.

- Elizabeth Bosely



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...The Language Summit “Voices of our Ancestors”, was truly profound and a life changing experience. A couple of sentences to describe 3 days of intense language immersion will not do it justice. Our language encases who we are...Tlingit! It carries our culture, our values, our principles, our history, and our songs to name a few. The elders say that we must begin immediately to learn and teach our language. It is so precious and that without it, we are like everybody else. Begin learning our language everyone!

- Anne Turner

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Spending time immersed in the Tlingit language was so amazing and heart warming. Our language is so beautiful and has such a wonderful flow that is comforting. Listening to speakers reminded me of growing up in Teslin and hearing our Elders speak, especially my grandparents. My heart is full and this trip has been so inspiring for me to continue on learning and practicing and teaching our children so that we never lose this precious language.

-Sarah Johnston Smith

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November 12 saw many Yukon Tlingits driving and bussing down the Skagway road to take the ferry to Juneau for the Tlingit Language Summit. While there are many speakers, there are also many learners of the language. Some of us travellers were looking forward to reinforcement of minor language skills or increasing our knowledge. There were also many advanced and skilled speakers coming from the interior which continue to make us proud.

Although the ferry was delayed and people very tired on arrival, the next morning saw everyone eagerly taking part after greeting old familiar faces and meeting new ones.

The theme of the gathering was ‘revitalization’, which was tied to the need to increase use of the language, putting it actively into practice. To this end, the organizers had chosen special presenters who mostly spoke entirely in Tlingit. This group of people presented their histories and clan affiliations first, as was



always done since ancient times. There were talks about the effects of residential schools and how many people were stifled in their expression. While these stories were sad, all the speakers rebounded with stories of how they found the strength to pick it up again. Some reported that they could not speak to their own grandparents and this is what drove them to make efforts to bring their language skills back. The stories were very inspiring. The translators were excellent and kept up well with each speaker.

Duane Gastant Aucoin spoke on the first day about the American/Canadian border that is considered artificial by all Tlingits and this introduction was appreciated by all and mentioned by following speakers to reinforce the statement.

One day was dedicated to story telling and this was the most magical of all the time at the gathering. Elder after elder told stories that had serious tones in terms of themes yet each one had a humorous element. The audience really enjoyed the stories. Both Sam Johnston and Jane Smarch told stories with that were like lessons, reinforcing the idea that the stories all had deep meanings and themes. Jane talked about how her father had told her an important story to teach them a special lesson when they were young people. Since the organizers had provided translation devices, many of us were able to follow along and understand everything that was said. Tlingits are careful to make mention of where the story came from and who told it to them so that all understood their legitimacy in presenting the

story. This reinforced to us the protocol that is associated with the presentations.

Another important lesson that presenters wanted everyone to understand is that to preserve the language is to preserve culture. They talked about language as the vehicle of culture so if the language is lost, so will the entire Tlingit culture be lost as well.

There was also much discussion of the future and which direction development of the language would take. Several younger Tlingit scholars and academics made reference to the need to use modern technology more extensively in order to advance learning of the language. Young people naturally gravitate towards new kinds of technology so this is the place to meet those needs. Many of the Tlingit language experts have already undertaken research in this direction so the future seems very promising for such use.

The gathering represented a significant commitment by the Sealaska Corporation, the Goldbelt Corporation, and many individual Yukon First Nations (such as TTC) and Native American organizations. On top of that, many individuals showed their commitment by ensuring a good experience for all those who travelled. Many thanks go to Tim Hall and Duane Aucoin for their tireless work in making sure the Teslin people got the most out of the experience. Gunalcheesh to them and to Charles and others who helped so much in making the journey so rich and worthwhile for us all.”

-Carol Geddes.

## TTC Trans-boundary update

by Dave Keenan

I would like to thank the TTC caucus and especially our elders for the effort and energy they have brought forward in advancing our rights, titles and interests in BC this far. It's been a special privilege

In a push to tabling a draft Agreement in Principle (AIP) by December 31, 2018 as per our initial workplan the TTC & CTFN teams met with governments for a negotiation session on September 18-20, 2018. As well an invitation was extended to TRT Spokesperson John Ward for TRTFN representation to participate as either observers or full participants during the session. In response TRT sent clan representative and TRT citizen Vincent Esquiro to join us at the table. Vincent was a welcome observer and able to participate on September 18. We thank TRT leadership and citizens for this show of solidarity.

Our caucus continues to seek ways to capture the essence or core principles of Haa Kusteeyi and to incorporate those principles into the framework of our agreements and legislation. The BC elders representatives Bess Cooley, Aggie Johnston and Annie Johnston were very elegant in their presentation's and made it possible for others to understand the deeper implications of what is meant

when we speak of Haa Kusteeyi and how it relates to respect for the land, water and surrounding environment.

Protection of the land & water and land alienation by third party interests is one of our main objectives in the interim before we have a treaty in place. This can be done in various forms and we are currently developing ideas around how this may be achieved in the interim. e.g.

1. Incremental or Interim Treaty Agreements (ITA's) would enable the Land and Resources (L&R) dept to monitor our BC traditional territory through our game guardians program.
2. Collaborative Stewardship Frameworks would enable us to develop joint decision making models on specific parcels of land. e.g. protected areas

### Nation rebuilding program

TRTFN, CTFN & TTC have jointly applied through the above federal program that will facilitate the discussion on how we may work together for a common goal. This is premised upon a meeting between our three Tlingit leaders held on August 15, 2018 where they endorsed four common themes;

1. Law making and exercising of governmental authority and jurisdiction. Developing a law or laws that include and empower the inland Tlingit as a whole.
2. Nation Building. In part a key focus will be to develop a boundary agreement with a focus on protection of land & resources and law making.
3. Rights Titles and Interest Negotiations. Development of a joint negotiation mandate.
4. Economic Development Opportunities and Partnerships. Establish a focus group of Tlingit entities for the purpose of identifying and implementing joint development opportunities.

### Overlap/shared territories

The TTC Executive Council has mandated the negotiation team to reach out with the same spirit and intent as we have when working with the TRTFN that is working together for the common goal of providing effective leadership and stewardship over our traditional territory in BC.

To this end Kaska Assistant Negotiator to the Yukon claim, Peter Stone, was invited and attended a joint caucus on October 9 & 10. Peter willingly participated in our discussion and provided input into how we the northern indigenous peoples must work together to provide stewardship over our lands as it was historically. He was candid and suggested that we begin through strengthening our relationship as indigenous people first and foremost without bringing maps with lines on them. TTC shared a copy of the "Da Ka Tlingit, Kaska Friendship Treaty" and expressed our willingness to revive our historical relationship and to seek ways that we may work together at the governance and departmental levels. As an example the TTC L&R's Dept have been following an internal protocol of reaching out to neighboring Kaska first nations on lands and resources issues within our shared



## Merry Christmas

from the Teslin Tlingit Heritage Department. We are wishing all of the citizens a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

**The Heritage Centre Gift Store will be open until December 21st for your last minute shopping!**

overlap territories.

More than ever before there is a recognition amongst us that we the Northern First Nations including the Kaska Nation, Talhtan Nation and the Taku River Tlingit must work closely together to provide effective leadership and stewardship over the Skeena region which in our traditional territories lay.

The Kaska, Talhtan and the TRT and the Province of BC are presently working within a 'Collaborative Stewardship Framework' which is an example of a joint decision making model on resource management issues. The TTC L&R dept have expressed their interest in joining this initiative. In order to do this TTC needs the support of all FN's involved. As well the CTFN is presently considering the merits of joining this initiative.

### **TTC Fish and Wildlife Act & regulations**

Heather Mahoney of Woodward & Company is currently working closely with the L&R's Dept in the amendment of the TTC Fish & Wildlife Act that will provide certainty for the application of TTC Tlingit law throughout our Yukon & BC traditional territory. The community consultation process is ongoing, we will be scheduling another public meeting for early January 2019 so please watch for the announcement. The trapline regulations will be applicable to the BC group trapline.

As a fundamental part of TTC & CTFN negotiation strategy the caucus developed an AIP that would serve two purposes:

1. Serve as a basis for an AIP
2. Identify the gaps in governments mandate and policy

This has proven to be an astute move on our behalf as we are now in a position of informing both BC and Canada on how the application of TTC law can coexist and be applied within our entire territory regardless of the BC Yukon border.

With a federal election slated for the fall of 2019 and a provincial minority

government both governments are getting into an election mentality with a focus on getting reelected which somewhat shifts their priorities.

Canada is currently consulting on initiatives that will inform their policy and mandate, they include;

- Principles 'Respecting the Government of Canada's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples'
- Negotiation of Federal Consultation Provisions in British Columbia Treaties and
- Recognition and Living Agreement Approach.

British Columbia is currently consulting on;

- Discussion Paper on B.C.'s proposed approach to Treaty Transformation, A rolling draft

### **Path Forward**

With the advent of the Federal election in the fall of 2019 and the BC minority government position there is a shift of energy taking place at the table originating from BC. A slowdown of sorts. A major concern of both the CTFN and TTC is the continuation of land alienation to third parties without any meaningful input from either CTFN & TTC. This issue has been raised with the province at the table as a priority and as yet we have seen little in the way of solutions in absence of a treaty.

In a letter sent June 6, 2018 to Minister Scott Fraser from both CTFN & TTC leadership we asked for a principles meeting to address outstanding issues, and to date we have not had a response from Minister Fraser for this meeting. We are hopeful this is an oversight and we will be asking again for this meeting.

As a part of a joint legal strategy we are considering recommending to our leadership the idea of dropping a friendly writ. This would mean that the province take seriously our claim and intent in co-managing our BC traditional territory or otherwise face the possibility of litigation. There is legal precedence to consider to allow us to do so without disrupting the negotiation process.

In support of moving forward in partnership we are recommending to TTC EC to organize a lobby seeking support from the BC Chamber of Mines, Chambers of Commerce, Hunting advisory committee and other first nations.

We have incorporated the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as the report on advancing reconciliation and building relationships within the AIP.

Both governments have committed to having an initial response to the TTC AIP at the next negotiating session scheduled for December 13-14 and a comprehensive response on February 4-6, 2019.

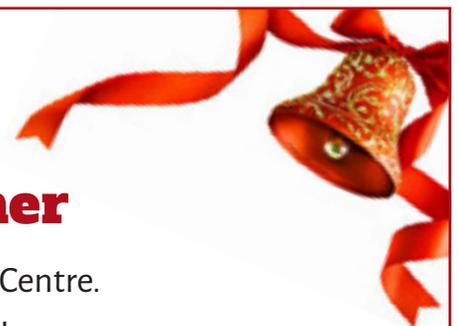
The annual

## **Seniors Christmas Dinner**

is on December 20th at the Rec Centre.

Further information, contact Kelsey at 335-4250

Transportation available..



## Lands Department Update

### Salmon Conservation Plan Release

During the November General Council the Salmon Advisory Group and TTC Lands and Resources staff presented the finished Salmon Conservation Plan. This new plan will guide the way we make management decisions around harvesting, protecting, and conserving Chinook salmon.

Staff from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans attended our celebration, and received a copy of the plan from the Advisory Group. Following the presentation, a salmon dinner was served to celebrate the hard work that Teslin Tlingit people have done to protect Yukon River Chinook for future generations.

### Salmon Resiliency Conference

During the third week of November, TTC Lands and Resources staff, along with members of the Salmon Advisory group travelled to Whitehorse to attend the first ever Salmon Resiliency Conference.

This conference was created to bring people together to discuss salmon. These



people included representatives of Federal, provincial and First Nation Governments, as well as a number of other consultants, NGO's and interested individuals. Some key themes from the conference included working together, learning from one another, and celebrating Culture. We also discussed new research, different management regimes, and sustainability.

During the conference TTC had the opportunity to present the Salmon Conservation Plan as an example of how community based management can look. This conference allowed people from all over

the Yukon River drainage to share ideas and knowledge, and provided a space for each person to tell their own salmon story.

In December, TTC will present the plan to an international audience at the Yukon River Panel meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. The Yukon River Panel will held from December 10-12, and will be streamed online for anyone who is interested in watching from home!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Lands and Resources Office.

## Moose Harvest Data Collection Program

This is a reminder that TTC's Lands and Resources Department will be conducting a Moose Harvest Data Collection Survey this December.

This survey will help us to better understand, manage and conserve moose populations within the Teslin Tlingit Traditional Territory for future generations.

The survey will be conducted by the Game Guardians. If you have been selected for an interview you will be notified.

There will be a draw for two \$50 gift cards (Yukon Motel and Nisutlin Trading Post) for those who participate in the survey.

If you have any questions, give us a call or stop by the Lands and Resources Office.

The Department of Lands and Resources thanks Teslin hunters for their participation in TTC's moose management programs, and will continue to work diligently to protect and preserve our Traditional Territory.





## CANADA REVENUE AGENCY SCAMS

### BULLETIN

#### Recognize, Reject and Report it!

If you receive a suspicious phone call or e-mail from someone claiming to be from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) – question it! Canadians lose millions of dollars each year through various CRA scams.

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#### RECOGNIZE IT!

#### What are common CRA scams?

CRA scams come in many forms - over the phone, by e-mail, or by text message. In all cases, the caller or sender poses as an agent from the Canada Revenue Agency in an attempt to gather personal information, or intimidate a victim into providing financial payment.



#### Phone Scam

Phone scammers posing as CRA agents will claim one of several possibilities:

- that you owe money to the CRA and will be arrested if you do not pay immediately;
- that a lawsuit has been filed against you by the CRA;
- that a warrant of arrest has already been issued under your name;
- that you will be deported if you do not pay the money demanded; or
- other similar threats to get you to share your personal tax information and/or pay money.

*"The reason behind this call is to notify you that we have registered a criminal case against your name concerning a tax evasion and tax fraud in the federal court house ... If we don't receive a call from your side, please be prepared to face the legal consequences."*



#### E-Mail Scam / Text Message

An e-mail or text message is sent from someone pretending to be with the CRA, claiming:

- that your tax calculation has been completed, and you will receive a tax refund by going through a link and submitting information;
- that you or your company is being accused of participating in tax evasion schemes;
- that several discrepancies have been found with your filed taxes which need to be revised;
- that you've received an e-transfer from the CRA for what appears to be a tax refund; or
- that an "investigation" has been started on your CRA claim.

An example of fraudulent text message

(Canada Revenue & Customs Refund Department) Canada Revenue Claim  
[43325643222](tel:43325643222):  
Investigation Started  
ref#

Canada Revenue Agency - Validate your identity  
[mobile-canada.ca](http://mobile-canada.ca)



## Kids' Christmas Colouring Page!



# Announcements

## Happy Birthday!

Happy 25th Birthday to this guy  
On December 14, 2018  
Love always M <3 M



Happy Birthday **Tyrone Sidney!**  
Wishing you a Happy Day and  
Many more! Love your Father,  
Grandparents, Uncles and Aunts and  
Nieces and Nephew. Love You Son.

I would like to wish Happy Birthday  
Greeting to my sons **Timothy (Corky)**

**Dewhurst** – December 2nd, **Paul Bosely** – December 9th, and to my brother **Earl Douville** – December 13th, 2018. Love Alice Douville

I would like to wish **Mike Sydney** a  
Happy Birthday for Dec. 11 and Jody  
Sydney a Happy Birthday for Dec. 24.  
Love Mary Rose and Family.

Happy birthday wishes going out to  
my Sis **Jody** for Dec. 24, enjoy your  
day Love Linda

Big Happy Birthday wishes going  
out to my son **Tyrone** for Dec. 20 and  
Enjoy your day Love your Mom

Happy 13th Birthday **Nigel Charlie!**  
Love Mom, átà, Dylan and Azaria

Happy Birthday for December 31, 2018  
to **Marianne Alicia Morris**. From the  
family who loves you very much!!  
Have a great one Marianne!

Happy birthday **Ryder!**  
*Memories stay with me,  
Of when you were just a boy,  
The adventures we had together,  
The years playing with your toys,  
How quickly time has flown,  
Now a man you have become,  
I am so very proud of you,  
My handsome darling son,  
May your birthday be extra special,  
As much happiness is what you're due,  
Sent in this card is all my love,  
Especially for you.*



## Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope  
Santa is good to all of you and  
2019 brings nothing but the best!  
Merry Christmas to all my nieces  
and nephews! I am not home for  
Christmas, but always know that  
you are loved very much! Merry  
Christmas to my mom! I love you  
so very much! I will see you soon  
momma! Good luck in radio Bingo!  
Merry Christmas to All my brothers  
and sisters! Happy New Year! Will  
see some of you in Vancouver  
February 7! Love Patsy Lindsay

Our wishes for you and your loved  
ones now and always  
With tons of Love from the  
Morris Family

Masa yee yati Ax'aka Kwaan. Another  
year has come and gone and we  
have much to be thankful for...even  
in the hard times. Because we know  
we don't walk this journey alone. We  
have haa leelk'w has kaadei as well  
as each other. When we walk hand  
in hand there's nothing we can't do  
& there's no where we can't go! Yee  
gu aa yax'wan ka Sigoowu Kismas ax

x oonx i yán ka ax kaani yán!  
Gastant' ka ax tlaa has Yanyeyidi

“On behalf of the Dakhl'awedi Clan,  
I want to wish you a very Merry  
Christmas and a prosperous and  
healthy New Year. It has been a  
challenging year for many of us. Those  
families who have been touched by  
death or illness will be in our thoughts  
over the holidays. We have been  
working hard over the past year and  
are excited about the upcoming year.”  
Gunalchish, Kishtook



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## Teslin Tlingit Council



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

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

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

### Attention TTC Citizens

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

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



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