

# Deslin Neek

The Voice of the Teslin Tlingit Council



**Happy  
Holidays,  
from Teslin  
Tlingit  
Council!**



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Teslin Tlingit Council



# Chief & Executive Council

## Message from Kaa Sháade Háni

Máa sá iyatee,

All of my thoughts and prayers to all the families that have lost loved ones. I know it's a tough time of year when your heart is not into the holiday season. Condolences to all your family and friends.

TTC recently held the winter General Council (GC). Citizens and GC members were updated on programs and services that TTC delivers. TTC provides a large number of programs and services. The following pages will give you an idea of what was presented at the GC.

Executive would like to thank all GC members, TTC employees and Citizens for attending the November General Council. The success of our meeting is due to the hard work of our employees and the

participation of Citizens and GC members.

The Council of Yukon First Nation Leadership meetings was held November 8-9, in Whitehorse. Executive Representative, Duane, attended for TTC. Many important concerns are raised at the Leadership level. Discussions and updates on Natural Resources and Environment which include, Mining MOU update, Bill C-17 and YESAA Reset MOU. There was also discussion on an Elder & Youth gathering, information will be sent once we receive definite dates of the event.

On December 5th-7th, I attended the Special Chiefs Assembly in Ottawa, Ontario. Chiefs from across the country generally gather twice a year to set strategic direction based on community needs and priorities. The Strategy sessions included, Health,

Education, Housing, Environment & Fisheries. We had updates from, Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women and Girls, the AFN/Canada MOU on joint priorities and Community Safety/Policing & Justice updates.

TTC Executive Council would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season! May the New Year bring you many joyous memories!

Merry Christmas: Sigóowu Kísmas!

Gunalchéesh, Achéino - Richard

### Reminder:

TTC offices will close for the holidays from December 22, 2017 and reopen on January 2, 2018.

## Tlingit Activity Night!

Come and enjoy an evening to gather and work on Christmas or sewing projects. Whatever you have on the go! Also, a perfect place to begin new ones while enjoying the company of our fellow community members as we move into the Christmas Season.

We can make the evening whatever we like!

**All are Welcome – including children!**

Tuesday Evenings in the Workforce Development Boardroom  
Beginning Nov. 21st.  
6:30 – 8:00pm.

Light snack and refreshments will be served.  
Contact Shàn Tlâ with any questions (867) 390-2532 Ext.321

**Haat Yi Á**  
(Come here!—Plural)





## Lingít Yoo X'atángi - Tlingit Language

Yak'éiyagéé!! Good day

Hoping things are good and everyone is staying warm as we head into our Christmas season. As you know I am the term Language Coordinator until June 2018. It has been a learning curve but positive! I work with a great team. The following is a compilation of what's up in Language thus far!!

- The Dluw Kát Hít Tlingit Language Program is happening once again, at this point it is three mornings per week. The children are learning by singing and have also learned about traditional medicine, Black and Grizzly Bears. The learning base is "Respect" for themselves and others. They will also be practicing for the Christmas season festivities!!

- Language Instructors for Whitehorse and Teslin Tlingit Language Classes are in the process of being hired. These positions are for Tlingit classes for TTC employees and public. This will be a safe, respectful and fun learning environment for all to relax and learn. More information will be available shortly.
- The Language and Culture Oversight Committee attended the Language Planning Workshop presented by the First Peoples Cultural Council, hosted by YNLC. The result of this will be Tlingit Language learning opportunities available in the future! Keep your eyes and ears open.
- Tlingit Activity Night has started on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 -8:00pm. Let me know if you need materials.

Don't let the name fool you it is not just for Tlingits!!

### Other learning opportunities to look for:

- Bingo in Tlingit for prizes.
- Game night.
- Singing, dancing, making Regalia.
- Book learning day or night, not sure yet.
- Any ideas? Door is open and there is a comfy chair.

Yee gu.aa yáx x'wan!

Until next time,  
Respectfully,

Shàn Tlâ

## Home Inspections

### \*\*Notice to all TTC Members\*\*

Inspections on the inside of your homes/units will be conducted throughout the winter season.

TTC hired Insight Inspections to take photos and inspect homes. A full report on findings will be available.

Once all inspections are complete, TTC will be seeking funding to bring all homes up to standard.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Please contact TTC Capital department for more information: 867-390-2532 ext: 391

## Unfurled

*local fur marketplace • quality events • workshops • showcases • storytelling*

**March 9, 10 & 11, 2018**

**Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre**

***imfurreal.com***

Please contact Lisa if you are a trapper or sew with fur and are interested in selling your goods at the marketplace.

***867-634-2501 • lisapreto@gmail.com***

Registration is open till the event begins, but after February 1st, 2018, 20% (\$10) of the deposit will be kept as a late registration fee.

# Citizenship Committee

## 2017 Clan Conference

Masayiyati,

The Teslin Tlingit Council Citizenship Committee travelled to Sitka, Alaska in October for the 2017 Clan Conference. We were accepted to make a presentation on the work we are doing as mandated by the 2012 TTC Citizenship Code.

We prepared for this Conference by having the travel funds approved in the 2017/18 TTC budget and applied to the Clan Conference to be presenters. Our Citizenship Registrar, Charlene Peters, arranged all of our travel and accommodations.

On Friday, October 13th the Committee began our journey to Sitka. Travelling were Aggie Johnston – Elders Rep, Martina Smarch – Youth Rep, Pauline Sidney – Kookhitaan Rep, Anne Turner – Ishkitaan Rep, Duane Gastant' Aucoin – Chair/Yanyeidi Rep, Berdina Hager – Deisheetaan Rep, Bill Smarch – Dakl'aweidi Rep (and Honest Hager – Baby Rep) Along with Charlene Peters, TTC Citizenship Registrar.

We met at the Skagway Airport for our direct charter to Sitka, but when we got there we found out that the flight was cancelled due to bad weather! I was ready to throw in the towel and go home but the Committee wanted to still find a way to get to Sitka. We all rushed over to the ferry terminal and were able to book tickets on the ferry to Juneau leaving in less than 2 hours! Then Charlene was on one phone booking our rooms in Juneau for one night and I was on another phone booking our flights from Juneau to Sitka the next morning! We got the rooms and plane tickets booked and we didn't get to our hotel till around 11 pm! We ended up travelling with the other TTC delegates as well, Annie Johnston, Tip Evans & Michael Campbell (Heritage) and Bev Morris (Justice). The next morning we hopped on the plane to Sitka and landed at 11 am. I had to rush to the conference as I was giving the luncheon presentation on the struggle of the 150th anniversaries of Canada being a country and Alaska being a state from a Tlingit perspective. Luckily Norma

Shorty was there at the airport waiting to whisk me right over to the conference. As part of my presentation I sought and received permission from the son of Chief Dan George (Leonard George) to use his fathers "Lament for Confederation" as part of my talk. Everyone was deeply moved by Chief Dan George's struggle with Canada's 100th birthday.

We checked into our rooms right at the conference. We all shared dorm rooms so we only had 4 rooms and we got the meal plan so we ate right at the same building we were staying in. This was not only easier but it also saved TTC money as this was an expensive trip.

The first day we attended a language



workshop and were very impressed, especially hearing young people speak our language. That same afternoon there were two workshops by Teslin people, both at the same time and both were Shorty's! Norma Shorty's workshop was "Healing Through Research and Education" and Sharon Shorty's workshop was "Healing Through Humour". They both did excellent jobs representing Teslin and made us proud!

The next day was our presentation, "Integrating Haa Koosteyi into a Modern Tlingit Government". It was standing room only for our presentation and we began by first talking about the history of Teslin and our Clan System. We talked about our Self-Government which included looking after our Citizenship, in particular how we addressed the issue of the Citizens who are not currently recognized by one of the 5 Teslin Clans. Annie spoke on her work on genealogy

and Bev talked about the work Justice is undertaking. There was so much interest in our Clan Governance and Constitution and how we structured our government on Haa Koosteyi. They were amazed with our newly passed Tlingit Language and Culture Act, making The Tlingit Language/Culture the official language/culture of TTC. They really want to learn more about how we do things and want to work more closely with us to help Tlingitize their governments and agencies as well.

We attended many workshops and events at the Clan Conference and were surprised when they gave us all a travel subsidy of \$500 USD/ each which we gave back to TTC since they already covered our travel. This worked out to be about \$5000 CDN for the Committee which really helped cut down our costs.

On Tuesday, October 17th we flew on our

charter directly to Skagway and made it to our homes that night! We were all pretty exhausted but were extremely thankful for the opportunity to attend the Clan Conference to represent TTC and share some of the great work we are doing with our Tlingit Brothers and Sisters on the Coast. It was also inspiring to hear about the great work they too are doing on behalf of our shared Language and Culture.

The next Clan Conference will be in Juneau in 2019 and I highly recommend that TTC send another delegation to share more with them.

Aatlein gunalcheesh l'dakatyewan!  
Yigooiyax'wan!

Gastant' Kushnoot!  
Chair/Yanyeidi Rep  
TTC Citizenship Committee



## Lands & Heritage

### Salmon – Deadman Creek Restoration Project

We recently checked up on the eggs that were planted in Morley River this fall, as they were expected to have hatched in October. We found that the eggs had indeed hatched, and that the number of surviving alevin were similar to last year, which continues to be very promising! We were able to host a number of members of the Teslin RRC and a YESAB staff member at the riverside and shared information on project approaches and results to date. A quick check-in with our incubating eggs in Deadman Creek have suggested better creek conditions for egg survival this fall and good survival was observed at the site that was checked. Deadman Creek is much colder than Morley River, and the eggs take longer to hatch as a result. We will be doing more intensive monitoring in February and March once these eggs have also hatched. Our department is very interested in sharing this work with Citizens and community members, and encourage you to let us know if you would like to attend one of our monitoring trips and learn more about the project. Weather and project activities can be a little unpredictable, but we are happy to work with folks to make these site visits happen!

### TTC Salmon Management Plan Review

TTC is in the early stages of reviewing and updating the 2010 TTC Salmon Management Plan. The 2010 plan expired in 2015, and the review process began in early 2017, supported by the July AGA salmon resolution. The issues surrounding the health and abundance of Yukon River Chinook salmon are diverse, and protecting these salmon and the Teslin Tlingit relationship with salmon into the future requires TTC to review and update our priorities and strategic approaches.

Our department has completed an internal review, and an Advisory Group (AG) consisting of representatives from Executive Council, Elders Council, Youth Council, and the Teslin Tlingit Renewable Resources



**Above:** Community members and TRRC members visiting Morley River to learn about the Deadman Creek restoration project. **Below:** Photo caption: Chinook alevin (newly hatched salmon) being counted and measured to assess project success. *Both photos credit: Dawn Hansen*



Council has been guiding the development of an updated Plan. As with all TTC plan development, our review and revision process includes a substantial Citizen consultation stage. Regardless, we encourage you to discuss the plan development and content with the AG members at any time, or chat with Gillian Rourke in the Lands department to learn more about how you can be involved in shaping the plan.

### 2017 Salmon season

We would like to thank everyone who registered their intent to harvest salmon this year for providing their harvest data to the Game Guardians and other department staff in a timely manner, including those who did not harvest any salmon. This information is critical to the ongoing management and protection of the Yukon River Chinook

salmon. We will be reviewing this information and will have a report on the final outcomes of the 2017 season for the February General Council. A TTC delegation will also be attending the Yukon River Panel in December, and much more information will be available following that meeting regarding overall fishing activities on the Yukon River, and general run size and quality.

### TTC Trans-boundary update

By *Dave Keenan*

As guided by the 2017 GA resolution effort, to date has been focused on setting the stage for trans-boundary negotiations as per Chapter 25 of the TTC Final Agreement.

In a joint effort, the leadership of the TTC and the CTFN have met with both the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada Carolyn Bennett and BC Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Scott Fraser. The message was clear; any TTC treaty in British Columbia must be coordinated with the provisions of our Final and Self Government Agreements and that the Teslin Tlingit look forward to a future in which our Traditional Territory is managed under treaties that are coordinated and consistent in order to provide the certainty that we require and will benefit all.

The “Information Gathering Project” has been concluded and we are now recruiting for an anthropologist to compile a report that confirms the strength of the TTC’s asserted rights, titles, claims and interest in British Columbia. This report must be completed no later than autumn of 2018. It is expected that this anthropological report would become the cornerstone for a traditional land use plan and it would be used to inform resource management decisions, including land use planning, land selection guidelines, identification of federal and provincial parks among other things.

Portions of the TTC Traditional Territory are overlapped with Aboriginal Rights and Titles asserted by the Kaska Nation, the Tahltan Nation and the Taku River Tlingit. As well, the recent Treaty 8 decision may confirm another overlap with our Traditional Territory. These overlap assertions must be addressed as a part of our trans-boundary negotiations.

In TTC’s response to the 1999 joint Government Scoping offer, we were clear that their offer was not acceptable and not within the spirit and intent of our Yukon Self Government and Final Agreement. Today much has changed. Supreme Court of Canada decisions have consistently come

down on the side of First Nations. With the changes in the federal and provincial Government administrations with fresh mandates there is an opportunity for reconciliation and a collaborative approach to treaty negotiation.

### Timber Harvest planning

Along with the Teslin RRC and Yukon Government, TTC Lands has started developing a Timber Harvest Plan the areas near Teslin. While the biggest push to harvest timber right now is to feed the biomass project, we will develop the plan to meet multiple management objectives. In the immediate area of town, we would like to see the harvest of wood be done in a way and in places that also serves to reduce the risk of a large wildland fire coming into town. We are proposing to direct woodcutting to a wide strip north of Teslin from near the Sawmill Road Subdivision westward toward the Fox Point Subdivision. In order to be an effective fire break, the cutting will probably have to be fairly intense. That is, there will probably be a lot of wood taken from there. There is another proposed area near Morley Bay, again hopefully to serve as a fire break. And finally, we are also seeking feedback on a new cutting area near Strawberry Creek. For more information, please attend the public meeting

**TRUE or FALSE?**

- Colorectal cancer is the 2nd leading cancer killer.** TRUE FALSE
- Both men and women get colorectal cancer.** TRUE FALSE
- Colorectal cancer often starts with no symptoms.** TRUE FALSE
- Screening helps prevent colorectal cancer.** TRUE FALSE

**Its simple an may save your life!**

# Department Updates

## Lands & Heritage (continued)



**Above:** Game Guardians ground truthing potential fuelwood areas for Biomass at Smart River

on December 5th (watch for posters) or come in and talk to the Lands Department, the RRC or the Yukon Forest Management Branch.

Lands is also working with the BC government for woodcutters to access the Swan Lake Burn this winter in order to sell dry wood to TTC for the Biomass Project. The Lands office has more information and will be putting notices out when everything is set up.

### Game Guardian Update

We would like to remind everyone that it is the time of year when caribou are frequently spending time near to or crossing the highway. For your safety, and for the protection of these herds, please take your time driving through the Squanga area through to Jake's Corner and keep a close eye out for these (and other!) animals. Highway mortality is a significant source of pressure for our caribou herds, making long-term herd recovery a difficult task

despite a lot of hard work and sacrifice going into reducing human harvest.

As the ice begins to freeze over on various waterways, it is an important time of year for extra care when traveling near or on ice. Ice should be a minimum of 10 cms (4 inches) just to support one person, and needs to be thicker if you are using vehicles. Never travel on the ice alone, and carry self-rescue tools, such as retractable ice picks, on your person when crossing or spending time on the ice. If in doubt, we auger holes on the lake throughout the winter at various sites to check ice depth, and would be happy to help you assess ice thickness in an area.

Keep in mind that this is the season that wolves are often spotted moving near the community, and that we can all do our part to control and remove attractants in our yards. Make sure that dogs are in secure pens or in the house during the day, and that

garbage is securely locked up.

### Lands Office Renovations

You may have noticed that the Lands office building has been a bit hectic over the last month due to various renovations. We are in the final stages of a big facelift for our office, and encourage you to come by and check out our new space! Thanks to the Heritage department for loaning us some artwork from the TTC permanent collection to beautify our workspace. We appreciate everyone's patience as we juggled our office renovations with day-to-day department operations.

### Settlement Land Surveys

Building on last year's success, our Department is continuing our Settlement Land survey program. Last year, we completed 38 surveys and it is our goal to complete another couple dozen this fall. This

work is important for Citizens, as it helps to protect their interests and is a significant part of home ownership and mortgaging. Please don't hesitate to chat with our staff if you have any questions about this process.

**S'igèditànú (Bats) - Yukon's Best Mosquito Hunters?**

Did you know: on an active night, one little brown bat can catch up to 1,200 insects in one hour and a nursing female can eat up to

4,500 insects in one night!

These small, nocturnal (active during the night) mammals play an important role in our ecosystem, especially during the spring and summer months, when they migrate back to the Yukon to have their babies. But, sometimes human homes can look and feel a lot like good bat homes: warm and sheltered.

Our Department, with the help of our

amazing summer students, has been putting out bat houses in key spots around Teslin. We hope this will help our furry friends to find a safe place to raise their little ones without damaging the homes and outbuildings of Teslin's human residents. We've also been working with Yukon Government to install some bigger roosts – one of these has just been placed at Brooks Brook, to help protect the cabins/infrastructure and encourage mosquito-hunting.

If you have bats returning to your house each spring, now is the time to seal up holes where they might be getting in, since bats will have flown south in September. Then, come chat with us about putting up a bat house somewhere nearby. We can help!

Did you know: little brown bats, the Yukon's most common bat, can live up to 30 years and fly at up to 35 km per hour!



**Above:** Installing the latest bat house at Brooks Brook. Big thanks to Tom Smith and Dustin Wilkinson for your assistance.



In small communities around the Yukon many are not aware they have hypertension. Mostly those who are between the ages of 30 to 50 years old.

**GET TESTED!**

## TTC General Council Resolutions

November 21 – 22, 2017

### **Resolution #2017-002**

#### **TTC BIOMASS ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT – AUTHORIZATION OF \$120,000.00 FROM LINE OF CREDIT - Passed**

WHEREAS the General Council authorized the borrowing of \$500,000.00 (five hundred thousand dollars) in the form of a line of credit to finance a TTC Biomass Energy Project (the “Project”) (GC Resolution # 2016-013: November 24, 2016); WHEREAS the Project initial projected costs of \$1,680,000.00 have increased to \$3,300,000.00 as a result of a combination of costs not originally considered in the early stages of the Project, including engineering costs and design and the construction of a new Energy Centre; WHEREAS the Executive Council is seeking authorization to access and apply an additional \$120,000.00 from the line of credit to the Project; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Council is authorized to access and apply an additional \$120,000.00 to the Project as requested; and THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the original \$500,000.00 line of credit will be repaid as provided in the Biomass Business Plan that was presented to the General Council in November 2016.

### **Resolution #2017-003**

#### **Teslin Tlingit Council Personnel Policy – Repeal of Section 8.9 – Passed**

WHEREAS the Executive Council is recommending that section 8.9 of the Teslin Tlingit Council (“TTC”) Personnel Policy (August 2017) (the “policy”) be repealed to no longer provide TTC employees with three additional Christmas holidays other than what is statutorily required; WHEREAS section 8.9 of the policy states

8.9 – CHRISTMAS BREAK

SCOPE – All employees.

PURPOSE – To recognize the importance of this holiday to family.

POLICY – Employees will have paid leave at Christmas. This leave does not have to be earned and will not exceed three (3) days.

PROCEDURE – The dates for the Christmas Break will be set by the Executive Council each year;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Executive Council provide all TTC employees with the required notice to advise of the proposed repeal of section 8.9 of the policy, to take effect on a date determined by the General Council identified at the November 2018 General Council meeting; and THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that following the employee consultations the working group is to provide a report to the General Council in November 2018, identifying recommendations to strengthen employee relations and improve employee morale.

### **Resolution #2017-004**

#### **LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CONFIRMATION OF DAKL’ÁWEIDI REPRESENTATIVE – Passed**

WHEREAS the Dakl’áweidi confirmed Francis VanKessel as their representative to serve on the leadership advisory committee on an interim period to the July 2017 Annual General Council Assembly (Resolution #2017-009: February 23, 2017); WHEREAS Francis VanKessel has been appointed by the Dakl’áweidi as the representative on the leadership advisory committee. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council reconfirms Francis VanKessel as the Dakl’áweidi representatives to serve on the leadership advisory committee.

### **Resolution #2017-005**

#### **CMHC RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LOANS (“RRAP LOANS”) FOR HOUSES ON TTC SETTLEMENT LANDS – Passed**

WHEREAS there are several houses on TTC Settlement Lands originally transferred from Canada to TTC (“federal houses”); these federal houses were in need of renovations and major repairs on the date of transfer and continue to be in need of repairs; WHEREAS TTC has accessed monies from CMHC under

the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (“RRAP”) to cover the costs of renovations and major repairs; these monies are provided to TTC by way of a loan as evidenced by a promissory note for the full amount of the financial assistance (the “RRAP Loans”) plus interest; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Council is authorized to enter into RRAP Loans to provide the RRAP on TTC Settlement Lands, on the following conditions 1. The RRAP Loans are forgivable; 2. TTC’s contribution, if any, is authorized under approved annual budgets; 3. TTC enters into agreements with each tenant to ensure all conditions are met over the term of the loan; and 4. Tenants agree to repay the portion not forgivable if the terms of the agreement are not fulfilled.

### **Resolution #2017-006**

#### **AMENDMENT TO DEPARTMENT CREDIT CARD TERMS – ALLOW FOR GRATUITY (TIPPING) – Passed**

WHEREAS the Executive Council recommends that terms of the TTC Department credit cards allow for gratuity up to a maximum of 20% of receipts for meals while on TTC business; THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the General Council approves the use of the TTC Department credit cards to allow for gratuity up to a maximum of 20% of receipts for meals while on TTC business.

### **Resolution #2017-007**

#### **CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL YOUTH MEMBER – Passed**

WHEREAS section 11.2(e) of the TTC Constitution provides that the Youth Council will select the Executive Council Youth member in the event of a vacancy; WHEREAS Mary Bob has resigned as the Executive Council Youth member and the Youth Council has appointed Bill Smarch to serve in the interim; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council confirms Bill Smarch as the Executive Council Youth member to serve the remainder of Mary Bob’s term to July 2018.

**Resolution #2017-008**  
**CONFIRMATION OF YOUTH**  
**REPRESENTATIVES OF GENERAL COUNCIL**  
– Passed

WHEREAS section 9.1 of the TTC Constitution provides that each Clan shall select five representatives to be appointed as members of the General Council at the Annual general Assembly to serve for a term of four years; section 16.B5 of the Constitution provides that each member of the Youth Council, except the Executive Council Youth member will serve as one of the five Clan representatives on General Council; WHEREAS the Dakl'áweidi appointed Shania Hogan, Ishkitàn appointed Destiny Taylor and Kùkhittàn appointed Chris Fairclough and serve as General Council representatives effective November 2017 to July 2020; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Shania Hogan, Destiny Taylor, Chris Fairclough, Mike Sidney and Daniel Hager are confirmed as the Youth Council members of the General Council.

**Resolution #2017-009**  
**CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  
**MEMBERS – Passed**

WHEREAS section 10.3 of the TTC Constitution provides that each Clan shall select one representative to be appointed as a member of Executive Council to serve for a term of four years; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lesley McMillan is the Ishkitàn on Executive Council from August 1, 2017 to August 1, 2018.

**Resolution #2017-010**  
**PROVIDING ELECTRICITY TO TTC CITIZENS**  
**ON TESLIN TLINGIT SETTLEMENT LAND –**  
**Passed**

WHEREAS there are a number of Teslin Tlingit citizens developing settlement lands for residential purposes (occupants); these settlement lands do not provide utility services, in particular electricity; the occupants are seeking to access electrical services through the Yukon Government's "Rural Electrification and Telecommunications Program" (the "Yukon program"); WHEREAS the Yukon government finances electrification

and telecommunication projects on a 100% cost-recovery basis under the Yukon program whereby all project costs (installation of electricity poles and connections to residents), including interest are recoverable from the property-owners in the project area through tax recovery measures; the Executive Council is recommending that Teslin Tlingit Council assume the financial liability under the Yukon program, subject to annual budget considerations, to support those occupants seeking to access electricity for their residential homes subject to the occupants entering into a repayment agreement with the Teslin Tlingit Council; and THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the General Council approves the Executive Council to enter into a loan agreement under the Yukon program to provide electrical services to those occupants subject to the following terms: 1. the occupants have satisfied the requirements under the Yukon program; 2. the occupants have entered into a loan repayment agreement with the Teslin Tlingit Council.

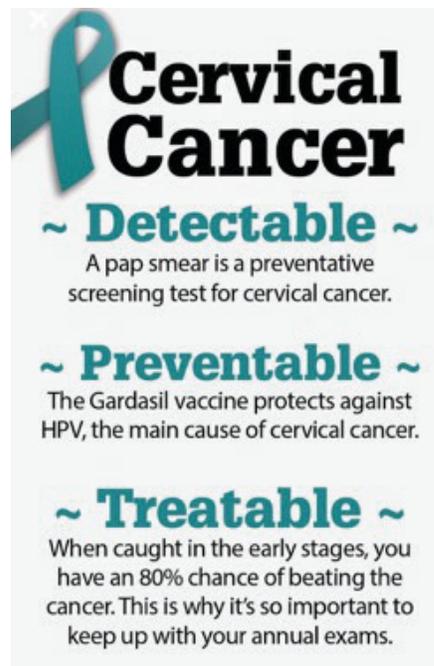
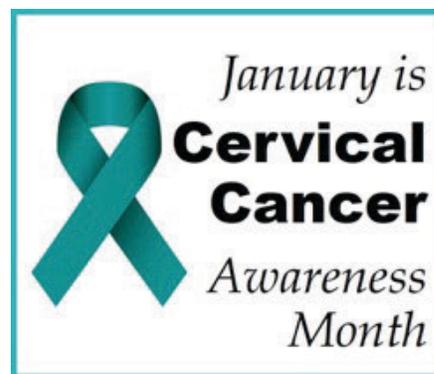
**Resolution #2017-011**  
**SUPPORT FOR TESLIN TLINGIT**  
**STUDENTS IN THE WHITEHORSE**  
**AREA: PURCHASE OF EDUCATION**  
**VAN - Passed**

WHEREAS the TTC Education department continues to receive numerous requests from TTC student residents at Gadzoosdaa, attending schools throughout Whitehorse area seeking transportation support to attend appointments, afterschool programs or their places of employment; TTC education support worker resident in Whitehorse meets with TTC students throughout the Whitehorse area; the TTC education department is recommending the purchase of a 2017 caravan, in the amount of \$27, 472.20, to support the TTC students and the TTC education support worker in Whitehorse (the "education van"); there are monies in the TTC Capital reserve that could fund the purchase of an education van. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council approves the purchase of a 2017 education van in the amount of \$27,472.20 to be funded by the TTC Capital Reserve.

**Resolution #2017-012**  
**APPROVAL OF CONSEQUENTIAL**  
**AMENDMENTS & CONFIRMATION OF**  
**OFFICIAL TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL**  
**CONSTITUTION - Passed**

WHEREAS the General Council has approved a series of constitutional amendments on May 29, 2016 (GC Resolution #2016-002) and July 13, 2016 (AGCA Resolution 2017-013: establishment of Youth Council), (AGCA 2017-014: correcting of clan spelling) and (AGCA Resolution #2017-015: amendments specific to the Justice Council) (the "constitutional amendments"); the following amendments have been identified to achieve internal consistency within the Constitution, specifically,

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- Amend all definitions to Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer to Naa Sháade Háni and Deputy Naa Sháade Háni;
- Section 1.1 – amend the definition of First Nation to be consistent with section 4.1;
- Section 9.1 - to confirm that each member of the Youth Council will be one of the five members to serve on General Council (to be consistent with section 16.B.5);
- Section 10.12 – amend to ensure that the Speaker is 19 years of age;
- Section 11.2(f) – to confirm that the Executive Council Youth member is the age of majority for the purpose of signing contracts;
- Section 16A.2 – to increase in the size of the Justice Council from 5 members to 6 members (to be consistent with section 16 B.3 (b));
- Amend the nomination form under Schedule B to ensure that nominees for the position of Naa Sháade Háni or Deputy Naa Sháade Háni is at least 19 years of age; and
- Amend the nomination form under Schedule B to correct the spelling of the Clans (to be consistent with section 5.5) (the “consequential amendments”).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council approves the proposed consequential amendments in accordance with section 50.3 of the Constitution. THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the General Council confirms that official Teslin Tlingit Council Constitution is to be cited as “Teslin Tlingit Council Constitution, 2017”.

**Resolution #2017-013**  
**CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AUTHORITY TO ADVANCE THE TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL FINANCIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT (FTA) – Passed**

**Resolution #2017-014**  
**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: DAKL'ÁWEIDI – Passed**

WHEREAS circumstances have arisen which requires the Dakl'áweidi Clan to appoint a new members to the Citizenship Committee and the Housing Committee; WHEREAS the Dakl'áweidi Clan have nominated Alice Douville and have confirmed Ms. Douville's interest to serve on the Citizenship Committee Code effectively immediately to July 2018; and WHEREAS the Dakl'áweidi Clan have nominated Patricia Lindsay and have confirmed Ms. Lindsay's interest to serve on the Housing Committee effectively immediately for a term of four years; to November 2021.

**Resolution #2017-015**

**TRAINING EDUCATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TETC) APPOINTMENTS 2017- Passed**

WHEREAS the TETC is a standing committee formed by General Council with terms of reference to provide strategic direction to the TTC Workforce Development Department; the terms of the TETC members appointed by the General Council on November 21, 2013 have expired (GC Resolution #2013-009); WHEREAS Pauline Sidney and Marian Horne have been nominated by the Elders Council and have been confirmed by the Executive Council; WHEREAS the Clans have appointed the following individuals to serve on the TETC for a term of four years: Elizabeth Bosely (Dakl'áweidi); Davida Wood (Kookhíttaan); Tiarra Clarke (Ishkeetaan); Roberta Jackson (Deisheetan); Kelly Johnston (Yanyeidí). THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council confirms Pauline Sidney, Marian Horne, Elizabeth Bosely, Davida Wood, Tiarra Clarke, Roberta Jackson, and Kelly Johnston are to be appointed to the TETC effective November 21, 2017 for a term of four years.



**Above:** December 1, 2017 – Representatives from Yukon Development Corp (YDC) travelled to Teslin to tour the Biomass Project. The Biomass has been a long-time vision for residents of the community. To see the buildings up, boilers installed, wood being chipped, Teslin has almost completed phase 1 of the project. TTC and DDC presented a very new video called “Teslin’s Biomass Project”.

## Cultural Modified Trees CMT Workshop

On November 28th, 2017, the Teslin Tlingit Council Heritage Department hosted a workshop on culturally modified trees and other signs of First Nations history in the forest. A CMT is a tree that has been intentionally chopped, barked, blazed or altered by First Nations people as part of their traditional use of the forest. There are many types of CMTs, reflecting traditional activities such as food, medicine, and material harvesting, and markers of trails, special places and events. Cultural Modified Trees are irreplaceable sources of cultural, historical and environmental data, and embody the sustainable use and management of forest resources. There are over 3500 recorded Modified Trees in the Teslin Airport area and they range in dates of modification from 1900 until 1980's. The oldest recorded CMT in the Traditional Territory recorded to date was stripped of bark over 163 years ago in 1854.

The workshop was attended by representatives, Elders and Citizens from TTC, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Kluane First Nation, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, Tahltan First Nation, Teslin Renewable Resources Council, and Yukon Government Forest Management Branch. The day included a poster session, slide presentations, roundtable discussions, and a field trip to a grove of CMTs in the Teslin Airport area, where participants were able to walk among trees and observe the variety and concentration of CMTs.

TTC Heritage Sites Officer, Michael Campbell presented on the various types of CMTs encountered in TTC Traditional Territory and the practices these heritage resources represent. His discussion focused mostly on bark-stripped lodgepole pine (sapping trees), as these are the most numerous type of CMT recorded in the Traditional Territory. The currently known distribution of CMTs was presented, as well as research that has been conducted on these heritage resources to date, and the potential for future research.

Vera Asp of Tahltan First Nation presented on the use of Ancestral Knowledge in the management and interpretation of heritage resources. She presented research from Tahltan Traditional Territory and discussed how using Ancestral Knowledge can improve



the understanding and significance of heritage resources, and our understanding of CMTs as markers of traditional land-use.

Sheila Greer presented on signs of First Nations history in the forest, focusing on Champagne and Aishihik Traditional Territories. Sheila discussed the variety of CMTs that have been recorded, such as bark-stripped trees, adze-cut stumps and face carvings in trees, as well as brush camps, traditional grave fences, and other structures.

Discussions focused on family experiences with CMTs and the traditional activities they represent, and the various types of CMTs seen across TTC Traditional Territory, the Yukon, and Northern British Columbia. Community

members, elders and others shared their knowledge and experiences related to CMTs and other traditional activities in the forest, where they have observed CMTs across the Traditional Territory, and the significance of CMTs to the community as markers of ancestral land-use.

We hope that the knowledge shared during this event contributed to a greater understanding and appreciation for CMTs and other signs of First Nations history in the forest and the traditional knowledge associated with these heritage resources. The Heritage Department would like to thank Yukon Heritage Resources Board and the Department of Tourism Historic Sites Branch for their generous support of this project.

## Christmas Baking Recipes

Recipes and photos credit: [allrecipes.com](http://allrecipes.com)



### Soft Christmas Cookies

#### INGREDIENTS

- 3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup margarine, softened
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together, set aside. In a large bowl, cream together the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Gradually blend in the sifted ingredients until fully absorbed. Cover dough, and chill for 2 hours.
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets. On a clean floured surface, roll out small portions of chilled dough to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut out shapes using cookie cutters.
3. Bake 6 to 8 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are barely brown. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks



### Eggnog Quick Bread

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup eggnog
- 2 teaspoons rum flavored extract
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Add all ingredients to list

#### DIRECTIONS

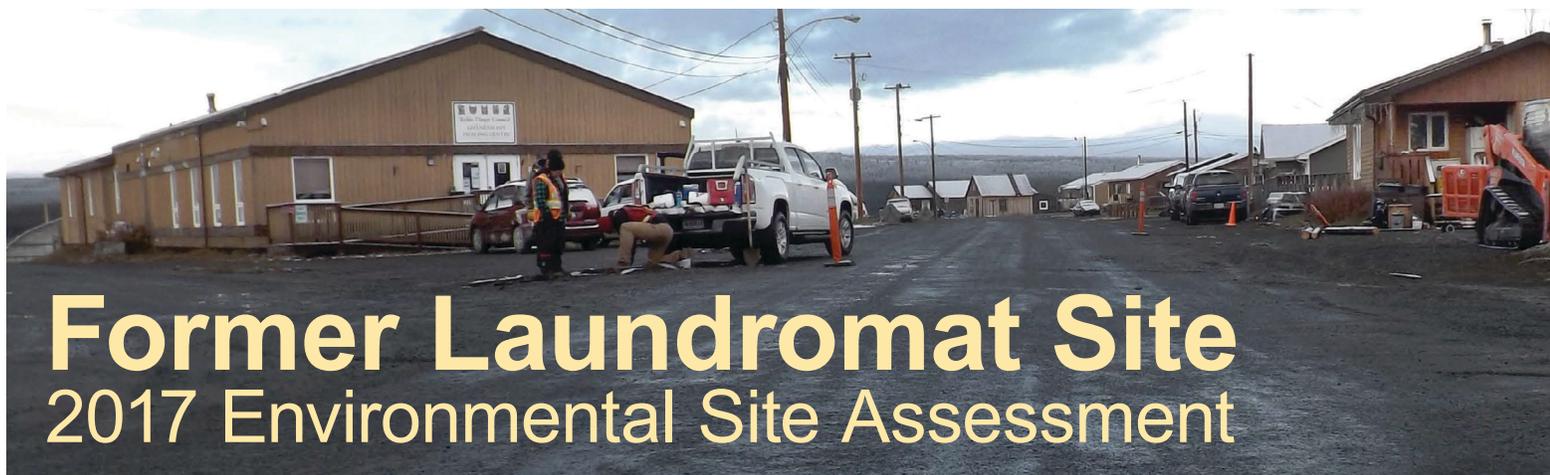
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease bottom of a 9x5-inch loaf pan, or three 3x5-inch loaf pans.
2. Blend together the eggs, eggnog, rum extract, sugar, vanilla and butter.
3. Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg. Add to eggnog mixture and stir just enough to moisten; pour into prepared pan or pans.
4. Bake large loaf 40-60 mins, or until a tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Breads baked in the smaller pans require 35-40 mins. Cool for 10 min, and remove from pan. Cool completely, wrap tightly in plastic wrap or foil, and store in refrigerator.

## Kids' Colouring Page!



### Did you know...?

- Germany made the first artificial Christmas trees. They were made of goose feathers and dyed green.
- The poinsettia plant was brought into the United States from Mexico by Joel Poinsett in the early 1800s.
- If you received all of the gifts in the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” you would receive 364 gifts.
- “Jingle Bells” was first written for Thanksgiving.
- “The Nutcracker” is the most famous Christmas ballet.
- Clearing up a common misconception, in Greek, X means Christ. That is where the word “X-Mas” comes from.



# Former Laundromat Site 2017 Environmental Site Assessment

## Site History

The former laundromat operated in the community of Teslin from approximately 1970 to the late 1990's.

In 1994, an underground storage tank (UST) containing fuel oil was removed. At that time, petroleum contaminated soil was identified, and approximately 300 cubic meters of contaminated soil was excavated from the site. Soil samples collected during the UST removal confirmed that contaminated soil remained beneath the laundromat building.

In 2015, the Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) retained a contractor to demolish the building. Following the removal of the building foundation, contamination was identified beneath the site. A second excavation program removed additional contaminated soil in the fall of 2016. Once again, soil samples indicated contamination still remained at depth beneath the site.



TTC notified Indigenous Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) of the findings and INAC commissioned a **Phase I Site Assessment** to better identify all environmental concerns, including water quality testing of abandoned domestic water well and data review, and assessment of soil vapour risk to a neighboring property; completed in July 2017.

### Phase I Groundwater

The distance from the Site to Teslin Lake is approximately 200 m to the south, east, and west. Further site characterization needed to help determine the inferred groundwater flow regime.

### Phase I Soil Vapour

Exposure to subsurface soil vapour from contaminated soils was considered to pose no significant risk to human health.

## 2017 Preliminary Results

- Soil contamination consistent with the old diesel fuel tank (1990s) was detected in two boreholes – one in the centre of the property, and one along the northwest boundary of the property.
- The depth of soil contamination ranged from 4.8 m to 18 m. There was no soil contamination identified in the other six boreholes.
- Groundwater contamination was detected in only one borehole, at the centre of the land parcel.
- Subsurface vapour analysis is ongoing.





The **Phase II Site Assessment** objective was to verify the presence, source and nature of contamination in areas of potential environmental concern. Groundwater wells have been installed on-site and off-site to verify any migration of contaminants. Potential soil vapour contamination is also being further investigated.



## Health and Safety

TTC is committed to removing any historical contamination from the community that poses a potential risk to citizens as well as maintaining a safe and contained working environment within the Village of Teslin.

**On Site:** TTC staff participated each morning with the Environmental Consultant and Driller to assess the management of any safety concerns at the site. Signage and traffic cones were used to alert pedestrians and vehicles to the ongoing drilling activity.

At the end of the drilling program efforts were made to minimize the permanent site footprint. The installed monitoring wells were completed with below ground covers to not disrupt pedestrians and vehicles.

Contaminated soil recovered during drilling was placed into drums and transported to the land treatment facility at the capital works yard.

## TTC Citizen Participation

TTC citizens conducted the drilling (head driller and assistant) and environmental monitoring work. ERM Environmental Consultants acted as mentor and technical supervisor for two TTC citizens conducting the environmental monitoring and sample management.

## Next Steps

Analysis and preparation of the finalized results is pending. Following analysis, it will be determined if further site investigation work is needed, and the best way to manage any contamination with the available information. The details of planned future work will be shared with TTC citizens by way of community postings in early 2018.



# Expression of Interest



TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL

## Teslin Tlingit Council Trust Request for Proposals to Contract **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

The Teslin Tlingit Council Trust (TTCT), Investment Committee, and the Chilkahit Holdings Limited Partnership (CHLP) are seeking administrative services to coordinate meetings and do follow-up.

**In this role, you will work for two separate entities (TTC Trust and CHLP). Responsibilities may include but may not be limited to:**

- coordinate meetings for TTCT, Investment Committee and CHLP
- take meeting minutes for all meetings
- track action items of all meetings
- follow up on action items where requested
- develop documents when requested
- assist in coordinating annual general meeting

Meetings are often held in the evening but on occasion are during the day. Must have own transportation, office space, laptop and cell.

### **Education & Experience**

Grade 12 supplemented with a Certificate in Administrative Services or a related discipline or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Knowledge practices and experience using Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook

### **Requests are to be submitted**

**BY 4:00PM ON DECEMBER 21, 2017**

to Bob Magill, Box 133, Teslin, YT, YoA 1Bo

### **To obtain more information;**

Contact Bob Magill

Phone: 867-334-2950

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TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL

## Teslin Tlingit Council Is Accepting Applications for **MARKET BASED HOUSING**

### **Mortgage Categories are:**

- Construction
- Purchase
- Refinancing
- Renovations

Teslin Tlingit Council Market Based housing program has been developed in conjunction with the First Nations Market Housing Fund and approved lenders.

The objective of the program is to provide TTC Citizens access to affordable and competitive mortgages and loans in order to build, purchase, renovate or refinance homes on TTC Settlement Lands.

In order to make the process simple and understandable, an orientation package has been developed to assist you with the planning of your build, purchase, renovation or refinancing. This package is available at the Capital & Infrastructure Office year round. Please feel free to come and visit our office to pick up your package.

Support staff will be available to assist you in any way to fill your application out completely and properly.

We will also be holding a Housing Forum on January 19th & 20th, 2018, that you will be required to attend. Meeting place is to be determined and you will be informed.

**Cut off date for the Housing Grant Application for the new fiscal year is February 14th, 2018.**

If any questions or concerns please feel free to phone 867-390-2532 ext. 391 or 395.

# Announcements

## Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday wishes going out to **Winston Daniel Albert Jackson** Love ALWAYS from MOM. December 14th, 2017....you are going to be 24 years old! Have a wonderful day with family, friends, and make wonderful memories. Happy Birthday wishes going out to all of our family in December hope you have a great day hugs, snicks, and love you all. From Winston, Uncle John & I

Birthdays greetings to **Corky Dewhurst** – December 2  
**Paul Bosely** – December 9  
**Corinne Johnston** – December 9  
**Earl Douville** – December 13  
from the Douville Family, lots of love.

## Thank you!

A BIG THANK YOU to the **Outfitters** for the Donations of meat to our **Meals on Wheels program**, and to the Fish and Wildlife Branch for the donation of a deepfreeze full of cut and wrapped moose meat!

The **Heritage Centre Gift Shop** would like to thank everyone for their patronage over this past year, and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Happy Birthday to **Jade McGinty** for Dec 18th. Love Mom

I would like to wish my Son **Tyrone** a Happy Birthday for Dec. 20th and Many More! Love you Son

I would also like to wish Jade McGinty a Happy Birthday for Dec 18th. Have an Awesome day and many more Jade!

I would also like to wish **Trent Smarch** a Happy Birthday/Merry Christmas. Many More!

I would like to wish each and every one a Happy and Safe Holidays and Seasons Greetings from our family to yours!

Happy 10th Birthday to **Seth Boy**- Nov. 3.

Happy Birthday to **Uncle Dohnuts** and **Aunty Griff** – Nov.18 – Love The Netro's

Happy 82nd Birthday **Poppa Sam** – Nov. 20 – Love The Netro's

Happy Birthday **Leslie Mcmillan** – Dec. 4 - Love The Netro's

Happy Birthday **Peter Johnston** – Dec. 5 - Love The Netro's

Happy Birthday **Nigel Charlie** – Dec. 29 - Love The Netro's

On Nov 18, Ishkeetaan hosted a birthday party combined with naming their newest clan members. Thank you to all those that came out and celebrated this day, it was a great turn out, tasty food and the best company! Happy 82nd Birthday **Sam!**

*Photo: Leslie, Keely, Sam and Tiara, along with the three beautiful babies!*



## Congratulations

**Ruby Grant, Tina Curran** and **Denise Johnson** all received their 10 years of service award and **Sharon Sterrit** received her 25 year award. This all took place at the High Country Convention Centre on November 24, 2017.





## Deslin Neek

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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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