

CARCROSS/TAGISH FIRST NATION



Summer 2013 Newsletter

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Celebrating the opening of Carcross Commons on Friday, May 17th 2013!

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More Pictures from the Carcross Commons Opening...



Dakh Ka Kwan Dancers helping celebrate the unveiling of two new poles in downtown Carcross, in front of the Skookum Jim house...



And the two poles finally revealed!

Check out Carcross Commons on Facebook or visit their website at www.carcrosscommons.com for a list of businesses operating out of the Commons!



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GOVERNANCE OFFICE UPDATE

It has been a busy and productive start to the summer season. We hope everyone is enjoying the start of summer which we celebrated on June 21st with a sunrise ceremony, a tea & bannock bake off and some entertainment by the Tagish Nation Dancers. Gunalchéesh to everyone who helped make this celebration a success, including the Department of Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources!

Congratulations to Mark Wedge & Daphne Pelletier-Vernier for winning the bake-off, and good job to all of the participants!

The Governance department is bustling again with some summer staff – while we all wish the very best for Beverly and miss her lots, we are happy to welcome back Derek Grose as Policy Analyst and Gavin Gardiner as Acting Implementation Official during the busy summer months. Please pop in and say hello! One of them is off to Law School in the fall...but which one?! ☺

Elders Council Meetings & Train Ride

The Elders Council met on June 12th to discuss recent and upcoming events. This was the first video-taped Elder's Council meeting – a new initiative that is being used to ensure we capture and document/archive our history as accurately as possible for our future generations. A short Meeting Summary will still be mailed out to all of the Elders, as soon as it is approved for sending, and a copy of the DVD of the meeting can be available to you by requesting it from the Governance office.

The Elders Council will have their **annual train ride on August 1st and will meet again in October 9th at 10 a.m. in the Main Administration Building**. Please contact Donna Geddes if you have any questions.

Executive Council Update

The Executive Council (EC) is busy working on the priorities as set forth by the General Council in March. There have been increased efforts to work in partnership with our fellow Tlingit nations (Taku River Tlingit and Teslin Tlingit Council). Since the initial meeting with them at the Whitehorse Office of the Teslin Tlingit Council, meetings have taken place between the Chief and Councils in Atlin and the next one will be held in Carcross at Skookies Camp. The community will also be invited to join the three councils for dinner (keep an eye out for posters once the date has been determined)! Working partnerships are forming in the area of Event Planning, Language Revitalization and Information Sharing.

EC will be holding a retreat with Management Board during the summer and will start the next round of spending a day with each C/TFN Department to ensure progress is made on the priorities, needed revisions to policies are started and to ensure overall that everything is working efficiently and productively.

EC recently attended the CYFN General Assembly and participated in the re-election of Grand Chief Ruth Massie. Congratulations Ruth! Arrangements are still in progress for the upcoming Assembly of First Nation (AFN) Annual General Assembly which will be held in Whitehorse from July 16-18th. EC meets the first and third Thursday of each month at the Main Administration Building. To have an item added to their agenda, please complete an EC Agenda Processing Form which is available in the Governance Office, as well as on the www.CTFN.ca website.

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Policy Update

With a full-time Policy Analyst this summer, the Clan-Based Committees have taken time to review and make changes to the policies that guide the work of the C/TFN Government, in partnership with each Department, Management Board and Executive Council. A revised Education Policy, Housing Policy (including a draft Renovation Policy) and Finance Policy all are being revised. All current policies are available under each departmental tab of our website.

Financial Transfer Agreement Update

The dispute resolution with Canada is still underway, with the next mediation session scheduled for August. Progress is slow, but things finally look to be moving in a positive direction for C/TFN. Danny recently attended meetings in Ottawa with the Minister's Office of the Department of Aboriginal and Northern Development Canada (previously INAC) that went along the same lines. We are cautiously optimistic and happy to have signed a yearlong renewal at the start of April 2013, so that we aren't faced with such a big uncertainty as we were the last few years.

Ha Kus Teyea Celebration

Every odd year in the summer, the Ha Kus Teyea Celebration is hosted at the Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre by the Inland Tlingit nations, Teslin Tlingit Council, Carcross/Tagish First Nation and Taku River Tlingit First Nation. Members of Tlingit nations in Juneau, Angoon, Sitka and elsewhere journey to Teslin for this celebration, which reconnects Inland and Coastal Tlingit people.

This year's celebration runs from July 26-28, 2013. C/TFN will be responsible for dinner and entertainment on Friday July 26th – so please come out and enjoy the awesome performances and food! If you are interested, please let Donna Geddes know if you are able and willing to assist with the C/TFN dinner. C/TFN is hoping to launch its first traditional Tlingit War Canoe at this event as well!



The leaders of the three Tlingit Nations: Danny Cresswell, John Ward, and Carl Sydney at a meeting of the three nations in Teslin's Whitehorse office.

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM
THE CITIZENSHIP OFFICE

We are busy getting our Citizenship lists entered into a new database that will help to improve the coordination of address changes, mail-out processes and ensuring that all the required paperwork is in order. We do apologize for any confusion in the past about address changes, etc.

Please be reminded that in order to access programs and services (such as: Education Support, Harvest Cards, etc.) offered by the C/TFN Government you must first be registered as a Citizen.

If you are eligible or interested in applying for your Indian Status card, Donna Geddes can assist you with that process at the same time. It is much easier to register yourself and your children as C/TFN Beneficiaries – the two forms for C/TFN enrollment are attached at the end of this newsletter and you will need a copy of your birth certificate (the one that shows both parents names).

Dual Citizens

Self-Governing Yukon First Nations are starting to work on 'clearing up the registry lists' by ensuring that Citizens aren't receiving support from two different First Nations. Some Yukon First Nations have cut-off services and support to Citizens on their lists that are members of another First Nation. C/TFN's plan is a little different...

The C/TFN Elders Council/Citizenship Committee recently approved a letter to be sent out to those Citizens who have either an Indian Status number or Beneficiary number with another First Nation. As per the Citizenship Code section 3.1.2 (an appendix to the C/TFN Constitution), a member ceases to be a Citizen when they register with another First Nation. They are requesting that Citizens make a decision about where they would like to receive support from, in order to keep receiving support from C/TFN.

Each year, C/TFN celebrates the Summer Solstice on June 21st or some may also know this as National Aboriginal Day – either way a good day to celebrate! ☺

This year, we celebrated with prayer circle,



A tea and bannock bake-off (winners pictured on the right),



And the Tagish Nation Dancers.



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From the Capacity Development Department

Good day all:

I have been the Director for Capacity now since April 29, 2013 and I am enjoying it very much! I would like to say thank you to all of Executive Council for having the confidence in me to be a part of leadership for CTFN. We have an open door policy and if there are any concerns or ideas, please feel free to drop in and let us know. ☺

As the Director of Capacity, I oversee the following positions:

Ya Dak Du Hidi, Early Childhood Centre (Anne-Marie Smith and 3+ positions)

Project Manager, (Dina Delaronde)

Education Programs & Services Coordinator, (Robin Lord)

Education Support Worker Whitehorse (Donna Ward)

Education Financial Support Coordinator, (Cheryl Wilcox)

Human Resource Administrator, (Patricia James)

Human Resources Assistant (Tanya James)

Education/Employment & Training Officer (Erika Whelan)

Language Nest. (Deb Baerg, Skoehoeten Matthies, shared position with HL&NR, Winnie Atlin, Bessie Jim, shared position with HL&NR, and Norman James)

Ya Dak Du Hidi is getting more children for the summer as parents are having to work.

Ya Dak Du Hidi has started the Language Nest Pilot Project and everyone is invited to come to YDDH for Tlingit Language daily at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00.

Nadine James is taking her holidays this year in June and Amy Smarch is filling in for her. Thank you Amy for helping out in our time of need. Ruth Beattie participated in "Healthy Education" with CPNP and she brings that knowledge the preparation of meals she makes for our young ones at Ya Dak Du Hidi. Thank you Ruth! Programming for our children is on-going at our center with different areas for the children to get active in.

We are looking for more parental involvement at the center, especially at language time. If the parents can come and participate in the language lessons with their children, then they can help their children to keep practising at home. It is a good feeling to go into the center and participate in morning circle activities using the feather, drawing a values & virtues card and discussing it. Both the staff and children can share their feelings and be respectful towards each other. Keep up the awesome work Anne-Marie and all the staff at Ya Dak Du Hidi!!!

Our Project Manager Dina is on a medical leave until the end of July for her back

operation. We send her our love and lots of prayers so that she is back to our team in no time! We had hired a replacement to fill in during Dina's leave, however, that person found employment with YTG. We support our citizens in furthering their education and employment opportunities, and we wish her all the luck and hope to see her back at C/TFN in the future!

Donna Ward has been hired as the Whitehorse Education Support Worker and has been in that position since last April. Donna will be full time come late August and will have an office located at F.H.Collins High School. She has been an asset to our youth within all our Whitehorse High Schools and Learning Centres.

This year CTFN had 4 graduates! Both Donna and Robin were busy with the grads. They both participated in the **First Nations Graduation Ceremony which saw the highest number of First Nations Grade 12 Graduates to date! Our Grads this year were; Heather Neumann, Megan Jensen, David Dequette and Navarro Jim. We are all so very proud of them all and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.**

Both Robin and Donna have been working on assisting the transitioning of our grade 9 students into Whitehorse. They took them into town to tour the school, met with the staff and toured Gadzoosdaa Residence where they will be residing for the school year. It was a good experience for the 3 boys and they are looking forward to the move! I believe that with the two Education Support Workers working closely together that our youth will have more of a chance to succeed.

The Carcross Recognition and Graduation Dinner was held at the School on June 12th. It was a good event which brought out the community as well as guest speakers from the Department of Education and Grand Chief Ruth Massie from CYFN. At the dinner we acknowledged our Kindergartens moving on, our Grade 9s moving on, our Grade 12 Grads, our Post-Secondary Grads and those that went through the HACES Program. We apologize if we missed anyone on our list.

Robin and Cory were able to participate in a field trip to the Beringia Center, the park and fish hatchery in early June with the 2/3 class. They went to see the fish hatchery in Riverdale to learn more about the process of growing them and releasing them. Carcross was able to participate in the Salmon program this past year and they had the highest rate of salmon surviving! Unfortunately, the students were unable to release the salmon because it was too late with school ending. So they are planning a field trip in the fall to go back to the fish ladder to find out more about where their salmon went.

June 14th was the last day at Carcross school. It ended nicely with the annual awards ceremony which all the students participated in. The community was invited to attend and made it that much more fun for the kids!

Some activities that Ghuch Tla School has been working on include the School Growth Plan which includes "Self-Regulation". The staff had a PD Day last month to talk about Self-Regulation. Robin and I were able to participate in portions of this day with the school staff. It was a good exercise that allowed all the staff to speak openly and bring new ideas to the table.

Both Larry and I are making attempts to ensure that we are building a relationship between Capacity/CTFN and the school. Come fall time (when school starts again) I have committed to attending/participating at the School every Monday morning to hold a smudge, circle, prayer and passing the feather to help the kids to learn our traditional ways along with the Values & Virtues of C/TFN. I look forward to this and building the relationship with the staff and students at Guch Tla School.

Robin will be working through the summer to ensure that things are ready for the fall time. She is redoing all the applications and will start processing School Supply Cheques at the end of July. She will be leaving us at the end of August to go on Maternity leave until next school year. We will be posting for her replacement in mid-July, so keep your eyes open if you are interested in a position for the 2013/2014 school year!

Erika, our Education, Employment and Training Officer has been really busy with supporting our Post-Secondary students in getting all their forms up to date as we have implemented a new policy that states that even though a citizen is requesting funding for a 4 year education period, we still require them to update their forms on a yearly basis as circumstances may have changed since the intake was done.

Through the past few months, some students were sent into Whitehorse for courses like First Aid, TDG, WHIMIS and other courses that were not offered out here. Most of these tickets are all done and we will only bring them in now if we have a full sign up list indicating the need for them. The next chainsaw course will not be until October, as it was just done here recently.

Erika has a few success stories to share through her program. We had two wage subsidies within Capacity and one went on to employment with YTG and the other qualified for a permanent full time position with CTFN. This is what we like to see with assisting our citizens to stand up and stand tall!

I am very proud of Erika, as Service Canada came out last Thursday to do her annual site monitor and they were very impressed with her work, her files, her successes, etc. **Out of all the First Nation's in Yukon, we have the largest client base and nearly the highest employment rate at this point!**

Language Nest Coordinator, Deb Baerg has been taking the lead role in getting our language up and running again. Bessie Jim is hired as our "Baby Elder." Elder Bessie Jim, Elder Winnie Atlin and Deb Baerg work at Ya Dak Du Hidi and Skoehoeten Mathies is the adult language teacher, along with elder Norman James. We will be working towards a Tlingit Language Immersion camp sometime this summer and we will be inviting the other two Tlingit nations to join us. Remember folks, if we lose our language, then we are assimilating ourselves and we don't need the other governments to do it to us! **LANGUAGE is very important to our future generations and as a nation we need to make it a priority to learn, learn, learn!**

From all of us at the Capacity Development Department, We would like to wish you all a wonderful Summer. Enjoy the sun, visiting with family and just relaxing. ☺ Remember to keep an eye out for any new programs or job postings that come out!

Gunalchish!
Geraldine C. James
Director of Capacity Development.

Ya Dak Du Hidi Update

The staff at Ya Dak Du Hidi started a Pilot Project, Healthy Beginnings for 8 weeks, with Jan Downing and Kim Neufeld, from Whitehorse. In Healthy Beginnings, we are addressing screen time, sugar sweetened beverages, physical inactivity, and fruit and vegetable consumption in the 2-5 year age group. The program will target the settings where children live, learn and play. The program provides Early Childhood practitioners with resources to implement positive health related programming within the Center. Thank you to Nadine Peters, for setting the program up!

The Language Nest is ongoing on a daily basis, the children are learning to count from 1 to 20 in Tlingit, and they're learning their animals and songs, etc. They are picking it up fast, and we would like to thank Bessie James, Deborah Baerg for their hard work and dedication and Ruth Beattie for taking part to learn the language along with the children

The staff has commenced working on our summer cultural theme with the children. Our first project is making mini paper people with button blankets, and other activities, may include paper plate dream catchers, etc...

Enjoy your summer everyone!

Ya Dak Du Hidi Staff

2013 Carcross Recognition & Grad Dinner



Two of our Grade 9 Boys moving on into Whitehorse this fall
Dominic Johns, Principal Larry K and Jacob Smith (missing is Steven Glada)



Grand Chief Ruth Massie and Khà Shâde Héni Danny Creswell



David, Rep from Dept of Ed, Navarro



Donna Geddes Certificate in Culinary Arts!



Shirley Lord, Certificate in Heritage and Culture with Honours

GRADUATION 2013



First Nations Graduation 2013!

David, Megan, Khà Shâde Héni Danny Cresswell, Heather and Navarro



First Nations Graduation 2013

Way to go!!!

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Greetings, to one and all from the department of Infrastructure and Finance!

FINANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

We hope you have been able to tolerate the heat in this last part of June. We understand the fire rating is here, so please be careful.

Finance has made some minor changes in the department. When it comes to inquiries for payroll or payables please contact your supervisor first and then contact Joyce Hall.

- The Finance department will be looking at stream lining some administrative process, if this affects anyone outside of the administration we will let you know a head of time, by way of web page, postings, front desk (Marie Helm) and or you can contact me (Nelson Lepine) directly.
- Finance is planning to present Audited financial statement by the end of September, 2013, or sooner. Finance is also planning to report employee's leave entitlement on their pay stub, we will be looking at a policy change to do this, but it will alleviate questions about what staffs have at any given time. Work is in process on this area and hopefully you will be able to see your leave balances on your pay stub very soon. We would also like to advise you to plan and avail your leave within the financial year as balances will not be carried forward as per policy except minimum balance. Finance can also arrange to help you plan your savings to better meet your financial needs through Sun Life, this is for staff only.
- Infrastructure department is planning on having personal financial planner come out and provide financial planning advice to citizens, we will announce when this is going to happen.

Community House:

The community House is proceeding, not as quickly as we would like, but it's moving forward. We have applied to agencies for funds to look at Geo-thermo heating types system and won't know this till August or September.

The schedule for this building is now moved to next fall, we do apologize for this, but projects of this size do take time to get through. Please feel free to contact me (Nelson Lepine) directly if you want to inquire about the project.

Subdivision:

The subdivision is proceeding to completion with respects to the road and final grade. We are working with Northwestel on the telecommunications system and hopefully we will see them in there soon.

I want to talk about the Land Registry System that CTFN signed on. By the time you receive this newsletter you may have already heard or see the news release. There are 7 First Nations that have signed a MOU to move that initiative into its next stage. We are hopeful that the system will be up and running this calendar year. What does this mean? We will be able to put mortgages on FN land, without requiring 100% guarantee from the First Nation.

Housing:

We are in the planning stages for building 5 units and developing a subdivision for more units in the Carcross area. Since the development is bigger than just building one house the YESAB process will take 10-12 weeks to proceed through. By this timeline, it will put us into September-October. We need to be in the position to ensure we don't run into winter type difficulties in building, therefore we decided to move this construction season to the fall of next year. With that decision, we are hopeful all will go smoothly and may look at building more, keep fingers crossed.

In closing, I want to thank you all for helping us, in moving the First Nation Government forward; we know it hasn't been easy at times. I hope your summer goes well and please be safe.

Please come and help us celebrate in Teslin on July 26, 27 and 28, 2013.

CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

It's starting off to be a hot summer and Capital is working hard to get its summer work done. Some of the highlights since the last newsletter include:

- Completion of a major renovation to one of GC/TFN's rental units in Tagish. This house had a water room addition, arctic entrance additions, heat recovery ventilator installation, groundwork outside, and a new paint job inside. The old water room is now a nice laundry/storage room!
- Hiring of new staff:
 - John Jensen as Operations and Maintenance Manager
 - Ken Baker as Daycare custodian
 - Tod Smarch as Carpenter
 - Dave Whelin as Maintenance Service Person
- Approval of GC/TFN Housing Policy

July 8th to July 12th 2013 CTFN SUMMER CLEAN UP

Please leave any junk and other debris at the end of your driveway. Depending on the size, and weight of refuse, the municipal driver may need assistance. All items must be sorted and boxed or bagged. NOTE, regular house hold garbage is to be placed in the garbage bins.

Water Tank Cleaning:

Capital has hired a maintenance service person who will be cleaning water tanks this summer. Elder's Homes, Rental Units, and Government Buildings will be cleaned and disinfected first, then the service will be extended to all Carcross and Tagish Residents for a fee. Please contact Tyler Bryden at 821-4251 ext 8248 for price information and scheduling.

Maintenance Tip:

- If you have a septic field make sure you have your tank pumped out during the summer to reduce build-up of solids in the tank. This will prolong the life of your field by reducing the amount of material like grease and sludge entering your septic field and plugging it up.
- Summer is a good time to check the seals around your windows and doors. Air leaks cause heat loss in winter and cost you money! In addition to this it is a good practice to clean any dust and grease buildup from around your window openings inside and out. This is the stuff mold likes to grow on.

Important Contacts:

Housing Matters: 867-821-4251 ext 8249

Pumpouts: 867-821-4251 ext 8251

Tagish Water Delivery: 867-399-3813

CTFN Toll Free: 1-855-686-4251

Note: CTFN does not provide after hours or weekend service. If you require a pump out outside of regular working hours, Buchanan General Contracting offers pumpout services and can be contacted at 821-2953. This service cost is billed to the caller and is not reimbursable by Capital Projects.

Abuse IS Happening!

To: Elders, and other vulnerable people that can easily be taken advantage of.

By: Family members, friends and others

How:

- **Taking their food**
- **Taking their bank or credit cards**
- **Taking people to shop who have Purchase Order and leaving the client with very little food = malnutrition**
- **Taking their food Purchase Order in exchange for alcohol or drugs**

We all have to play a role to ensure healthy families & community.

ABUSE IS WRONG, PLEASE REPORT IT!!

DISHEARTENING VANDALISM AT THE GREENHOUSE!

It was devastating for Seki Wedge, Greenhouse Coordinator Sunday, June 30th when she arrived at the gardens to water the plants and discovered that overnight the greenhouse plants had been sprayed down with the fire extinguisher. What a let-down, considering the recent harvesting of zucchini, lettuce, herbs, radishes, soon to be cucumbers and other produce enjoyed by Elders, single parents and others. It was just in the beginning stages of abundance and now all gone to waste.

We will not let this get us down. Already the other greenhouse is being fixed up so we can begin planting next week. With just over a month with the first planting and seeing what it produced, we still have two months left to gain back some of the loss. We are optimistic! We are recruiting volunteers and plant donations to assist in getting this happening. It is a community project and many were involved in getting it started. After last years 'wake up call' CTFN is committed to help ensure we are not left in as much of a bind again.

IF YOU HAVE ANY LEADS ON WHO DID THIS PLEASE LET US OR THE RCMP KNOW so further action may be taken.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS UPDATE

FOOD SUSTAINABILITY - GREENHOUSE & GARDEN PROJECT:

Many thanks to Seki Wedge, Melissa Barrett James, Navaro Jim, Students from Carcross Campus Yukon College Gardening Program, Transitional Employment Crew and any others that have volunteered their time to get this project up and running again. You are doing a GREAT job!

With lots of TLC the garden and greenhouse is producing very well. They are now harvesting radishes, lettuce/greens, and zucchini. Leona and the Outreach Workers are delivering to Elders and those who are in need first. If you are interested in receiving produce as we go along, please call the front desk at CTFN and leave your name and number and someone will get back to you. We will be looking at selling some produce to assist with furthering the development of the other greenhouse and expanding the garden area. I believe there are still some garden boxes left that you can have at your home to tend to your own herbs or vegetables. Again if you are interested in one please leave your name at the front desk.

Happy Birthday to: Mark Stevens - July 14th; Leona Shepherd - July 28th;

Happy Anniversary CONGRATULATIONS TO: Debra & Mike Baerg - 9th Anniversary on June 30th; Karen & Nelson Lepine - BIG 25th on July 2nd

WELCOME: Jerry James as the Transitional Employment Supervisor. Your role modelling, dedication and expertise to assist others move forward in their endeavors will be a great asset to the Health and Wellness Team.

Growing Forward year 2

We had successfully received funds to hire a Garden Project Coordinator; who is Fiona Seki Wedge. We also secured funding to hire 2 summer students; Melissa Barrett James and Navaro James, Navaro will start at the end of June.

The Garden is in full swing. We covered the one greenhouse adjacent to the Choutla Creek. It is being slowly and carefully filled with tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, squash, etc. The TE Crew workers have been working steadily at the Gardens to get the water tank set up and filled, get the garden boxes constructed and placed in the greenhouse. Moved soil, repaired fencing, and getting the second greenhouse prepared for renovations.

We have pretty much everything set into place. The last task is to get the back garden ready for the potatoes, a rototiller to turn over the sod and the girls will be ready to plant potatoes next week.

We are working well with the Yukon College Food Security course. We have C/TFN students who come up to the garden center and either get the starters planted, or help out in as many ways as

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possible. Their focus is primarily to understand the growing processes that are needed to ensure that the vegetables are set in a place that allows their production to be as successful as possible. So, understanding the water needs, the soil analysis, what type of soil used for starters is imperative. How can the plants produce with the climate of this area and how do we protect them from the environment.

We will be having an exchange of ideas from the cold climate innovation program at Yukon College. We might have access to better quality plastic panels for the roof of the second greenhouse and possibly a heating system that is low on carbon production. We are very excited that Matt Ball from the Agriculture Branch of YG visited and will offer a sling pump, that might bring the water up from the creek without the use of gas and on its own volition. So, there is a lot of exciting prospects for a greener environment.

Thoughts to be considered are what to do with the produce at the end of the growing season. We can bring them to the store for sales. In this way, we may have more revenue for the start-up of the coming season. I would encourage anyone to visit during the day when someone there, usually 8:30-4:30.

Excellence Seminars International:

This program has completed 2 sessions for the last funding period. We had received an extension to the end of May for reporting and we are now waiting for financial statements to complete this report. We have received many suggestions for the planning of the next segment of Excellence Seminars. Some individuals suggest a youth pursuits and some would like to proceed onto the Mastery Series. Scheduling for plans will go ahead, once the final report has been submitted.

Transitional Employment Program:

Crew Supervisor, Andy Carvill has been working to get the wood in the yard cut and distributed accordingly. The crew has been active for the past month of May getting the greenhouse wrapped; windows installed; water tank in place; shed renovated and fencing repaired. Many thanks to the crew for this hard work. It is greatly appreciated.

Bird Viewing Platforms:

We propose to construct two viewing platforms, picnic tables and benches the first adjacent to the pavilion and a second at the other end of the walkway. With approval work should begin in July.

YOUTH AND ELDER COORDINATOR UPDATE

Elder's Breakfast

The Elder's Breakfast is still doing very well, it is held every Tuesday at the Haa Woosh Teen Yei Jineiyi Hit (Our Working Together House) across the bridge from 10:00am to 11:00am. We have received some funding from the retired volunteer ambulance group for this program to continue a little longer. We are always looking for funding for this Elder's Program to continue, donations are very welcome and can be given to Linda Pringle or Christina Barrett. All Elders and Seniors are welcome to come. Volunteers please meet there at 9:00am.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will be open every Wednesday from 11:00am to 2:00pm until the cold weather comes. Donations are still being accepted by Christina Barrett, Louise Johns and Franceen Forrest, or you can just drop them off at the Thrift Shop. Everyone is welcome.

Sewing & Crafts Nights

Sewing & Crafts Night is still happening every Wednesday & Thursday evening from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, upstairs at Capacity. Bring your own sewing & crafts or come to learn sewing & crafts. Everyone is welcome.

Girl Power Group

A 'Girl Power' girls group will be starting on July 9/13 from 1:00pm to 4:40pm at the Haa Woosh Teen Yei Jinéiyi Hít – Our Working Together House across the bridge. More detailed information will be provided on the posters.

Culture Camp

CTFN's Culture Day Camp will be held the week of August 5 – 9, 2013 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Skookum Jim Rediscovery Camp. The Van will be available for transportation. Lunch & Snacks will be provided. We will have a variety of activities happening throughout the week that everyone is encouraged to participate in. Children under 10 yrs should be accompanied by a responsible caregiver.

Highways Garbage Clean-up

We are waiting for the road signs from Highways to be returned to them in order for us to hold our highway clean up. Once the signs become available we will be looking for volunteers to help us out. This is for raising funding for Youth & Elder Coordinator (YEC), Canadian Prenatal Program (CPNP) & Ya Dak Du Hidi Early Childhood Education Center.

Program Successes

The community Father's Day BBQ was a success on June 17th, 2013. We had many diners come out and celebrate their fathers, from as far as Texas and Switzerland. Thank you Linda & Bill Pringle and Corey Thompson for all the set-up, cooking and clean up. Thank you Nadine Peters for the bean salad and father's day draw prize.

The thrift shop community yard sale on June 12/13 went well. We raised about \$80.00 towards the Youth & Elders' Activity Fund. Thank you Louise Johns and Franceen Forrest for the set-up, bargaining and clean up. Thank you to all the other community members that set up their own stations to sell their wares, the more the better.

A BIG, HUGE “THANK YOU” to all the people that have volunteered or donated, and are still volunteering and donating, for or to the programs mentioned above and below:

Louise Johns and Franceen Forrest, you guys are behind the success of the Thrift Shop and the Sewing & Crafts Night on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Thank you to everyone that anonymously donated their wares, it always comes in handy. 'One person's junk, is another person's treasure'

Linda Pringle, Linda Henry, Jerry James, Corey Thompson and Mike Laroque, without your weekly commitments I would be struggling to keep the Elder's Breakfast going; and I want to mention all the other volunteers that help out when they can: Laurenda James, Lesley Cawley, Melissa Barrett-James, Susie (the new girl in town, sorry I don't know your last name) and to Shannon Cunningham for donating some wonderful homemade bread. Thank you to everyone that donated money generously, it will keep the Elders breakfasts going a little longer.

If you have any brilliant fundraiser ideas, please share them with me at 821-4251 ext. 8238.

On Another Note – More Activities

Choices! Youth Sexual Health Conference with Dakota House, will be available for youth ages 13 yrs to 18 yrs on the weekend of August 2-4, 2013 in Whitehorse.

Teslin Youth Gathering will be available to youth ages 10 yrs to 20 yrs on the weekend of August 9-11, 2013. Families are welcome to camp together, come with your kids.

For more information and the registration packages please contact Christina Barrett at at 821-4251 ext. 8238. The packages include a parental consent form.

Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP)

Breast is best!

Breast milk is the only food and drink baby requires during the first six months for healthy growth and development. It is recommended that you continue to breastfeed baby for two years or more.

All breastfed babies need to have a 400 IU vitamin D supplement every day. Some babies may need more vitamin D, especially with our extended hours of darkness in the winter months.

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Learning to Breastfeed

Your baby is unique. It will take time for mom and baby to learn to breastfeed. It can take up to six weeks to establish breastfeeding. Continuing to breastfeed is important for your baby. Create a quiet and pleasant environment during breastfeeding. This will help you to relax and to bond with your baby. Once you and baby have learned to breastfeed, let baby guide the number and length of feedings. Breastfeed whenever baby shows signs of hunger. In the first three months baby is feeding eight to twelve times in 24 hours. A baby who is breastfeeding well knows best how often and how long to feed. Baby will stop feeding when full. Try to offer the breast before baby cries by watching for earlier signs of hunger. Baby may feed slow or fast, in a steady manner or in a start and stop manner. Watch for cues that baby is finished feeding on one breast before offering the second breast. Baby may or may not eat from the second breast. If baby doesn't take the second breast, start the next feeding with that breast.

Signs of fullness

- Baby lets go of your breast in a relaxed manner
- Sucking and swallowing become few and far between or stop completely
- Baby is content and relaxed when coming off the breast

Signs that baby is taking enough breast milk

- Breastfeeding is comfortable and you do not feel pain.
- You can hear or see baby swallowing. You will see jaw movements.
- Baby's mouth will fill up with every suck.
- You will hear your baby's "ca" sound.
- Baby is content and satisfied after most feedings.
- Baby is gaining weight. If you are concerned about your baby's weight, speak to your health care provider.

Our CPNP Coordinator Nadine Peters has been running programs since May 6th

Some of the topics covered so far have been:

- Nutritionist visit day at Ghuch Tla School
- Car seat safety presentation
- Education specialist visit regarding the challenges of becoming a new mom
- Addictions and detox services visit on how to avoid alcohol during pregnancy by making 'mocktails', which are non-alcoholic drinks that can be enjoyed instead of drinking alcohol.
- BOAT operator course training for community members
- Babysitting course for 12 students at Ghuch Tla School

CPNP programs are ongoing every week, and are completely FREE to all eligible participants (pregnant moms and their partners, and moms and dads with babies from 0-3 years old) The weekly schedule is as follows:

- **MONDAYS** - Early literacy reading group and music/dancing on Monday mornings 11am- 12pm at Ya Dak Du Hidi Early Childhood Education Centre
- **TUESDAYS** - Outdoor nature walk/playground/craft time on Tuesday mornings 11am- 12pm at Ya Dak Du Hidi Early Childhood Education Centre

- **WEDNESDAYS** - CPNP luncheon and cooking class! Held at the old daycare, from 11am- 1pm. Come on out and let's do some healthy cooking!
- **SUNDAY PROGRAMMING!** - For those moms and dads who are working full time during the week, CPNP now hosts a parent/tot swim at the Carcross outdoor pool from 1-2pm every Sunday!

Upcoming events:

Beginning in July, CPNP will hold one lunch per month at the Carcross Health Centre. This will allow moms to speak to the community nurses regarding breastfeeding support, weight gain, development, immunizations, or any other health related questions that we may have. We will have a baby weigh scale right at the lunch so you can pop baby on to weigh them! That always seems to bring breastfeeding moms comfort that baby is doing well. A few other exciting events are **dental therapist visit (July 3rd)** and **CDC (Child development centre)** visit which will happen in the fall.

And, last but not least, seeing that everyone is "online" these days, CPNP has created a **Facebook page** for event listings, parenting tips, and nutrition, as well as a **clothing exchange facebook group** for parents to swap clothes that may be too small for their babies, with the goal being cost savings by swapping out baby items amongst moms and dads. Finally, for those folks that don't have a car, we have created a **carpool Facebook page** for those heading into Whitehorse, so community members can arrange rides to and from town..

The CPNP Facebook links are:

Healthy Moms Healthy Babies - CPNP Carcross Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/cpnpcarcross?fref=ts>

Carcross Kids Stuff Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/carcrosskidstuff/>

Carcross Carpool - a place to arrange rides!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/carcrosscarpool/>

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone at CTFN for the really warm welcome! I have been welcomed with open arms and open minds, and I thank you for that! Have a great summer!

Nadine

336.1131 (call me!)

821.4251, ext 8263

cpninfo@ctfn.ca

Yak'ei yee xwsateeni.

Yak'ei yakyee, Wáa sá i yatee? Skoehoeteen yóo xat duwasáakw. Yeil naax sá site Ishkahittaan Dakhka áyá xát.

It's good to see you all.

Good day, how are you? My name is Skoehoeteen. I am Raven moiety. I am inland Ishkahittaan.

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Summer is finally here and it is really warm but trying not to complain as someone pointed out...Christmas is 6 months away.

On May 21 I started in the Heritage Department to help with the Lingit language department. We are trying to bring more of the Lingit language into the work place at Carcross Tagish First Nation as well as the community.

One of the things we are doing in the work place is sending out a "Phases of the Week" to the staff through internal email. In part the idea behind sending the *phases of the week* is to get people speaking to one another and help each other learn. The phrases will also be on our Face Book page once a week... Practice and it will become second nature.

There are many people in the community who know and speak the Lingit language well and there are others who have not spoken it for some time.

Some of the activities that we will be starting in July are:

Games night – there was a new game developed called Sagú, Sagú means "Joy" as it is a joy to learn how to speak the language and fun too. This game is very similar to OKO. There be will other games as well all to help us with the language.

Games night will be held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at Carcross Tagish First Nation Main Administration Building in the boardroom.

There are a few different Llingit (pronounced hlin kit) dictionaries. To list a few:

Tlingit Verb Dictionary (Story / Nash)

Tlingit – English Alphabet (Lance Twitchell)

Dictionary of Tlingit (Keri Edwards)

There are a number of good resources available on the web. One great site to visit is found at <http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/> . There are materials that you can listen to online or purchase.

Hints and tips:

- After learning the word, like for 'cup' – every time you see one, say it to yourself.

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- Learn the language with someone and always practice.
- Listen to language CDs for about ½ hour to an hour every day, it will help you with pronunciations and it may help you with sentence building.
- Organize a group that can meet once or twice a week and speak only the language.

There is also a site on Facebook called *Lingit word of the day* where you could post questions.

You can also give me a call at 867-821-4251 ex: 8268 or email me at skoehoeten.matthies@ctfn.ca with your questions and I will try to help, I am available most afternoons.

Haa Lingít yoo x'atángi ch'a yeisoo kudzitee;
 a gaawú áyá yeedát yéi jinané
 haa dachxánx'i s toowú yak'éiyi yís a.

Our Lingít language is still alive;
 now is the time to work for the
 healing spirit of our grandchildren.

More from Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources

Kevin Welin (pictured below) is our Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources Youth Monitor for the summer. The reason Kevin was picked for this job was that he was scouted out to do the Initial Attack Crew Member course in the spring, at which he had passed and also the National Fitness Test. His position is being covered under the Fire Crew Budget. In passing the course and the fitness test is a huge accomplishment for his age! Kevin is an up and coming leader!



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- This is a picture of one of the
- erected CTFN tent frame in the
- southern lakes within our
- Traditional Territory. Please ask the
- Heritage, Lands and Resources
- Department for location and
- permission to use, if travelling in
- the Tagish lake system. These tent
- frames are not fully completed yet.

Pictures below of the CTFN fire crew. So far the fire crew has worked in Mayo and Dawson areas working on Fires.



RED ALERT
As of June 28th, the Southern Lakes District is on Red Alert, meaning there is high potential for a forest fire ignition. Currently the Yukon is the hottest and driest out of all other Provinces and Territories.



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Yak'ei yee y't · xwal geini!

I am delighted to be returning to Carcross/Tagish First Nation's traditional territory for Shaa xeyi' d'isi – the Tlingit 'mountain shadow month'. Thank you so much for the invitation – Gunalcheesh!

Storytelling Water is a collaborative water research project with CTFN. It looks at the intersection of CTFN oral histories and the physical and cultural waterscapes of the Tagish region. Water is culture. Through the practice of storytelling, exploring Tlingit and Tagish place names and ways of knowing the Southern Lakes, this collaborative and cross-cultural project will create a space for thinking with water differently. The dominant vision of water is simply that as a resource – H₂O. With the rush for resources in the circumpolar North and grave concerns over global water security in the coming years, this research is important and timely for CTFN specifically and the global water dialogue more generally.

Storytelling Water hopes to benefit the CTFN community in two ways. Firstly by the creation of a Google Earth CTFN Water Culture(s) platform based on CTFN Elder Angela Sidney's Place Names of the Tagish Region (1980). This multimedia 3D tool will not only preserve cultural heritage but can be used in CTFN water management/policy negotiations. This complements the second benefit to CTFN. This collaborative research can be used as a working framework for the development of a CTFN Water Act that is grounded in indigenous philosophy and CTFN oral traditions. As far as I am aware this would be the first Water Act developed by any self-governing First Nation in the Yukon.

Implicit within this collaborative research methodology is the inclusion and participation of CTFN members and staff. Transparency is critical and during my stay with you I would be honoured to listen to anyone who wants to share, comment on or critique water-related ideas with me. If any CTFN member or staff would like more details and greater clarity about this collaborative research, CTFN government offices have printed copies of my collaborative proposal, or it can be found online in the educational portal.

Gunalchéesh yá haa t'éit' yeeynaagí.

eleanor

I am a mother with four children. I am British with roots in Irish, Scottish and



Cornish cultures. Currently I live in the country to the east of Munich, Germany close to the mountains. I am a PhD student at the Ludwig Maximilian's University in Munich, Germany within the Geography Department. I love open fires with friends old and new, lively discussions and cheese.



Pleased To Announce CTFN's Language Nest Pilot Project

As of May 2013 CTFN's Language Nest Staff working within CTFN's Daycare:

Elder Winnie Atlin (Fluent Tlingit Speaker)

Bessie Jim (Elder's Assistant)

Deborah Baerg (Language Nest Coordinator) Ph: 821-4251 Ext.8207

Email: deborah.baerg@ctfn.ca

Language Nest Hours

Winnie Atlin works daily from Monday to Friday from 10am - 11am

Bessie works daily from 10am – 1pm Monday to Friday

Deborah Baerg in office from Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm (except from 10am -11am to help coordinate Language Nest with Winnie and Bessie)

***All parents with children are more than welcome to come join us as well
from 10am – 11am***

May 21st was our 1st day of the Language Nest and to help with the making the Daycare have a little more of cultural feel; Ann Marie and staff revamped the daycare environment with Tlingit style button blankets made out of paper pasted along the walls – Looks and feels alot more welcoming for all kids and staff who spend much of their time there - Aatlein Gunalchéesh (Thank You very much) I likoodzí (Your are amazing) :)

Each language lesson for the day begins with Tlingit Prayer by our Fluent Tlingit Elder Winnie Atlin. Most of the children attending the daycare are doing very well at repeating the words in Tlingit back to Auntie Winnie when prompted to do so – I'm so amazed how fast most already know how to count to 10 in Tlingit and 1 or 2 of the older kids can count all the way to 20 in Tlingit without any help from our Fluent Elder Winnie. We are trying to incorporate new styles of learning the language as most of the children attention spans are very short. If anyone out there has any great ideas please do not hesitate to call me so we can use them to benefit teaching the language in new and exciting ways!! Some new ways include for example – when teaching the #'s in Tlingit we are putting all #'s from 1 -20 in a basket and the children pick one and take it to Auntie Winnie and tell her what # they are holding in Tlingit and with some help and lots of encouragement after they say the correct # to her they then take it and put it in the correct pocket along the wall with Bessie's help :) We also physically do Head Shoulder Knee's and Toes song with them in Tlingit and one of our little students is already able lead us through the whole song without much help from us. We have recently also incorporated some very simple Tlingit lullabies and or chants from Roby Littlefield CD's (one called "my name is" as well as one lullaby called "how are you" and a few other simple lullaby songs) with them and they seem to really enjoy singing. We hope too also include some traditional Tlingit songs & dancing for them in the near future as well !And for not so new ways of delivering a language; we are using Tlingit flash cards with animals and use about 5 at a time until they are able to recall the animals with out any assistance from Auntie Winnie or Bessie; we also recently started to lay them on the floor and Winnie or Bessie will say in tlingit where is the bear for example and have 1 child at a time point and say the animal back in Tlingit; some are pretty tough to say but the children do a very good job at attempting to repeat it back! We are ALL SO VERY PROUD of how well ALL THE CHILDREN in daycare are doing in retaining the language for the very short time that Auntie Winnie has been teaching - AatleinGunalchéesh (A very big Thank you) & We hope to see more Parents with their children coming to join us in the future !! Jinkwát Sheeltín (Take Care)

From left to right (top photo)

Picture #1 Ben Lojang, Jana Lojang, Victoria Peters, Oksana Baerg, Lakota Smith &
In the back- Auntie Winnie Atlin



Same names as above photo except this one includes our youngest participant in the very front Johnathan Lojang

Birthdays!!

These are only some of the Birthdays but we want to say Happy Birthday to every one!!

JULY:

- July 1 > Canada's 146th Birthday!
- July 2 > Sahara James
- July 2 > Nadine James
- July 2 > Ryker Johns
- July 4 > Josslynn James
- July 6 > Greg Johnson
- July 7 > Jade McLeod
- July 9 > Barbara Barrett
- July 15 > Tanya James
- July 15 > Raulph Lindstrom
- July 17 > Darla Lindstrom
- July 18 > Hazel Stoll-Barrett
- July 19 > Wesley Kemble
- July 20 > Donnie Smith
- July 21 > Robin Lord
- July 21 > Jasmine Gatensby
- July 22 > Laurenda James
- July 22 > Roberta Frances
- July 23 > Laurie-Anne Atlin
- July 23 > Dale Neumann
- July 25 > Melissa Jack
- July 28 > Leona Shepherd

AUGUST:

- August 8 > Louise Johns
- August 8 > Ross Atlin
- August 8 > Dawn Anne Sembsmone
- August 10 > Tracy Neumann
- August 14 > Maggie Joe
- August 18 > Kandis Campbell
- August 21 > John Baker
- August 21 > Charmen Smith
- August 23 > Edna Helm
- August 24 > Megan Swanson
- August 28 > Shirley Lord
- August 29 > Maxine Benoit

SEPTEMBER:

- September 3 > Kevin Grunard
- September 5 > Lyndsay Amato
- September 7 > Patrick Boucher
- September 13 > Clint Baker
- September 15 > Frank James
- September 20 > Bobby Janes
- September 21 > Navarro Jim
- September 22 > Shane Shepherd-James
- September 23 > Ashley Barrett
- September 25 > Trisha James
- September 27 > Shaun Smith

Kudos:

Kudos to our youth!

The young people I encounter throughout the months I have been back have made an impression on me. They are very polite and respectful no matter what the circumstance, they may have heard an answer they did not like but have never been disrespectful. This has been consistent in all the young people I have met. So I just wanted to say I am very proud of our youth, kudos to you all!! From Roberta Shepherd, TFA

Ya Dak Du Hidi would like to thank Nadine Peters for setting up a Pilot Project - Healthy Beginnings with Jan Downing and Kim Neufeld, from Whitehorse. And a Big Thank you for all of her hard work and dedication to the Center, by sharing her knowledge and helping out by cooking healthy snacks, and working with the staff. Thank you Nadine.

Ya Dak Du Hidi staff want to thank a 'special someone' who donated black and red felt for art crafts for the children, you know who you are and you're greatly appreciated. Thank you!

A very BIG Congratulations to all our Grads this year! You make us all very proud!! We wish you all the best in your endeavours!

A BIG Thank you to everyone that came out to our Recognition Dinner in June. It means a lot when the community is able to participate :) It was good to see so many smiles!

WELL DONE!!

A Heart felt Thank you!

Gunalchéesh to everyone that came together give us our fairy-tale wedding on Saturday, June 15, 2013.

A special thank you to my Dahkla'weidi brothers for paddling me to shore: Nathan Wilson, Ralph Lindstrom, Blake Lepine, Gary Johnson, Patrick Voyageur and my son Kaajinéek'. Thank you as well to my Deisheetaan brother, Clayton Johns and Deisheetaan father Sandy Neumann for providing balance on our journey.

To Marilyn Jensen my beautiful mastermind, emcee sister-cousin for all your time, energy and vision. I raise my hands in gratitude!



A big heartfelt thank you to our beautiful friends and family for joining us on this most amazing day.

Much love and gratitude, Tracy & Jordan Camilleri

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DADDY

Daddies are always there to pick-you up and kiss your hurts.

Their always there to wipe your tears and let you know everything will be alright.

Daddies are always there to guide and support you no matter what!

Daddies are hero's when were young and role models when were older

Their always there when you need a friend to listen to your worries.

Daddies are there to give you advice when you need it the most

Daddies are the first man we love and look up too

Daddies are our teacher's, friend, and role models.

And most of all Daddies will always love you no matter what.

I LOVE YOU DAD & THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING

Poetry Submissions by Cory Thompson

Every Breath

Live for today
Enjoy life anyway
Be honest & thankful
Cause when it be tomorrow
It is what you see
What you make of it
It is when you believe
There is no mystery
Life's little speed bumps
It is how you react
That is the test
Try not to miss a thing
Soak it in & make it last
It is what you do
How you live
Why you are alive
It is why, you will survive
Within every breath

Forgiveness

*Here I am, here I go, here I stay
Within the beauty
Your mind is never the same
With forgiveness outta the way
The beauty will never stray
Forgiveness is a beautiful
emotion
FULL OF PASSION
Within a lifetime, full of
devotion
One of the greatest gifts of all
Is to forgive the ones who fall*

Change?

To exact change
In the world
You must change yourself
Simple answers
Have true solutions
Don't make it harder
Than it has to be
Trust yourself
It is within thee
Simple solutions
Have true answers

Don't let bad judgement
Cloud your clarity
Open up and begin to see
The vision for what
It is meant to be
It's one thing to love life
But to live it carefree
Without a thought on your mind
Not thinking of the
consequences
That you leave behind

Hello Carcross and Tagish First Nation!

The staff at the **Carcross Health Centre** wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable summer... now that it is finally here.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on how to access health care from the nurses at the Carcross Health Centre this summer. Currently we have 2 full-time Registered Nurses, however given the increasing demand for health care from our Health Centre we will occasionally have 3 nurses working.

Our regular hours are:

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Closed Friday afternoon for admin purposes.

Closed evenings, weekends and holidays.

Please note we close the doors 30min prior to lunch and the end of the day.

When the health centre is closed there is a nurse-on-call available for emergencies only. The nurses take turns being on-call. Please note this is not an evening or weekend shift for the nurse. Our on-call work is in addition to our regular full-time work week. This means that the Health Centre is not staffed 24/7 as we are not a hospital.

If you are unsure if you are having a medical emergency you may call 811 for the Yukon Health Line nurse or call the health centre at 821-4444 to talk with the nurse-on-call to see what is recommended. If you have an emergency during our closed hours it is highly recommended that you try to call the health centre before you drive to the Health Centre so the nurse can expect and prepare for your arrival. If you arrive without calling ahead you can use the black phone on the outside of the building to notify the nurse that you need care. The nurses do not live in the Health Centre so expect a short wait while they travel to the Health Centre. Rarely the nurse may be unavailable or not in the community if they are already caring for another emergency patient elsewhere in the community. In this case please call Whitehorse EMS 667-3333 or proceed to the Whitehorse General Hospital Emergency Room. Summer is a busy time for us all; we appreciate your help in utilizing our emergency services only when necessary.

Take Care,

Brook Davis

Primary Health Care Nurse-In-Charge

Carcross Health Centre

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YTG Highways & Public Works – Carcross

Spring Litter Campaign

The Spring Litter Campaign went very well this year with numerous applications and we were able to accommodate all who applied. Thank you to everyone that came out and helped keep our highways clean, you all deserve a round of applause!!!

Speed Signs in Carcross

The speed signs that we placed in both the South and north bound lanes have been working really well. We have received positive feedback from the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Daycare Center and RCMP. The traffic has significantly reduced their speed while travelling through the community. Thank you to all for your support.

Happenings on South Klondike – Tagish – Atlin Roads

- South Klondike # 2 – The Rip & Reshape and BST are now complete and have been swept. Thanks for your patience and understanding while we worked on that section of highway.
- Tagish Road # 8 – Expect road construction on the Tagish Estates Road. Expect delays less than 20 minutes. Slow down for crews patching with pre-mix in various locations throughout the Spring/Summer season. Watch for persons and equipment clearing brush at various locations throughout.
- Atlin Road # 7 – Expect road construction from Km 22 to Km 24.7 Snafu Bridge and Tarfu Bridge Km 30 to Km 33. Flag persons and equipment in both lanes with delays up to 30 minutes. Slow down for crews patching with pre-mix in various locations throughout the summer season.
- South Klondike # 2 – Expect road construction on Robinson Sub and between Fraser Camp and the US border. Flag persons and equipment will be working in both lanes. Expect delays less than 20 minutes. Ditching to take place in various locations around Windy Arm.
- Due to the late spring and all our construction, we have gotten a little behind on our normal activities. Your patience will be appreciated and we are working hard to catch up.

REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN AND USE CAUTION WHEN PASSING CREWS AND EQUIPMENT!

PLEASE WATCH FOR WILDLIFE ON THE ROADS!

**ON BEHALF OF THE CARCROSS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CREW – WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER SEASON!
DRIVE SAFE – DRIVE SOBER**

Update from Carcross RCMP Detachment

The Carcross RCMP Detachment is in the middle of another busy summer. We welcomed Cst. Jason POTTER to our team in February. Jason and his family have moved to Carcross from Whitehorse. Prior to joining the RCMP, Jason spent approximately 10 years working as a Conservation Officer in Nova Scotia. Unfortunately, it is with mixed feelings that Cpl. Rob Morin will be leaving Carcross in the late summer or early Fall. The process is now underway to fill his position.

As you may have noticed, we have been doing a lot more radar enforcement and checkpoints this year, in response to community concern over ongoing speeding problems. We have written a large number of tickets, and will continue to do our best to keep our roads safe. We also have a few other initiatives planned to help reduce speeding. Specifically we have tried to deal with the issue of American tourists speeding through Carcross, and the associated problem of miles per hour versus kilometers per hour. Cst. POTTER developed a small card which we are sending back to the rental companies in Skagway and Whitehorse, to remind future vehicle renters of the kilometers per hour speeds in Canada. We would like to thank Leon Hart and the local highway maintenance crew for erecting the radar speed signs on the South Klondike Highway in Carcross. They have made a huge impact with slowing cars down in the area. A special thanks to Carcross community members for doing their part; we have noticed very few moving traffic infractions from local residents, meaning the message is being heard.

We continue to be active within the community, and recently assisted the school with their annual bike rodeo. We are soon looking to follow this up by kicking off a summer positive ticketing campaign. In this initiative Carcross RCMP officers would issue coupons for ice cream to children who are displaying safe bicycling practices. So be sure and wear your helmets! Looking towards the fall school year we hope to revive the "Cop for a Day" program, which has been successful in the past.

As the summer rolls on, we encourage people to continue to report suspected impaired drivers, and for people to be sure to find alternate means of transportation if they have been drinking. We would also remind everyone to be extra careful while boating this summer. The RCMP have already been involved in several rescues on Yukon lakes this season. As many of you are aware; the lakes in the Yukon are very unforgiving.

CTFN is updating its ICSP – What's that?

Carcross Tagish First Nation (CTFN) government is reviewing its current Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, or ICSP. An ICSP starts with an inventory of the First Nation's existing community type infrastructure, considering things like:

- How drinking water is supplied and sewage disposed of,,
- How garbage is picked up, recycled and/or disposed at the Carcross and Tagish landfills,
- Where we get our power from and can we use it better in our buildings and houses,
- What other services are needed and how they might best be provided like telephone, Internet, cable TV on settlement land,
- What community facilities we have and what we need to operate our government, provide recreational opportunities and meet health and wellness needs in the future;
- How we can build and maintain roads on settlement lands; and
- How we can coordinate our infrastructure needs with the Government of Yukon that has primary responsibility for providing services to unincorporated communities like Carcross and Tagish.

Based on feedback from CTFN citizens, the ICSP then identifies the First Nation's infrastructure gaps, needs and priorities. Once the infrastructure plan is finalized, the CTFN government can access funding for eligible projects through the Gas Tax Fund. Examples of previous Gas Tax funded projects include the Waste Water Truck Garage (*picture to the right*), and Garbage Truck and bear proof garbage containers in Carcross (*picture below*).



CTFN's first ISCP was done in 2007 and our government has been implementing the eligible project priorities over the last 6 years. The Government of Yukon, which is primarily responsible for infrastructure in unincorporated communities, has also completed a number of related projects in the Carcross and Tagish area. These include upgrades to community water supplies, roads, the Carcross waterfront and improvements to both landfills converting them to transfer stations.

It is time to make a new list of needs and priorities. Chief and Council need your help. CTFN needs to review and update its ICSP to fulfil the requirements of the Gas Tax Funding Program.

The Government of CTFN has contracted Inukshuk Planning & Development Ltd to prepare the new ICSP. Jane of all Trades Consulting will be helping them. She will be coordinating consultation with CTFN citizens using two of our citizens.

The consultants need to know what CTFN citizens think is needed and what your ideas and priorities for infrastructure improvements might be. There will be a number of opportunities for CTFN citizens to be heard in July, including community events in Tagish and Carcross. You can find information about the review on the CTFN web-site at <http://www.ctfn.ca/> and CTFN Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CarcrossTagishFirstNation>.

To talk about the project directly or ask questions, you can also contact the following people:

<p>Ian Robertson Inukshuk Planning & Development Ltd (867) 667-5759</p>	<p>Mike Baerg, Project Manager Carcross Tagish First Nation Government (867) 821-4251 ext.: 8247</p>	<p>Jane Koepke Jane of all Trades Consulting (867) 335-3346</p>
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We look forward to hearing your thoughts on how to create a new, updated plan that can be used to help fund and build the type of infrastructure the Carcross Tagish First Nation needs today and tomorrow.

Excerpts from the Family Act, Book Two

5.3: LOVE

From Dikée Aankáawu’s (creator’s) love all things come: all of us, the winged ones, the finned ones, the two legged, the four legged, the land, the water, and all things we see and those we do not see. All things nurtured and cared for with love grow strong and capable of loving. Our strongest bonds to others, to our family, to our kwáan (community) are built on and kept by love.

“Love is the number one thing ...we all need it, cannot survive without love...we all have love to give ...seems like the more you give love the more love you have to give”.

Johnny Johns, Elder – Carcross/Tagish First Nation

4.4: COURAGE

Living up to our responsibilities to our families takes courage. It takes courage to acknowledge our mistakes, to ask for help, to seek forgiveness and to forgive. It takes courage to set aside our interests to serve our family. Getting up everyday to persevere in facing the challenges families impose takes courage. It takes courage to make the sacrifices needed to honour our commitments to our family. It especially takes courage when our actions, our sacrifices are not appreciated.

“Not a question if I can, as I must be a mother every day – no matter how hard it may be”.

Colleen James, Citizen – Carcross/Tagish First Nation

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Cooking Corner Bagel Gone Bananas



Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons natural nut butter, such as almond, cashew or peanut
- 1 teaspoon honey
- Pinch of salt
- 1 whole-wheat bagel, split and toasted
- 1 small banana, sliced

Preparation

-Stir together nut butter, honey and salt in a small bowl. Divide the mixture between bagel halves and top with banana slices.



● **Creamy Layered Fruit Sensation**

What You Need

- 3 Tbsp. orange juice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. almond extract
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) prepared angel food cake, cut into 2-inch cubes
- 2 pkg. (1 oz. each) JELL-O Vanilla Flavor Fat Free Sugar Free Instant Pudding
- 2-1/2 cups cold fat-free milk 1-1/2 cups thawed COOL WHIP Sugar Free Whipped Topping, divided
- 2 pkg. (12 oz. each) frozen unsweetened mixed berries (raspberries, blueberries, sliced strawberries), thawed, well drain

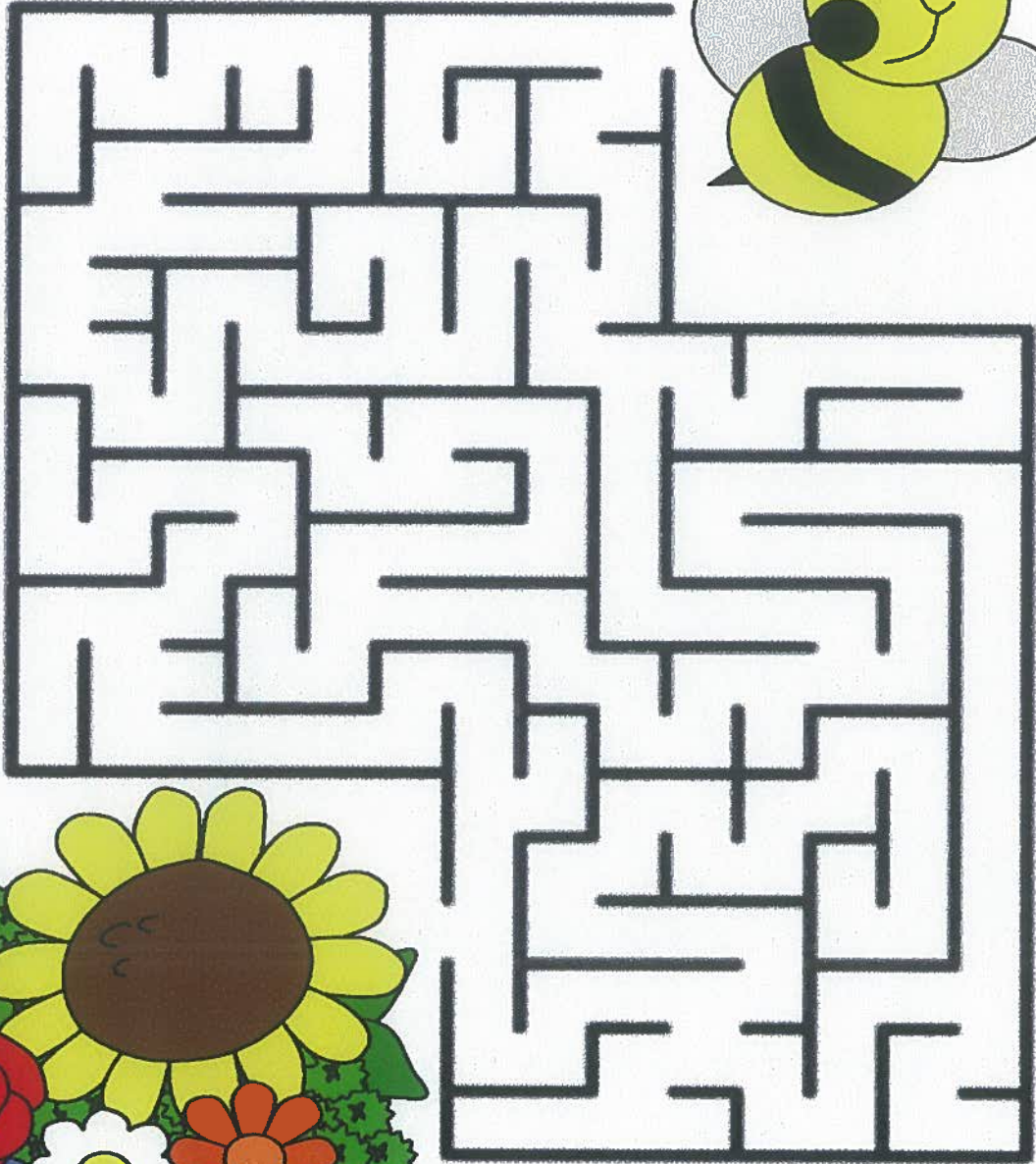
MIX juice and extract. Drizzle over cake cubes in large bowl; toss to coat.

BEAT pudding mixes and milk in medium bowl with whisk 2 min. Stir in 1 cup COOL WHIP.

RESERVE a few berries for garnish. Place half the cake cubes in 2-qt. glass bowl; top with layers of half each of the remaining berries and pudding mixture. Repeat layers. Refrigerate 2 hours. Top with remaining COOL WHIP and reserved berries just before serving.

Summer Maze

Help get the bumblebee find the flower garden.



SUMMER FUN!



Beautiful Summer Flowers!

CPNP JULY 2013 EVENT LISTINGS

Mondays: Babies N Books – meet @ Ya Dak Du Hidi @ 11am!
(11-11:30am – reading)
(11:30-12pm – music and dancing)

Tuesdays: Stroller Walking – meet @ Ya Dak Du Hidi @ 11am!
(11-11:30am – nature walk)
(11:30am-12pm) outside fun @ the daycare playground

Wednesdays: CPNP Cooking Lessons & LUNCH!(11am-1pm) @ Old Daycare!
NOTE – The first Wednesday of the month will be held at the Carcross Health Centre.

Sundays: Waterbabies - parent & baby swim time
@ Carcross Pool! 1-2pm every Sunday

Special Events This Month:

Wednesday July 3rd Dental Therapist visits from Whitehorse
Saturday July 6, 2013 3-4pm - Mom & Baby Yoga
(Meet @ the cafe @ Carcross Commons at 3pm
Yoga mats will be provided).

HAPPY CANADA DAY TO ALL!

Do you know someone who contributes to community safety?

Nominate them for a Community Safety Award.

The Community Safety Awards are annual awards that recognize the contributions of those who promote community safety through policing, crime prevention, mentoring youth and building partnerships. Individuals, youth, community groups or programs, RCMP members and other law enforcement officials are eligible to be nominated in a number of categories.

The deadline for nominations is September 9, 2013.

Awards will be presented at a public event in Whitehorse in early November.

Any help you can provide in spreading the word would be much appreciated.

For more information and to find nomination forms, visit the Community Safety Awards web page, email communitysafetyawards@gov.yk.ca or call 456-6597.

**THANK YOU TO OUR
COMMUNITY SERVICES for all the
wonderful assistance you provide.**

It is GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**Health Centre Nurses & Staff
EMO
RCMP
Wildfire Management
Home Care
Recreation!**

Please help us to make a greener newsletter,

If you're able, please send Marie Helm at
the front desk your email address to skip the
paper mail out!

*Message from the
Communications
Team:*

*We are always happy to
have submissions from
the community, our
Citizens and our
partners. We feel that
your submissions and
ideas are what make
this a community
newsletter.*

*If you would like to
give a suggestion, or
article for inclusion in
the next newsletter,
please come and see
Michelle Parsons or
any member of the
Communications
Team!*

Ha Kus Teyea Celebration



Every odd year in the summer, the Ha Kus Teyea Celebration is hosted in Teslin Yukon at the [Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre](#) by the Inland Tlingit nations, Teslin Tlingit Council, Carcross/Tagish First Nation and Taku River Tlingit First Nation.

This Year the Celebration will be held on **July 26-28th 2013**
This is a substance free event and everyone is welcome to attend!

For further information, please contact:
Teslin Tlingit Council - Teslin Heritage Centre
Box 133 Teslin, Yukon Territory Y0A 1B0

Phone: (867) 390-2532 Fax: (867) 390-2204 or visit the website www.teslintlingitheritage.com

2013 Sharing Our Knowledge: A Conference of Tlingit Tribes and Clans dates have been set... plenty of time to make your arrangements to attend!

Please be advised that the 2013 Sharing Our Knowledge: A Conference of Tlingit Tribes and Clans is now scheduled for November 7-10, 2013. The conference will be held at the Juneau Centennial Hall & Convention Center. We'll issue a call for papers within the next several months. -- Peter Metcalfe
Director of Communications Sharing Our Knowledge Conference 352 Distin Ave. Juneau, AK 99801
907-586-1166 For General Information, see:<http://ankn.uaf.edu/ClanConference2/>For the 2012 conference, see:<http://ankn.uaf.edu/ClanConference2/course/view.php?id=4>For information on past conferences, see:<http://www.ankn.uaf.edu/ANCR/Southeast/ClanConference/>



On behalf of the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council and the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun (Big River People), we are pleased to invite you to our ninth Biennial Summit August 2-4 2013, Mayo, Yukon Territory Canada

The 2013 Summit is bringing together delegates from our 70 signatory Tribes & First Nation governments, friends & supporters from across North America and abroad, to take part in three full days of trainings, working sessions, speakers, and entertainment.

The Summit is an opportunity to learn about the diverse watershed, make important decisions about Watershed protection, and ensure that our many efforts to preserve and protect the Yukon River and its tributaries are continuing strong.

We would be honoured by your participation in our gathering and look forward on seeing you in Mayo, Yukon Territory Canada, August 2-4 2013.

If you have any questions or would like more information on our Summit, please contact us at (907) 258-3337

Carcross Grocery

Carcross Grocery offers basic groceries including dairy & vegetables, a variety of snacks, lottery and scratch tickets and a eat in and take out restaurant.

As well as fuel (gas & diesel) and laundry services

Hours of operation are:

Monday-Saturday:7:00 am-8:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am -7:00 pm

Phone number is 821-3998

Please stop by and enjoy a coffee!

Located on the main Highway across from the First Nations Administration Building and just before entering Carcross.

Isabelle Pringle Community Library

The library is located in a separate building across from the nursing station. Free public Internet and computer access is available in the library.

Hours:

Monday- Closed

Tuesday - 1-6:30 pm

Wednesday - 2:30-9:00 pm

Thursday – 2:30-8:00 pm

Friday – 2:30-8:00 pm

Phone/Fax: (867) 821-3801

Please visit us!

Southern Lakes AA Meetings

Wednesday
Evening at the
Isabelle Pringle
Library

(AKA: "Light
Walker's Group")
7:30 p.m.

Friday afternoon
at the
Carcross Health
Center

(AKA: "Yukon
Unity Group")
1:30 p.m.

Monday Evening
at the
Bishop's Cabin at
end of California

Beach Road
(AKA: "Light
Walker's Group")
7:30 p.m.

CARCROSS/TAGISH FIRST NATION



Citizenship Office

Box 130 Carcross, Yukon, Y0B1B0

Phone: (867) 821-4251 ext. 8206

Fax: (867) 821-4802



Enrollment Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicants Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Maiden Name _____

Present Mailing Address: _____
(Street Address or Box Number)

(City) (Territory or Province) (Postal Code)

Gender: Male or Female
(Circle One)

Adopted: Yes or No
(Circle One)

Birthdate: _____
(Day/Month/Year)

Birth Place: _____
(City and Territory/Prov.)

Citizenship (Passport): _____
(Country of Citizenship)

Indian Status #: _____
(If you have Indian Status, please provide the 10-digit number)

FAMILY INFORMATION

Are you affiliated with another First Nation? Yes or No (Circle One)

If yes, which one? _____
N Tutchone, S Tutchone, Gwich'in, Tlingit, Kaska, Tahltan, Others)

What Clan does your family belong to? _____
(Daklaweidi, Deishetaan, Gaanaxteidi, Ishkihitta, Kookhitta, Yan Yeidi)

Mother's Name:

_____ (Last) (First) (Middle)

Father's Name:

_____ (Last) (First) (Middle)

LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Legal Guardian (other than parent): _____

Guardian's Mailing Address:

_____ (Street Address or Box Number)

_____ (City) (Territory/Prov.) (Postal Code)

Relationship & Reason for Filing on behalf of Applicant: _____

ANCESTOR INFORMATION

Were you a legal resident of the Yukon on or before January 1, 1940?

Yes or No
(Circle One)

If yes, where? _____

If no, give Name, Relationship to you and Residence of Ancestor who was legal resident of the Yukon on or before 1940?

Name of Ancestor: _____

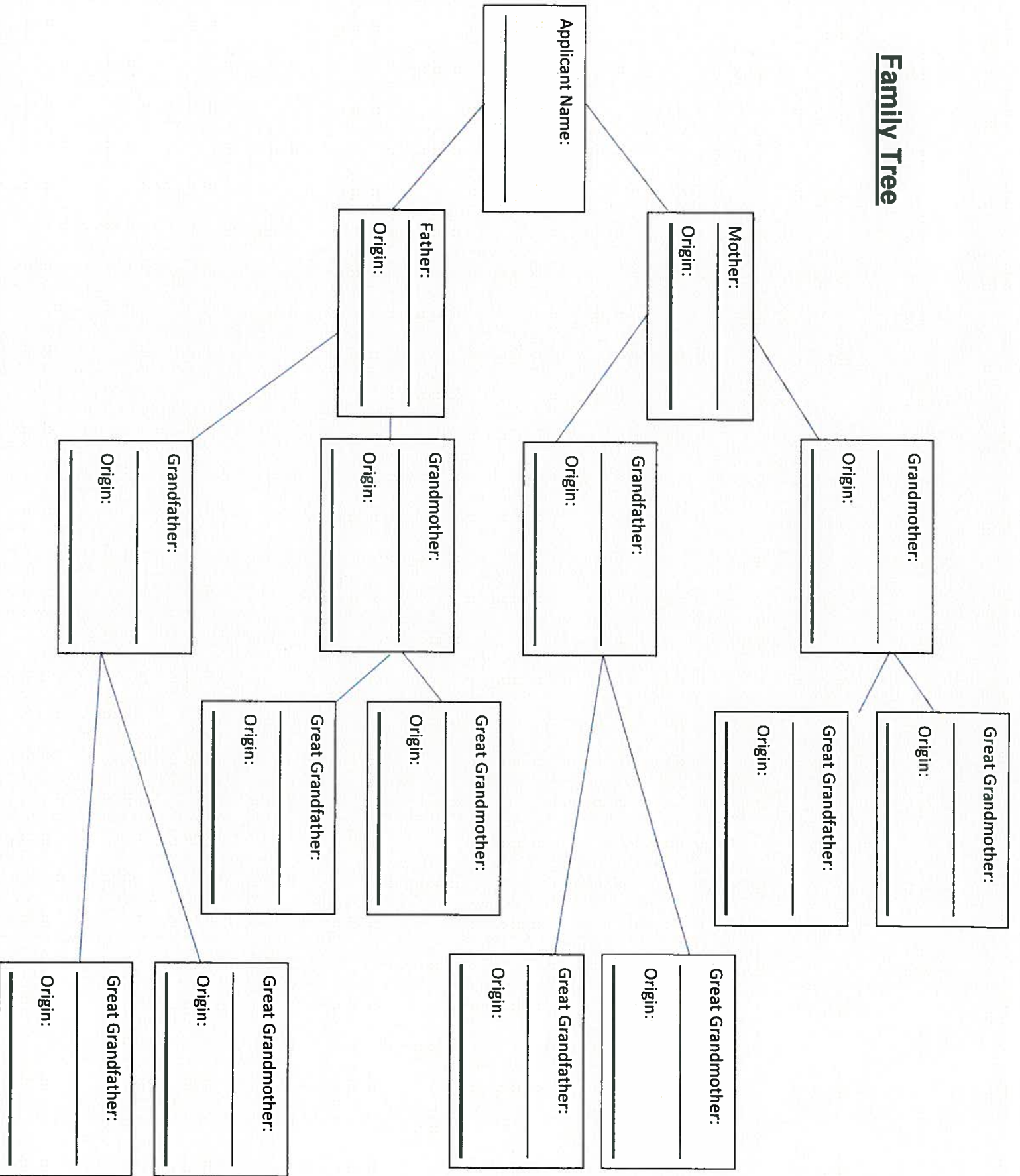
Relation to you: _____

Residence in/before 1940: _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

_____ (Applicant's Signature) (Phone Number) (Date)

Family Tree





Some Canada Geese and a Grizzly enjoying the C/TFN Traditional Territory!!
Pictures submitted by Lands Department.



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