



TTC, TRT and C/TFN paddling from Atlin to Carcross



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Message from Haa Shaa du Hen

Good day, with excitement I am addressing myself for the first time as Haa Shaa du Hen to all C/TFN Citizens. Thank you for the beautiful swearing in ceremony and everyone who helped with this event. I was overwhelmed with the love and support from the community!

With just few months in the "Chief" position I have been working on many different things. First situation I dealt with was the Nares bridge construction and the impact of the project on 2 of our Citizens houses. 2 homes have been seriously impacted with the construction and we are looking at relocating these houses permanently.

I attended different events; the Opening of the Art Exhibit Haa Jineiyi that took place at the Learning Centre, the steaming of the canoe with Wayne Price and the apology made at the Choooutla site from the Anglican Church Diocese, the Haa Kusteeyi Celebration and the dugout canoe ceremony which marked the end of this amazing healing project. I cannot thank enough all the staff, community members and volunteers who helped organized these events that recently took place in our community.

In July 2019 the **Constitution Review Committee** met to discuss commitments and expectations of the Committee and establish rules. The clan-based Committee will primarily meet in Carcross and Citizens are encouraged to work with through the Committee members to raise suggestions, make recommendations or ask questions. The next Constitution Review meetings are September 20th and October 4th. **The Family Council** is also meeting on a regular basis now and the next meeting is schedule for September 24 & 25. **The Fairness Coordinator** is now available to meet with Citizens and/or Staff on Wednesday and Thursday at the Learning Centre from 1pm to 4pm.

I am getting updates from Departments on different projects. I am meeting with Directors to discuss priorities and implementation. I am also reviewing policies, contracts and upcoming projects to have a sense of what the government is working on and to assure communication with the Executive Council. I am also reviewing that information to make sure it is available to all Citizens. For better communication, we are currently looking at content to add in the login section on our website for Citizens. We will be having our annual harvest community dinners soon and this will be a good time to get feedback from Citizens.

Even though time is getting rare, I will continue to attend the sewing class on Sunday at the Learning Centre. It has been a success and it is amazing to see the attendances. Sewing is one of my passion and I will continue practicing and sharing my knowledge with the community.



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Land Management Board Update

by Maxine Benoit

Land Management Board (LMB) is governed by 6 clan representatives and also 6 alternates, Members are:

Daklaweidi: Patrick James, Chair & James Baker, Alternate

Deisheetaan: Sid Holloway & Kelly Suits, Alternate

Ishkahitta: Miles Johnson, Co-Chair & Ernest Richard, Alternate

Kookhitaan: Samantha Smith & Roberta Wally, Alternate

Gaanaxteidi: Alfred Smith & Rob Jensen, Alternate

Yan Yeidi: Loretta Johns



LMB Coordinators office is located on the 2nd floor in the main admin. building and if you have any inquires, questions or concerns please feel free to **drop in or call Maxine Benoit @ (867) 821-4251 ext. 8283.**

Please submit your requests in advance.

Here are some regular scheduled bi-weekly meetings dates for your convenience;

- September 11th, 2019
- September 25th, 2019
- October 16th, 2019
- October 30th, 2019
- November 13th, 2019
- November 27th, 2019

LMB will meet with Executive Council on October 23rd, 2019

LMB also works with various groups such as:

- Yukon Government (various departments),
- BC Government,
- Carcross/Tagish Renewable Resource Council,
- Local Area Planning Committee,
- Tagish River Habitat Protection Area Management Plan Committee,
- YESSA/YESSAB,
- other First Nation Governments.

The role of the Land Management Board is to assist and provide decisions, advise and direction to the department of Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources (HLNR) with the development of policies, laws, regulations, permits, agreements, inter-governmental relations, and strategic planning of matters including the following areas;

- Traditional Uses
- Oil & gas
- Transportation
- Mining and mineral exploration
- Communications
- Forestry
- Protected areas
- Recreation
- Waste Management
- Tourisms
- Fish & Wildlife
- Land Use Planning
- Infrastructure
- Renewable and non-renewable resources
- Heritage Resources and Heritage Sites, and other areas as they arise

LMB have been very busy and working hard in keeping up with requests and responding administratively in a timely manner. There are Clan binders which have each meeting information and minutes which is located in the Land Management Board Coordinators office. Please feel free to stop in at a meeting or view your clan binder.

LMB meet to discuss Land Administration with Internal and External people:

- C/TFN Citizens Land applications, Leases;
- Yukon Government: Class 1 Mining applications, Land Applications, Re-Zoning, sub-division applications;
- Consent to Hunt Applications;
- BC Land Applications,
- Various Economic Development Initiatives and if approved, LMB will include CTMC;
- LMB also meet to discuss internal topics such as Policies and Acts.

Please remember to report your hunt to the HLNR office.

This information is not only used in a draw, but also for research data for our office.

Please note: Should outside entities require and or request a ½ or full day meeting with LMB, they are required to cover honorarium, travel, and meeting costs.

Visit the C/TFN website (www.ctfn.ca) for more information regarding the Land Management Board (LMB)



Miles Johnson, Ishkahitta, Co-Chair



LAND MANAGEMENT BOARD IS SEEKING MEMBERS TO JOIN A WORKING GROUP PROJECT ON C/TFN WATER LEGISLATION

✓ Main objective: to develop a piece of legislation that reflects C/TFN's Tagish and Tlingit relationships to water:

- objective 1: revitalizing C/TFN's Tagish and Tlingit water law;
- objective 2: draft water legislation by adapting best practices in water governance based on indigenous water law

This Project will be developed over the next two years (2019 to 2020)

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BC Treaty Ground-truthing

by Jen Herkes & Leslie Hamson

Over the last year Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources Department has been working with Two Crow Consulting to gather information about land use and occupation in the portions of the territory that are located in BC. This has involved a number of interviews with people whose families have spent time in those areas. This summer we worked to go out on the land and more accurately locate some of these places. This work helps to better illustrate C/TFN's use of the area, but it also gave us opportunities to spend time on the water and land with Elders and youth.

The results have been the locating of traditional trails which can be further investigated. We also identified two archaeological sites.



Heritage trail with culturally modified tree on right

These sites are in continuously well-used areas which supports C/TFN's long-term continuous occupancy of the area. One site is a rock cache where dried meat would have been stored for later use. The other site was a small chert flake that is the result of making stone tools.



Leslie Hamson taking notes about a rock cache

Wire Removal Update

by Ralph James, Lenora Toews & Billy Smith

Ralph James, Lenora Toews, and Billy Smith have been working on locating and removing telegraph wire from the territory. This year they located the remaining wire between Conrad and Carcross and should have it all removed before the end of the season.

They have also located the wire from Carcross to 10 Mile and have started working on locating the sections between 10 Mile and Tagish. The team also located a bunch of telegraph wire up on Montana Mountain as well as at Little Atlin Lake.

This project will take a few more years to complete as more wire than expected is being found. In some places there are up to 5 wires running along where we expected only 1 and then we are finding it in places that were never recorded (like Montana).

It is important to get this cleaned up for the safety of the animals and people in the territory.



Lenora holding caribou antler tangled in telegraph wire



Standing telegraph pole



Stacks of wire from one day of removal

New Community Knowledge Keeper Contractor

by Emily Macht



My name is Emily Macht (rhymes with "yacht") and I recently started as a contractor with the Heritage, Lands, and Natural Resources department. I moved to the Yukon ten years ago and was an elementary school teacher in Whitehorse until I became a contractor in the Heritage, Lands and Natural Resource Department this past June. I am really excited and grateful for this opportunity!

So, what do I do here? My main role is to take care of C/TFN's historical and current documents, interviews, and research projects by storing them in a secure database called the Community Knowledge Keeper, or CKK for short.

The CKK is not open to public access, and what is included in the CKK is only what community members give consent for.

There are three main areas of the CKK: Research, Consultation and Referrals Management, and the Archive.

The Research section contains research projects, which can store audio files of interviews, notes, videos, and images related to that particular project. Information gathered in the research project can be displayed at points or areas on a map, like this:



One example of a research project is the Traditional Medicines Herbarium Project. In the CKK, geographic locations of plant samples, images, traditional uses, and other notes can be stored in one location.

The Consultation and Referrals Management section of the CKK tracks and streamlines the land-use application and consultation processes. CKK users who process those applications have access to all of the Traditional Use data that needs to be considered when processing those applications.

Finally, the archive is where a digital copy of community documents, photos, audio and video are safely stored. This part of the CKK can be thought of as a safe storage space for knowledge and history.

Keep an eye out for me at the Community Knowledge Keeper booth at the upcoming open houses in October!

Carcross Mural Project with Sacred Brush

by Robin Lord

If you're in Carcross make sure to drive by the Capacity Development Building and check out the incredible mural! With Shakat and some very talented youth from Carcross and Whitehorse, this beautiful piece was created and painted in 2 weeks!! There is still one more piece to be installed shortly. Hands up to those that contributed to this, it's absolutely beautiful!!



Assessing the Fate of the Returning Upper Yukon River (Chinook) Salmon

by Karlie Knight

We are in the process of wrapping up our third field year of Chinook Salmon research in the Yukon River and Southern Lakes region. Our objectives are to look at the ladder efficiency at the Whitehorse Rapids Fishway, and to identify terminal fish locations to ensure that they are fulfilling their life cycle by returning to their natal stream to spawn. This project stemmed from Traditional Knowledge of Carcross/Tagish Citizens not seeing salmon numbers like they used to in the areas, as well as assessing how large of a barrier the dam is to the salmon migration population for the Southern Lakes region.

We have many different project partners: Champagne & Aishihik First Nation, Ta'an Kwach'an Council, Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Canadian Conservation Corps, Carleton University, Yukon Energy, Yukon Fish & Game Association, Government of Canada, and more. Our field staff included many lands staff from the First Nation governments, a Ph.D. Student from Carleton University and two like-minded CCC students from Ontario to support the project.

Work commenced on May 14th, 2019 with the Ph.D. student Will Twardek, CCC students Kay Madere and Ciaran Shemmans, C/TFN Natural Resources Coordinator Karlie Knight, and C/TFN Natural Resources Technicians Coralee Johns and Roberta Wally. The crew deployed receivers at various locations throughout the upper Yukon River, Takhini River, Southern Lakes, M'Clintock River, and Michie Creek.



Our effort focused on monitoring both the Yukon and Takhini Rivers by setting a 100ft. x 10ft. 6" gill net, with a large hang ratio to encourage tangling, at suitable locations along the rivers. On August 1st, 2019 we caught our first fish. The tagging process included a floy tag, an acoustic tag, DNA sample, length, sex, and noting whether it was a hatchery or wild fish - then we released them back into the river. We tagged 5 salmon on the Takhini River, 24 salmon on the Yukon River below the dam, and approximately 30 salmon at the dam. Karlie lead one team on a jet boat belonging to C/TFN, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada provided a secondary boat for William to lead a second team.



Each morning began with a safety meeting and the boats were launched into the rivers. Some days our mornings started as early as 5am in effort to get an early start on the salmon run; only to find that the water temperatures in early August were too warm, and the salmon were not moving as we'd hoped. So we tried different methods such as later start times, move to other locations along the river, or have both boats on the same river, setting the nets parallel from each other.

We had two boats out tagging this year and roughly 20 field staff in a rotation of 3 or 4 people per a boat.



We also had a lot of other interested parties and volunteers who were able to get involved: CAFN, Yukon Fish and Game Association (YFGA), staff from the Whitehorse Rapids Fishway, etc. Everyone was geared up, to be hands on with the project, as well as rotate for staff time off, as this project didn't give me much time to rest. We all know that salmon pulses do not stop once they enter the Yukon River drainage. We needed to be out there on the water each and every day to ensure that we did not miss out on any of these pulses migrating towards the Fish Ladder.

Let's take a step back, before any salmon tagging happened, the two team of leads, William and Karlie, and the CCC students deployed 30 acoustic receivers along the migration routes that detect a tagged salmon within a 1km radius (in perfect conditions). This portion of the project had to be completed in mid-July and with scheduling of the receivers to be retrieved in late September after the carcass survey is complete. We are now elbow deep in our carcass surveys: collecting carcasses below the dam, recording sex, length, weight, overall body condition, DNA samples, collecting otoliths (ear bones), and if they had spawned out.

The data that we have collected over the past three years will give us a better understanding of the effects of the dam as well as terminal migration locations, which will ultimately help us with progressive, informed decision-making for our future generations.

C/TFN Porcupine Creek Farm

by Lloyd Lintott

The farm has been a beehive of activity as well. Our laying hens, who took a bit of a holiday over the summer, are back laying strong again. Approximately 14 dozen a day at present which let's us distribute close to 50 dozen eggs a week to Elders and other worthy causes. Of course you can still buy eggs at the farm or the main admin building too.



FOR SALE:

Turkey \$50, Chicken \$15
Call Lloyd: 250-327-9265

We raised 2 batches of meat chickens over the summer so we have plenty of fresh frozen chickens available. Close to 100 turkeys are ready to go just in time for the upcoming holiday season. Fresh pork will be available later this fall. Pigs that were born and raised right here on the farm. Our 2 sows will be expecting again in November which means we will have fresh pork year round. The potatoes, beets, cabbage, turnips and carrots all produced well this summer so we anticipate a good harvest of these vegetables. Our honey bees unfortunately had a terrible year. The dry warm season meant that there was very little nectar flow so there will be no honey harvest this year. Hopefully next year is better.

**POTATOES, BEETS, CARROTS,
CABBAGE, TURNIPS, RUTABAGA ...**
FOR SALE FOR \$1/LB
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We have been busy winterizing the orchard to protect the fruit trees till spring. For those who don't know we have planted 20 apple trees, 8 cherry trees, 40 haskap bushes, and 5 sea buckthorn trees. All of these were developed and raised at Dawson City so are bred for our harsh climate.

The crew has been busy with various building projects over the summer as well. Our biggest project is using some of our climate adaptation funding to retrofit and refurbish some older buildings so that they can better serve our needs for the upcoming winter.

As you can see there has been and still is lots going on. Come out for a visit any time



C/TFN Community Garden

by Kevin Bayne

As we approach harvest season its time to reflect on what has lead to the bounty that we have.

Kevin, Johanna and the rest of the crew have done an amazing job at the garden. The greenhouses have never looked better and the outside garden plots are doing great.

Summer started off with retrofits to the greenhouse roofs. With funding from climate adaptation sources we replaced the plastic on the roofs with a more durable poly carbonate sheeting that has a longer life span and helps to better regulate greenhouse growing conditions.

Additions and changes to the watering system has also aided in keeping plants watered consistently.

Harvest has been going on for some time now with several varieties of greens being available. Root crops will become available soon as harvest continues to proceed.

Various herbs are being dried and will soon be available. Oregano, basil, dill, chamomile and ceremonial tobacco are just a few of the things we have.

I have been busy selling fresh produce in the commons a couple of days a week and has been delivering free produce to Elders in Carcross, Tagish, Squanga and Whitehorse. As fall continues we hope to be offering workshops on canning and pickling as well. Stay tuned.



C/TFN Farm and Garden Update

by Johanna Gossens

Our Mission is to produce healthy nutritious food and provide an educational learning experience for the community in an environmentally friendly way.

Where to find us?

Two sites:

The Community garden is located down the Tagish road, second right after the cut-off.



The farm is located down the Tagish road, south from the Alaska Highway, between KM marker 44 and 43. Or from Carcross, between Miles post 7-8.



Kids on the farm

The Kids on the Farm Program gets school students out visiting local farms for hands-on tours. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 learn about where food comes from and how to grow their own, all while achieving curriculum objectives.

This year, there are 10 participating farms, including the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Porcupine Creek Farm. There were 30 spring farm tours with over 700 students. Two groups visited the C/TFN Porcupine Creek Farm this spring - a Grade 5/6 class and a Kindergarten/Grade 1 class. One of those teachers said: "It was an awesome visit. Great variety of activities... One of the best farm tours I've had yet!"

The Growers of Organic Food Yukon developed the program in 2013. The Kids on the Farm Program is made possible with funding from the Canadian Agriculture Partnership program and Yukon Education.



Carcross School

Many students from Carcross Ghùch Tla Community School helped us over at the beginning of the season. Cleaned the eggs, planted the herbs, potatoes, and vegetables, planted the baskets with flowers, fed the chicken and turkeys and a lot more.



Our community garden growth

From May 5th to July 15th the results were amazing!



Community lunches

The farm and community garden have been organising community lunches with visits of the to different sites.



Selling our veggies at the market; Mount Lorne Community Centre & Carcross Commons



Canoe Trip 2019

by Rae-Anne Collings

Day 1

On Monday morning seven support boats had left from Carcross and were making their way down Tagish Lake to meet up with the paddlers. The three First nations had traveled about 30 km from Atlin to their First destination, which was Indian Point. Despite the cold rainy weather our paddlers kept with the high spirits. After getting to Indian Point everyone helped to get camp set up and cook a hot meal in the rain. Charlie James had brought some moose meat with him, and Jean made a delicious moose stew with it.



Day 2

The next morning after the fog had lifted, the paddlers had set off for their second destination, which was near Racine falls. That evening after everyone had eaten dinner, their boats led by Charlie headed for an evening walk up Racine falls. A short five minute boat ride from camp brought us to the bottom of three water falls, fed by three different little lakes, and it was used at one point to run an old saw mill.



Day 3

In the morning the paddlers got together and decided to put the three canoes together and set sail as a group. Upon leaving, strong winds had picked up making it harder on everyone, but they kept going. Despite this the paddlers and most importantly the youths of all ages took to this voyage with high spirits.



After fighting strong winds, and waves, everyone made it to Jack Pine Point for a warm over night stay. Our paddlers and crew boats had to make a few much needed stops in order to regain the energy required to push through.



Day 4

At this point everyone was getting tired but so excited that they were almost at the end of the journey, they only had a few km until Harold and Colleen's camp where they would stay for the night. By the time everyone got to the narrows, before going into windy arm, they decided to stop for lunch because the waves were so big. After they were done eating the water had calmed right down so they could go through safely.

Day 5

This was the last day of the journey, everyone was getting ready and putting all of their regalia on. Back in Carcross on shore everyone was getting anxious to greet all of the paddlers and welcome them back. The singing and dancing was amazing, and so beautiful. We are all so grateful that people worked together in unity to make it all happen, friendships were forged and nations brought together supported by the ancestors.



Community Empowerment

by Daphne Pelletier Vernier



Darla-Jean Lindstrom from the Dakl'awedi Clan and C/TFN Citizen, is a Social Worker Family Practicum Student providing her time and knowledge for C/TFN until mid-December 2019. She is devoted to embark on a short journey within the self-government to share her experience and help the community. "I am here to help develop a safe place and to talk about the ugly and community health and wellness using traditional virtues and values" mentioned Darla during a conversation.

Her and **Laura Lee Nimilowich** (Family Care Navigator) are closely working together to "revamp" the Family Council and to give it a fresh start.

Laura Lee is the Thinker and Darla the Doer. That is why they are the perfect team. Laura Lee works in collaboration with the Yukon College, Mental Wellness, the Health and Wellness Department and the Family Council to enrich the resources available to Citizens. Laura Lee also helps understanding and clarifying policies

and enhance different roles and responsibilities. Aside from her work with C/TFN, Laura Lee is working on her PhD in theology.

Darla-Jean brings her culture and experience to the table and is here to learn from the community; "I am here to learn but find myself teaching. I am here to help build capacity and help families being responsible for families!" shared Darla-Jean "The more we learn, the more we accept others and we develop more empathy and compassion" added Darla-Jean. She wants the community to know that her door is always open and any Citizen can stop for a visit. Darla loves to share her teachings and she can truly understand as she, herself, recovered from past trauma issues

Darla and Laura Lee established a work-plan and are currently working on a communication plan to educate Citizens and others on the Family Council, the Family Act, the Peacemaking Circle Training and how the interchangeably work together.

Both wants to provide meaningful things that will empower the community as they know that it takes a village to raise a child!

Family Council

by Laura Lee Nimilowich

Exhibiting exemplary dedication to serving C/TFN children and families, the Family Council has started meeting regularly on a monthly basis. They held meetings on July 10, 22, August 14 and September 24/25 with more meetings scheduled for October 2019. They are currently in the process of building a strong foundation that will provide the ground to start developing policies and procedures. One of the upcoming tasks of the Family Council is the creation of a work-plan and budget for 2020 that will encompass their roles and responsibilities as a council in the future.

As a group their commitment to their work is resulting in the discussions of family supports that include engagement and activities for the Youth, On the Land Programming for families across the life span, and more support for grandparents who are parenting. Another goal for the workplan is to create a training schedule for the Family Council. The Department of Health and Wellness would like to thank the Family Council for their continued service to their community. It is an honor and privilege to be able to provide support as needed to the Family Council.

You are invited to register for
CONNECTIONS
A Group for Women about Building Relationships

WEEK 1 Learning About Healthy Relationships	<p>Connections was designed to provide an opportunity for women to explore their past and present experiences and to consider the impact on their relationships with life partners, parenting, wellness, and their children's development.</p> <p>Where: The Learning Centre, Carcross</p> <p>When: Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. starting January 14.</p> <p>Who: Any mother of any age is encouraged to register. Space is limited to 12 people, so it will be "first come, first served."</p> <p>What's included: Supper will be provided. Childcare will be provided. Anyone who registers will also need to meet with group leaders once before the groups start (in December) for an intake interview.</p> <p>What's in it for me? Improved relationships, more knowledge about families and children, a certificate of completion and a nice gift if you attend all eight sessions.</p> <p>Who will lead this group? Leslie Peters and Christina Barnett, who received training through Mothercraft in Toronto. http://www.mothercraft.ca</p> <p>To register please make an intake appointment with Leslie Peters 821-4251 X8263 or email leslie.peters@ctfn.ca</p>
WEEK 2 What Happened When We Were Kids Matters Now	
WEEK 3 Recovering From My Past	
WEEK 4 Techniques for a Positive Relationship	
WEEK 5 Child Development and Behaviour	
WEEK 6 Building our own Self Esteem	
WEEK 7 Positive Parenting: Building Self Esteem In your children. (It's not what you think.)	
WEEK 8 Overview & "I've got this."	

Greetings from the Capacity Development Department

by Robin Lord



This spring the team at Capacity expanded. We welcomed back Shirley McKay to Literacy Camp and our Youth Program, as well as Leona Bryden to assist in supervising summer students. We also welcomed a dynamic group of summer students and career focus students. We are grateful for all the energy and experience that everyone brought to the team, we could not have accomplished all we did without your support and contributions!

Departmental Priorities

The team at Capacity is working hard towards advancing our new Departmental Priorities.

Offering more courses locally: Since April, 17 courses have been offered in Carcross including but not limited to; chainsaw, knife making, boat safety, ATV, photography, Science 030

Connect Youth with Heritage Routes with HLNR: Talks have begun with HLNR; first steps will include involving youth in researching stories.

Investigate possibility of daily transport of High School to and from Whitehorse: A cost comparison is being calculated and will be present to Executive Council for consideration.

The creation of a youth center: The upstairs of capacity has been transformed into a space dedicated completely to youth. Funding for a youth center is being explored and the need will be further examined through the Comprehensive Community Planning process.

Education Agreement

An Education Agreement with Yukon Government was signed in 2016. The focus of this agreement was Ghùch Tlâ school. A revised agreement focusing on lifelong learning has been drafted and was reviewed by Leadership in February. It was decided that it will not be signed until there is a substantial financial commitment from Yukon Government to implement the Agreement. Recently there has been movement towards a financial commitment from YG which if secured would include funding to support two culture camps this fiscal year, a trauma informed worker for Ghùch Tlâ Community School and Haa Yátx'i Hidí, additional supports for the ILC and supports for educators to create curriculum around emotional competency.

Departmental Policy Review

The Education Advisory Committee met in August to conduct the annual policy review of the Capacity Development policy. The policy will be moving through the approval process which should be

complete by Sept / Oct. Changes to the Extracurricular and Winter Clothes policies as requested by General Council can be expected.

Haa Yatx'i Hidi News

What a great, and very busy fun filled summer we had at HYH! The children were very excited to participate in the Haa kusteeeyi' 2019 celebration in July. They sang, practiced and were led by Gary and Felisha Johnson. They did an amazing job! Every child received a vest with their own crest that was specifically for them. They were very grateful! A huge thank you to Liz Baker for making the vests, she did an amazing job!

The children at the HYH celebrate each other's birthdays, had sewing and beading classes, plus drum lessons. The focus for our children is to grow up being proud to be First Nations, knowing their clan, their traditional names, crests, and how to introduce themselves in public. From 10:00 to 11:00 am daily we have a language teacher come to our center and teach the staff language through card games, story books, etc. From 3:30 to 4:30 pm on Monday & Friday we do smudge, feather, prayer and identify feelings for the children along with singing and dancing. We encourage all parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles to come and participate in what the children are learning. We have been busy going out for walks and just simply enjoying the sunshine.

Four children from our center will be heading into Kindergarten this year. The staff are also enrolled in nightly Early Childhood classes with the Yukon College, to continue our education and work towards our levels.

We are now heading into Fall season, the weather will soon be dropping, so please be sure to have your child dressed daily appropriate to the weather, and have extra clothes.

Cameras were recently installed in our building to keep an eye on the comings and goings of all who enter. All activity is recorded, however, there is no conversation heard. This has been done to help keep our children safe.

The Haa Yátx'I Higi staff recently took part in a special session of "Prevent It!", teaching how to stop child sexual abuse from happening. At the end of the workshop, we received a certificate after being prepared to respond to any concerns of sexual abuse, and to know when, and how to report to the proper authorities. We learned, most importantly, to be prepared to start taking specific actions aimed at reducing children's vulnerability to sexual abuse. Our doors are always open for you to come in and talk to us at any time if you have any concerns, or just want to visit with us.
Gunalchéesh!



Literacy Camp

Literacy Camp was a great success again this summer and was enhanced by our partnership with Frontier College who generously provided books, arts supplies and mining related activities. We had 18 kids registered for camp this year. Highlights of the camp included field trips to the Copper Belt and a train ride from Fraser to Carcross!!

The kids were able to learn about the history of Bennett while on the train with our Elder Jean. A Big thank you to Shirley Mckay and Judy Leamon for making it a fun summer! We look forward to doing this again next year!

K-12

Welcome back to another school year!! We have had a very busy summer with programming, summer students and attending all the fantastic events that have happened in our Community the past few months.

We have only been back to school a few weeks and our Education Support Workers are busy busy!! Leona Bryden is back at Ghùch Tla Community School and Patricia Baker is back at FHC Secondary in Whitehorse. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact them at: Leona @ 332-0976 and Patricia @ 332-0360

Highlights:

- Teacher Orientation took place Aug 26th at Skookies. The focus of orientation this year was a collaborative approach to creating and delivering culture camps. We had a great turnout. All the staff from Ghùch Tlâ, Our ESW, Elders and staff from FNPP participated and we are looking forward to building some great stuff to do while out on the land!
- In September we will be partnering with Ghùch Tlâ Community School and we will be having 2 Culture Camps. Sept 17-19 students in grades 5-9 will be attending culture camp at Jack Pine Point. Sept 25-26 students in grades K4-4 will attend culture camp at Skookies camp. We are excited to see how it all unfolds!

Coming up:

- School Council runs the first Wednesday of each month @ 6:00 in the school library. Anyone is welcome to attend. There is still one seat available so if you or you know of anyone interested. For more information on what is happening at the schools, please check out the websites, they are loaded with information!

Dates to remember:

October 11th- PD Day-all Yukon Schools

October 14th- Thanksgiving Holiday-all Yukon Schools

October 31st-Halloween!!

****Watch for posters for our annual Halloween Spooktacular****

Some things that happened since our last Newsletter:

A Bike for every student at Ghuch Tla Community School

It truly is an incredible story...

On the last day of school in June, every student at Ghùch Tlâ was given a new bike and helmet. The students were in awe and you could see how grateful they were. There were smiles and tears from the students and adults and it was incredibly touching. We are truly grateful to have received such a gift. This was the last wish of very kind man who was homeless and had fallen in love with the community and because of some very caring people who loved him and looked after him they made his wish happen.

Graduation 2019



...Greetings from the Capacity Development Department...

by Robin Lord

Independent Learning Centre (ILC)

The ILC will be reopening in the renovated space upstairs in Capacity this fall. C/TFN participated in interviews to hire the ILC teacher. Our new ILC teacher is coming to us from BC and is very excited to start. ILC will be open after Thanksgiving. It is for grades 10-12 students but we are also looking at an alternative grade 9 program so stay tuned for more information! The space upstairs includes a Cisco Telepresence unit generously contributed by Connected North. The device will allow the ILC to connect with content providers around the globe to support curriculum tailored to the interest of the students.

Youth Programming

Mrs. Shirley has been busy doing programming through the summer. Now that we are back to school we will be starting afterschool programming in coordination with what Recreation board also offers. Schedules are posted each month and sent home with students. If you have any ideas on what we could be doing please let us know!

Summer Students 2019

15 students attending grades 7-12 joined the C/TFN summer student program this summer, Nine were hired on in June and another six in mid-July. Students had the opportunity to work in different areas throughout the C/TFN government as well as participate in training and life skills workshops including; boat safety, photography, food safety and cooking class, bear awareness, Yukon College's Mobile Science Lab, various Haa Kusteeyi activities and workshops with Youth of Today Society. When not doing activities the students were at various work sites around C/TFN under supervision of workers in these places. At infrastructure under the supervision of Katie Sheldon was Azreal Dickson and Terrance Patterson-Smith, they helped

at Skookies preparing for Haa Kusteeyi by building picnic tables, landscaping and helping to fix various structures.



There were two students placed at Haa Yatx'i Hidi under the supervision of Ruby Simmons and Geraldine James were Nicky Charlie and Jamie Baker. They spent a lot of time with the children playing games, creating art and going on walks, they also helped with cleaning up after meals and various sanitary protocols. Four students were placed at the Garden under the supervision of Kevin Bayne and at the Farm under Lloyd Lintott. The students that were placed here was Scottie Shepherd, Sage Smarch, TJ Murphy and Zacharia Lennie. They spent a lot of time weeding plant beds, picking vegetables, helping with the farm animals and general maintenance and upkeep of small structures. One student, Sheldon Beattie was placed at the main admin building shared between Health and Wellness and the Finance/HR departments, under the supervision of Sonny Jose, Joyner Edmond and Ingrid Isaac. He spent his days doing paperwork, filing and photocopying various documents. The remaining six students, Echo Gatensby, Coin Bryden, Ethan Boucher, Morgan Battaja, Seqoya Bayne and

Jaquin Barrett were placed under the supervision of Leona Bryden. For the first couple weeks they were placed at the learning center helping to set up for Haa Kusteeyi. After Haa Kusteeyi they were split up in different areas, some remained at the learning center to help with tear down and clean up, some were sent to help at the garden, and two were sent to help at finance.

We would like to take this opportunity to honor the students that participated in the Canoe trip from Atlin!! The youth that took part this year was Scottie Shepherd James, Ethan Boucher, Nicky Charlie, Jamie Baker and TJ Murphy. They trained every day under the supervision of Donna Johns mostly in the bay by the gazebo. The canoe trip was a four-day trip from Atlin to Carcross, they had a great time. The adults and Elders on the trip expressed how proud they were with what they saw from the youth, their dedication and respect to others having made them proud of our youth. Our canoe was recognized for having the most youth and for how willing they were to help wherever possible. Some of the youth even stood out to the Elders for taking initiative whenever possible to get things done on the trip.



For the last day we took the students out to the desert for a paint and water balloon fight and a hot dog lunch.

It was a packed summer full of fun and learning for everyone, and I want to thank all the staff and students that took part this year for all their patience and willingness to participate! Gunalchéesh!

Career Focus Students

7 Career Focus students also joined C/TFN this summer. These students are post-secondary students who had the opportunity to gain work experience in areas related to their area of study. They provided invaluable contributions over the summer. We wish them the best as they continue to pursue their studies this fall!

- Nicole Welin who coordinated our summer student program
- Crystal Carvill who represented C/TFN as the Art House
- Judy Leamon who supported Literacy

Camp and Haa Kusteeyi

- Alex Gobeil who assisted our Education Employment Training Officer
- MacKenzie Davy who gained experience at the Health Center and worked on health promotion activities with health and wellness including a physical literacy initiative with the children at Literacy camp
- David Gatensby who supported the Finance Dept.
- Donna Johns who coordinated the canoe journey from Atlin and supported different HLNR activities

Attention all Post-Secondary

Students! Jobs through the Career Focus program will be posted next year. All post-secondary students are encouraged to apply!

Education Employment Training Officer

Community Training Summer Update: The following courses were offered over the Summer months in Carcross:

- ATV Safety Training
- Boat Safety Training
- PAL
- Foodsafe
- Photography for Youth
- Traditional Cooking for Youth
- Knife making (taught by George Roberts from Bandit Blades)
- Little Warriors Workshop (hosted by Diana Johns)

Wage subsidies were also provided to assist youth in gaining work experience over the summer with C/TFN & CTMC

Snapshots & Highlights:



Photos of some students during their Knife making course. A big thank you to George Roberts from Bandit Blades for sharing his years of wisdom and experience with the craft, as well as to the staff at Infrastructure for lending their workshop space for the course. The students made some beautiful knives and we hope to welcome George back into the community to teach knife making again. Gunalchéesh!

Post-Secondary Funding Update for 2019/2020:

C/TFN received a record number of post-secondary funding applications at the Fall intake and will be providing funding for 30 post-secondary students this 2019/2020 academic year – congratulations to all of these students for pursuing their dreams!

There is a small amount of funding leftover for students wishing to apply to the Winter intake for long-term post-secondary & training funding, see below for funding application deadlines.

Education & Training Funding

Application Deadlines:

For post-secondary, trades, and long-term training programs (longer than 1 month): The Winter intake deadline for funding applications is November 15, 2019. Students MUST submit completed applications that include all supporting documents (ex. acceptance letters, proof of application to external scholarships/bursaries, most recent transcripts, etc).

Late applications will be deferred to the Summer intake.

For short-term courses and training (less than 1 month): the deadline to apply for funding is 2 weeks prior to the course start date.

Community Training Opportunities:

If there is a course or some kind of training you would like to do (First Aid, Chainsaw Operator, PAL, etc) please contact Kate Cecco the EETO (kate.cecco@ctfn.ca or ext. 8257) to let her know you are interested and she will look into setting up courses in Carcross if there is enough community interest. If there are not enough numbers to run the course here you can always look for courses offered in Whitehorse and apply for funding to attend those.

Transitional Employment

Well summer is gone, fall has arrived, the leaves are falling and its harvest time! The crew will be busy with assisting at the Garden and Farm with bringing in the harvest of vegetables and medicines this month. The TE crew was quite busy this summer with Haa Kusteeyi Celebration that was in July as well as assisting with other Community events and citizens.

Highlights from our time with the current crew include:

- The crew has participated in many small courses such as; Mental Health First Aid, PAL, WHMIS
- Creating medicine bags that included ceremony and learning sewing skills

...Greetings from the Capacity Development Department

by Robin Lord

- One of our crew members Billy Smarch has moved on to working with CTMC
- Other members of our crew have been working out at the farm and are getting along great with the horses in particular! Tara seems to have found a love for them!
- The TE crew continues to assist with Elders Breakfast when needed

The TE Crew has been picking up yard garbage throughout the summer and will continue to collect yard garbage until mid-October. Please call Joyce if you need something picked up. We will be saying goodbye to our current TE Crew at the end of September and welcoming a new TE Crew in October. We wish you all well; Dawn, Tara, Tyrone and Tyrell, It has been a pleasure working with all of you!

Youth and Elder Gathering

On July 25th elders and youth from TTC, TRT and C/TFN came together to share laughter, language and stories. A huge Gunalchéesh to everyone who participated and shared in this experience with us!



Youth Council

Youth council has taking a break for the summer from regular scheduled meetings. Something new that has been happening is that a representative from Youth Council now attends Executive Council meetings each month. This is a fantastic way to have our youth involved in learning how the governance side of things happens. We will be back to our Scheduled meetings in October. If you have anything you would like brought to our meetings for discussion, please talk to your rep. Your youth Council Representatives are: Sheena Johns (Daklaweidi), Kody Smith (Gaanaxteidi), Dominic Johns (Kookhittaam), Raeanne Sidney (Ishkahittaam), Landis Smith (Deisheetaan), Melissa McGurk (Yan Yeidi)



Jordan's Principle

by Robin Lord

What is it? Jordan's Principle is a child-first and needs-based principle used in Canada to ensure that First Nations children living on and off reserve have equitable access to all government funded public services. ... Jordan's Principle ensures that First Nations children can access all public services when they need them.

Who Can apply? It is for children aged 0-18. Parents/guardians, a child over 16 years or a representative of the child, parent/guardian can apply for this funding. Applications should include the following information:

- You name
- Child's name & birthdate
- Status # or ben #(if you have one) / if not the community you are from
- Service requested
- Reason for the request
- Budget / cost of service
- Letter or supporting documents from a professional stating the need (if applicable)

If you would like support applying for funding or if you would like more information you can connect with any of the people below:

- Katherine Alexander at CYFN , 393-9200 ext 9241 Katherine.alexander@cyfn.net
- Robin Lord at C/TFN Capacity for Education related supports robin.lord@ctfn.ca
- C/TFN Health and Wellness for Health related supports

Update from Infrastructure

by James Smith

Infrastructure has had a busy and exciting summer: energy retrofitting rental houses; re-building Skookies camp; maintaining buildings and vehicles; hosting community planning dinners; Haa Kusteeyi and the first ever Tagish and Tlingit art exhibition Haa Jineiyi.



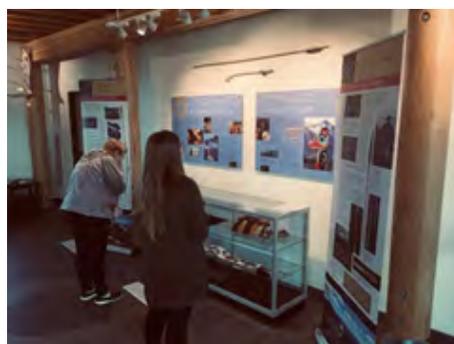
Over one hundred people turned out for the very first Community Comprehensive Plan (CCP) community engagement gathering at the Learning Centre. Community and representatives gathered from every southern lakes community to enjoy in a feast and to share their thoughts around what they see today and hope for the future for their southern lake communities. This was followed by an Elders and Youth retreat out on the land at Skookies Camp.



The Learning Centre staff, with the help of the Language team, has been integrating language into all our events, using signage to familiarize people with the look of the written words.



Haa Jineiyi – Made By Our Hands: A Celebration of Lingit Tagish Art both Modern & Traditional



Our Haa Jineiyi (Made by our Hands) exhibition is the first Learning Center presentation and sale of local art work. To date, we have sold up to \$4,000 dollars worth of art and fine craftwork. We are delighted that our first show features Lingit and Tagish artists and we celebrate because Carcross now has a space to make events such as this happen. Many of the artists in this show have taken their work nationally and internationally but have not had a show in their home town. This show features a diverse range of work that celebrates the traditional materials and designs of First Nations art forms as well as contemporary interpretations of a traditional art form. It shows us how culture evolves while maintaining an honour for tradition. Haa Jineiyi (Made by our Hands) features a number of home grown artists including Master carvers, new graduates from art and design schools, self taught crafts people, and those who have learned their craft under elders and mentors.



The artists featured include:

- Keith Wolfe Smarch, Carcross;
- Thomas Fawcett, Carcross;
- Crystal Carvill, Carcross
- Mark Preston, Whitehorse
- Calvin Morberg, Whitehorse
- Blake Lepine, Whitehorse
- Kristine Laluk, Whitehorse
- Lena White, Whitehorse
- Whitney Horne, Teslin
- Jean Taylor, Teslin
- Heather Callaghan, Teslin
- Dennis Shorty, Ross River
- Robin Lovelace, Washington

A traditional dugout canoe was carved in 83 days! The pride in culture and history was felt by all who participated in the project.

In late fall of 2018, The Carcross/Tagish First Nation submitted a project proposal to the Canada Council for the Arts seeking funding support to build a Traditional Tlingit Dugout Canoe, April 2019 we received confirmation that our funding grant had been approved!



...Update from Infrastructure

by James Smith

With funding in place, we hired Wayne Price, a master carver from Haines Alaska to lead the project build. Carving commenced on May 17th and went on 7 days a week for 80 days with completion and launch taking place on August 7th. The carvers utilized a 450-year-old Red Cedar log harvested from Prince of Wales Island in Alaska. The goal, to create an Ocean worthy, sail equipped 30-foot long dugout canoe, with capacity for 9 people!



Violet Gatensby an accomplished artist/ carver and C/TFN Citizen apprenticed with Wayne over the duration of the project. Along the way Wayne was also supported by Walter Cameron a student apprentice from his Northwest Coast Art carving program at the University of Alaska. Help was also provided throughout the project by many C/TFN employees, local Citizens and other interested parties including visitors who dropped in during the build.



This project was a huge success for our community! It provided many lifetime milestone experiences to our citizens, visitors and neighbors.



Haa Kusteeyi Celebration was a grand success! Visitors were awe-struck and families celebrated a historical reunion. Thank you to the 130volunteers that helped make this years Haa Kusteeyi celebration of Inland Lingit, a time to remember. The next Celebration will be held in Teslin in 2021.





The construction crew took a lot of pride and joy in getting Skookies camp in tip top shape for people to enjoy during Haa Kusteeyi celebration. They cleared out trees brush and garbage in order to re-position the cabins and make space for the floors built and designed for the new wall tents. They worked tirelessly through all the dust being kicked up by the machines working on widening the road and getting the site ready for the new shower house, cleared trees and brush, landscaped, cleaned out all buildings and painted cabins, built and painted picnic tables to name only some of the work accomplished at the camp.

The crew was also busy working on energy retrofits for a number of rental houses as part of an agreement with Yukon Housing Corporation. Installing new heat recover ventilators, energy efficient furnaces and adding insulation to the houses. This energy retrofit work will help to reduce the energy needed for the houses helping to reduce the carbon footprint of C/TFN.

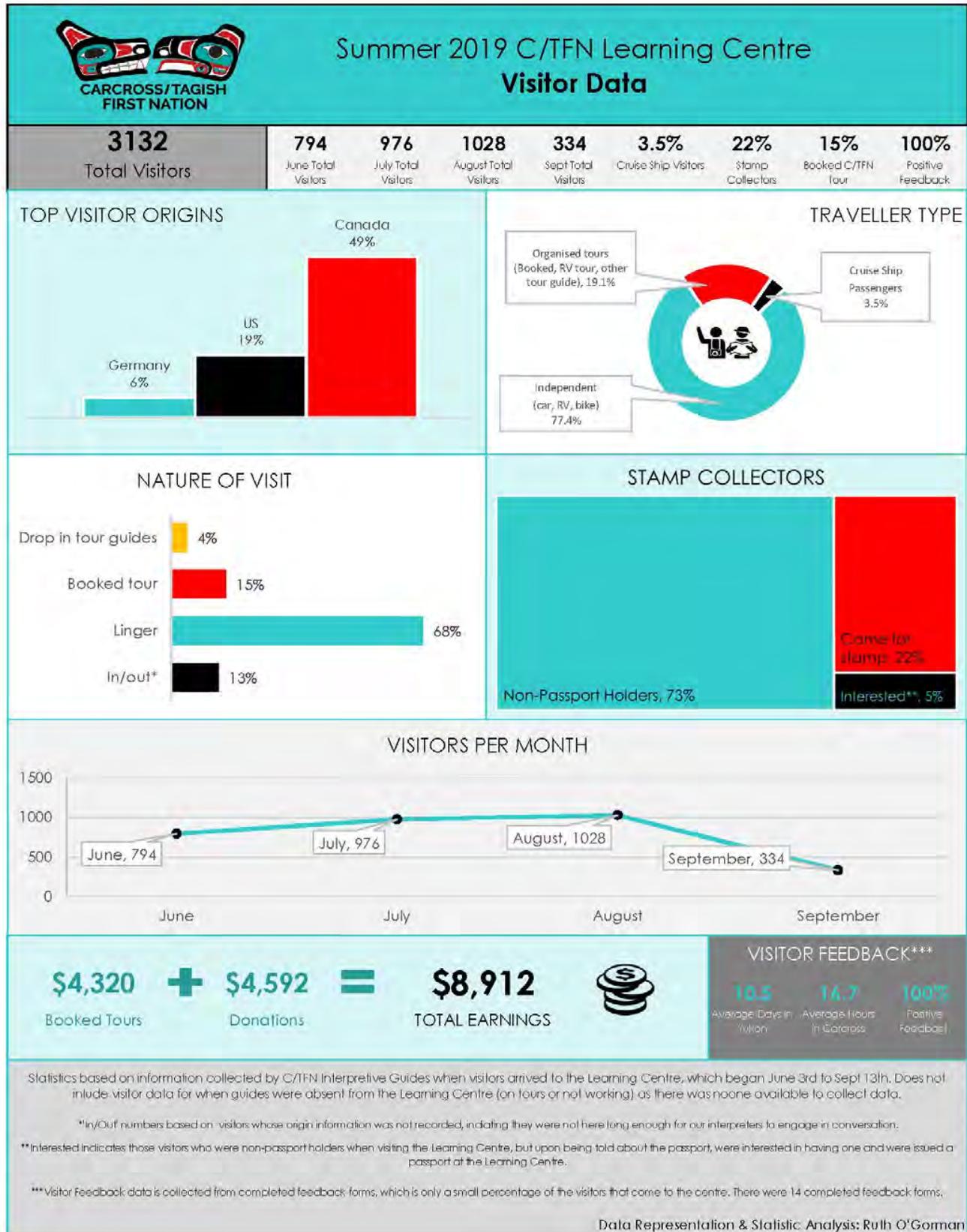
Over the spring and summer we have completed all of the yearly housing inspections and lease renewals. We have completed the inspection of all fire extinguishers in the rental homes and given fire extinguishers to homes that were without one. All fire alarms and CO2 detectors have been serviced and updated for this year. We are working on getting the new Housing Policy completed. This year our goal is to work on a rent-to-own housing policy.

This summer the Learning Centre offered their first guided walks led by our summer interpreters, Patricia James and Ruth O’Gorman. Our aim in providing tours was to allow visitors to share in C/TFN culture by demystifying our way of life. Along the walks we uncover local history, interpret Tlingit and Tagish artwork and learn traditional knowledge. We had many tours booked with the Cadets and Rangers, who left Carcross with more than just a smile on their face – they could tell you what an ‘atlatl’ is, recognize which local flora can be used to stop a cut from bleeding, and identify the six C/TFN clan crests. It was a great success, we look forward to future development of our tours and to all of the happy visitors!



Visitor Data

by Mark Doucette



Canadian PreNatal Program

by Leslie Peters

It's hard to believe that I have now been the CPNP Coordinator for eight months! For those of you who only know me from around town, here is some of my background that relates to my job as CPNP Coordinator in Carcross:

After completing my liberal arts degree, I became a parent. While caring for my first child, a son, I soon realized that I did not have the skills that I needed to be a great parent. So I went back to college and earned my Child Development Diploma. After that, I worked in preschools for a while. Then I worked for the Child Development Centre for a few years and learned a lot.

My second child, a daughter, developed a serious autoimmune disorder, so I moved to BC for a couple of years to be close to BC Children's Hospital. During that time, I was able to work for both the Vancouver Society of Children's Centres and for PACE, which is a therapeutic preschool for children from Vancouver's East Side that have been diagnosed with attachment disorders. PACE also consults with daycares and other early childhood programs/professionals. Although this ended up being one of the hardest times of my life, I am also grateful for everything that I learned and for the amazing professionals that I met and who were willing to spend many hours counseling, teaching and training me.

I have also been certified by Handle with Care and have taken classes about domestic violence and other relative topics. I teach Early Learning and Child Development courses at Yukon College and work for Autism Yukon as well. I am also currently in the process of completing my masters in behavior analytics, which is basically the study of human behavior, why people do what they do, how to help parents guide their children's behaviors, and how to help adults change their own behaviors. It's very interesting!

Now back to my job here in Carcross: all CPNP programs in Canada are funded by Health Canada, and my mandate is to

promote breastfeeding, healthy nutrition in moms and babies, healthy activities and positive parenting/relationship skills.

C/TFN has further refined these objectives and asked that the CPNP program in Carcross collaborate with the Elders program to start to develop a traditional parenting program.

My first few weeks on the job were spent training, researching and visiting other CPNP programs in the Yukon in order to see what works/doesn't work for them. I learned that Carcross is not alone when it comes to lots of staff changes, but that most programs develop and change with their families and their needs.

As a result of my training, I came to the conclusion that if CPNP is to be successful in Carcross, it must be based on relationship. There are many programs available in the Yukon, but so many programs come across as consumer/provider relationships. This is fine, but I believe that true community development comes from real, authentic relationships. I hope that we will be able to become our own supportive/non-judgmental group of moms at CPNP Carcross. It's what we need!

I determine to not only provide a service, but to listen to moms and to develop an adaptable, responsive program that is based on relationship. If home visits are best sometimes, that's what I'll do. If lunches work best, lunches it will be. But, if lunches stop working, we will shift again. There is no perfect format, but many formats can work if based on authentic relationships. So far, we have done some jam and jelly making, quite a few lunches, a couple day trips, a tomato-canning night, lots of coffee shop visits and chats, home visits, and conversations.

This fall/winter, I have two programs planned. We will do some Handle with Care sessions with Felisha Johnson during our Tuesday evening meetings. Felisha has completed the Handle with Care facilitator training at the Child Development Centre in Whitehorse.



In January, we will bring a new program to Carcross. Christina Barrett (C/TFN elder's program coordinator) and I went to Toronto this summer and received training from Mothercraft to deliver a Connections group. This is an eight-week course for moms of any age that will take place Tuesday evenings, starting January 14.

We will talk about how our pasts have shaped us. We will talk about how this affects our children. We will discuss our current relationships with our partners/spouses, and how this affects our children. We will talk about self care and self esteem and how it all relates to our individual cultures. I'm excited about this program and what it has to offer.

If you have any questions or suggestions for our program, please call me at 821-4251, X8263 or email leslie.peters@ctfn.ca.

Elder Program Coordinator Report

by Christina Barrett

C/TFN Elders Heating

Supplement If you haven't filled in the application for your Elders Heating Supplement, the applications are available at the Wellness Programs and Services department, hanging on the wall beside the *Elder Program Coordinator's office door, or on the C/TFN webpage www.ctfn.ca*

Elders Breakfast The Elders breakfast on Tuesday mornings are still happening, and are now being run through the Learning Center in the clan room. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, *please contact Anna Crawford, the Meetings & Events Coordinator at 821-4251 ext.8293.*

Elder Active Every Thursday a group of us goes to the Canada Game Center to use the facilities. All Elders are welcome to join us anytime, to use the walking track, swimming pool, hot tub or sauna, etc. *Please contact Christina at 821-4251 ext. 8238 or 332-0097 for more information or to add your name to the list.*

Elders and CPNP - Traditional

Parenting On February 6, 2019 after lunch we made some cranberry jelly with 3 Elders and 5 mothers. Of course we didn't realize how long it would take but we got the jelly done, we'll do the jam later this fall.

On February 13, 2019, Leslie (CPNP) and myself, had a Strategic Planning meeting that all CTFN Elders and any mother, fathers or grandparents that were interested in sharing their knowledge and experience were invited. Our vision was creating a Carcross/Tagish First Nation based traditional parenting program. 15 citizens attended and 5 employees, Leslie & myself, Derrick (Heritage), Deborah (Language) and Geraldine (Daycare). Some of the ideas brought forward were mukluk making, fur hats/mitts, snowshoe making, homemade sled making, healthy food growing, cooking and preserving, going on field trips and doing these activities together.

On May 8, 2019 we had lunch with CPNP again and after we finished lunch we all planted some flowers and herbs for healthy cooking. It was a Mother's Day special; everyone took their plants home to grow them ready for thanksgiving dinner in October.

Elder Home Visits On February 18, 2019 I started doing home visits in Carcross and Tagish and Squanga. It started out well in the beginning but got more difficult with a shortage of vehicles and the spring colds that went around. I am still attempting to continue the home visits but it may be easier if the Elders that would like me to come visit and haven't seen me, just call me and we can set a day and time that suits you.

Elders Shopping on Pension Day

Last fall the C/TFN bus started taking Elders into Whitehorse for shopping on the day pension gets deposited. The van leaves the administration office building at 9:00am to Whitehorse and leaves Whitehorse at 3:00pm to come back to Carcross. The driver is only responsible for driving the van, so if you need help to package and carry your groceries you can bring one escort with you, but they must stay with you to help you throughout the day and when you return home. If they have personal business of their own to do, the bus also takes clients in to shop on the first of the month. If you want to add your name to the list, call and leave a message at 821-4251 ext.8232 or come into the Wellness Programs & Services department.

Elders Traveling Community

Lunches On May 22, 2019 Teslin invited CTFN Elders and CPNP to their community lunch, there were 9 of us in the van, although none of the mothers and babies came, Leslie joined us to connect with Teslin's CPNP. The day was beautiful and everyone had a great time visiting with friends they haven't seen in a while. In June we were invited to Atlin's Elders Lunch, it was just as much fun. The sun was shining the whole time and just when we started back for Carcross, it started raining.

Carcross' lunch was included with the Haa Kusteeyi Youth & Elders Gathering. These traveling lunches will continue, myself and the Elder Workers for Teslin and Atlin are working on a schedule that can be sent around to all Elders and CPNP clients.

Atlin's Salmon Celebration

A bus was provided to transport Elders to Atlin on July 20 & 21, 2019 for their Salmon Celebration and sending off the canoes that were traveling to Carcross for Haa Kusteeyi the following weekend. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed all the salmon festivities.

C/TFN Elders & Parks Canada

Annual Train Ride

Thank you to Parks Canada for the train ride every year. The Elders that go, always enjoy this day when they are at Bennett eating fish, bannock and salads for lunch and blueberry bannock and cake for dessert, a BIG THANK-YOU to Edna Helm and her granddaughter Nyla Helm for the delicious food. The day was beautiful and fairly warm, blankets were available for anyone that needed them. The parting gifts the Elders got this year were environmentally friendly and very thoughtful; they were small blue recycling buckets with a handle and a reusable shopping bag filled with goodies, snacks and leftovers from lunch. This year 38 Elders called to put their names on the train car seating list (6 people were escorts), and 4 Elders showed up that had not called ahead to see if there were enough seats available on the train car; fortunately, there were seats available because only 12 Elders on the list showed up with 2 escorts and with the additional 4 Elders all together we had 18 people at Bennett.

High bush Cranberry Picking in Skagway

On August 30, 2019 a few of us went berry picking in Skagway. 5 Elders said they wanted to go but only 2 came with Ingrid and I. It was like summer! We crawled along the Dyea road picking high bush cranberries. When we got hungry we had a picnic lunch and sat in the sunshine while we ate, listening to the birds and river run by. We noticed some black and orange furry caterpillars crawling everywhere. After picking for

...another hour we travelled into Skagway to get some coffee for the trip back home.

On September 6, 2019 a group of 4 of us left for berry picking in Skagway again, there was suppose to be 6 but a couple couldn't make it. It was sunny weather again! This time we had our lunch first. We picked a little deeper in the trees to keep cover with shade. After picking for a couple hours we travelled to Skagway and spend 30 minutes looking around, we found an ice cream shop and bought ourselves a well deserved cool treat to help us cool down on our way back home.

Community Walking Groups For Bear Awareness, CTFN, in partnership with the Yukon College and YTG Mental Wellness and with the support of the Tagish Community Center the

department of Wellness Programs & Services is starting a Walking Group in Carcross and in Tagish. All community members are welcome to participate.

The Scheduled times are:

Carcross - Every second Monday starting on September 23rd, 2019. The meeting place is at the beach platform near Bennett Lake.

The time is 11:00am - 1:00pm.

Tagish - Every second Wednesday starting October 2, 2019. The meeting place is at Tagish Community Center.

The time is 12:00pm - 2:00pm.

Meals to Go We need food! The 'meals to go' is not one of C/TFN's programs, its meals that are donated to the Wellness Programs & Services department for the citizens in the community that need it. If there are leftovers from any community dinners or meetings, etc. Just contact someone

from Wellness and we can come help package meals to freeze for the Meals To Go. If you or someone you think might need some meals delivered from time to time, please call the Wellness Programs & Services department at 821-4251 ext. 8232

Meet & Greet Luncheon with Elders and the Wellness Programs & Services

department The Wellness department is holding a 'Meet & Greet' Luncheon on October 30, 2019 from 10:00am-3:00pm at Learning Center Clan Room. This is for Elders to have a chance to be heard and express any concerns, compliments or suggestions for the Health & Wellness Team. We encourage everyone to express 'what's working' and 'what's not working' in a kind way.

Recent trip to Taiwan

by Deborah Baerg

World Indigenous Nations Higher Educations Consortium AGM 2019

WINHEC VISION Statement: We gather as Indigenous Peoples of our respective nations recognizing and reaffirming the educational rights of all Indigenous Peoples. We share a vision of all Indigenous Peoples of the world United in the collective synergy of self-determination through control of higher education. Limited to Building partnerships that restore and retain Indigenous spirituality, cultures and languages, homelands, social Systems, economic Systems and self-determination. In support of Indigenous nations across the world, this accreditation process seeks to affirm and champion the sovereign right to an education that upholds indigenous, knowledge, ways of knowing and being, practices and other aspects of Native Life.

Day 1 – Opening ceremony followed by Nation reports on steps taken for gaining accreditation with WINHEC2019. Board of accreditation presentation. Opportunity given to guests or those who are for the first time attending this

AGM to ask questions about this process. Also handed out at this time was their accreditation process and constitution – updates and revisions.

Day 2 – Daily opening by a country – offering prayers and songs Sharing different culture and languages. Working with and share information about how some countries are moving ahead on their own and working fluently in their own languages within their education settings or work places. Board of accreditation training workshops.

Day 3 – Attend workshops on finding out more about their accreditation process to see if this process is a fit for C/TFN in working towards our opening our own higher education centers or programs that will be promote use our cultures and languages fluently. WINHEC2019 AGM re-convened, intró and welcome new executive leadership to board of WINHEC2019.

Day 4 – Opening Blessing Canada – Shared a Lingit song and Lingít prayer to show unity amon all counteries in attendance at WINHEC2019.

Pick a host – community engagement event visiting guests were able to pick location and venue to learn more about

the indigenous peoples of Taiwan. I chose the hike and visiting a near by beach and met with traditions teachers and healers of their cultures and all hosts were unable to speak English and so we had an interpreter to help our group when we had questions etc. most cultural teachers spoke about their fear on their lands and taking away precious resources and traditional food source. The leaders were very interested in hearing how our leadership fought against the Government and how they were able to attain sovereignty on our traditional territory and lands so our future generations will have something for generations coming behind us.

WINHEC2019 – This conference in Hualian, Taiwan was a great place to begin networking with other nations who are willing to work with and assist our future nation in moving ahead with our own plans to open up our own higher education institutions and have a recognized accreditation process through a form that will help us to begin Building our own schools that will reflect our own indigenous views on all subjects offered like math, science, history, social economics etc. this gathering of nations in pursuit of higher education accreditation will gather again in Australia in 2020!

Fairness Coordinator Office Open!

by Alyson Miller

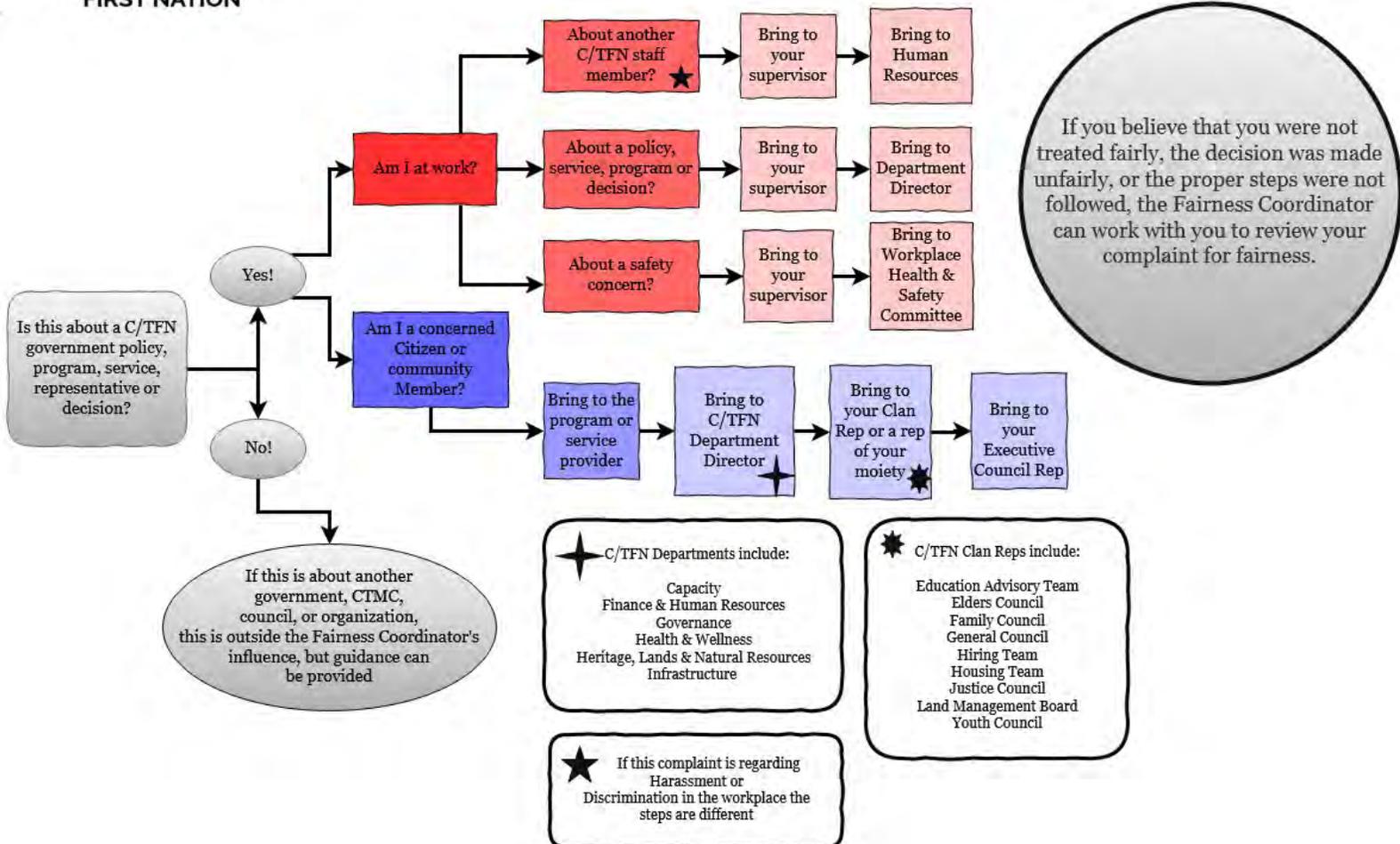
Over the past several years, the Carcross / Tagish First Nation Executive Council expressed interest in the creation of an ombudsman-like position to deal more effectively with complaints and expressions of concern from Citizens and community members. The Fairness Coordinator was created to be an independent officer of the Executive Council, under the supervision of the Khà Shàde Héni or Haa Shaa du Hen and Executive Council, and be an advocate of fairness within the community.

The Fairness Coordinator does not replace any C/TFN decision maker, service delivery or appeal process, but can work with individuals if they believe they have not been treated fairly after raising a complaint. On August 1, 2019, the Executive Council passed the Fairness Policy, which provides direction to the Fairness Coordinator, establishes the independence of the office and describes how complaints or statements of concern will be handled. This Policy was originally developed in partnership with the CYFN Self Government Secretariat and previous Yukon Ombudsman, Hank Moorlag.

Tips on how to get yourself heard, and what to do with your complaints, have been developed to better assist Citizens, employees and community members with their complaints or issues of concern. More information on what steps the Fairness Coordinator takes will be made available on the ctfn.ca website soon!



I have a complaint! What do I do?





GET YOURSELF HEARD

HOW TO COMPLAIN EFFECTIVELY

MAKE SURE THE COMPLAINT IS VALID

Do your homework: research the relevant program, policy, regulation, practice so you understand your rights or entitlements

CLEARLY DEFINE THE ISSUE(S)

Focus on the real concern(s) and be able to clearly explain what that is

GET THE HELP OF AN ADVOCATE, IF NECESSARY

If the issues are complex, or if you lack the necessary communication skills to make the complaint, seek the help of someone who can work through this with you

GET ON IT!

Deal with the problem in a timely way; don't put it off or 'stew' about it with others

DETERMINE WHO HAS THE DECISION MAKING ABILITY TO ADDRESS THE MATTER

Keep in mind that the person who receives your complaint may not be the person who has the authority to resolve and the power to make changes

DETERMINE TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Be open to the possibility of a different and valid viewpoint; listen to understand - even if you disagree; be respectful; be tough on issues and soft on people

BE ASSERTIVE, BUT NOT AGGRESSIVE

Leave anger behind and avoid accusations

LAY OUT YOUR CASE IN AN ORGANIZED WAY

If the matter is complex, prepare a plan about how you want to present the information, and, when presenting it in person, check occasionally to make sure each piece is being understood

RELY ON FACTS

Be ready to rely on relevant documents and notes - don't exaggerate the details of the complaint or its impact

ADMIT TO YOUR PART IN THE ISSUE, IF SUCH IS THE CASE

This is being honest and fair, and shows your willingness to work out a reasonable solution

STATE THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOME FOR YOU

Work out what you want to achieve, and what it would take to resolve the matter in your view

WHAT TO AVOID!

Being viewed as a chronic complainer, whose concerns are without merit

Claiming special consideration

Name dropping

Using bad language

Personal attacks

Threatening behaviour

Making accusations

Listing all the things that went wrong in a rant

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Carcross Community Comprehensive Plan (CCP)

by Gunta Business



AWAKENING THE GREATNESS WITHIN
 TRANSFORM » RENEW » REVITALIZE
 CARCROSS COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN

PROJECT UPDATE:

The CCP Planning team had a booth set up at Haa Kusteeyi this summer and shared information about the project with visitors from all over the world, while also conducting surveys and interviews with residents from C/TFN's Traditional Territory.

The CCP Planning team hosted an Elders/Seniors & Youth Retreat at Skookies Camp from August 9 – 11, 2019. It was a successful event filled with good food, great prizes, cultural activities, live entertainment, and a video making workshop for youth!

Further surveying efforts and one on one interviews will happen over the next couple of months. The CCP 2nd Open House is being planned for early next year and the 1st quarterly CCP Newsletter will be coming soon.

PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT & UPCOMING EVENTS
www.carcrossccp.com

"DO YOU LIVE WORK OR PLAY IN CARCROSS, TAGISH, MOUNT LORNE, MARSH LAKE - THE SOUTHERN LAKES AREA?"

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" PLEASE VISIT WWW.CARCROSSCCP.COM TO FILL OUT A 5 MIN. SURVEY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A \$400.00 VISA GIFT CARD. DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31ST, 2019".

CCP Survey Winners from HKT 2019
 Kristel McLean - Tagish \$200 visa gift card
 Christine Lewis - Whitehorse \$50 visa gift card
 Jeff Judge - Carcross \$50 visa gift card

CCP Speakers Corner Winner from HKT 2019
 Elaine Shorty - Heavy Duty Sleeping Bag



Carcross/Tagish First Nation (C/TFN) is one of over 160 First Nation communities across Canada currently embarking on an ambitious and exciting project to create a comprehensive community plan or CCP. C/TFN would like to include all the communities and stakeholders of its entire Traditional Territory, which would include...Marsh Lake, Mount Lorne, Tagish, South Klondike, to find new ways of working together to create the future our communities desire. This is a one of a kind process that's never been done before. We are leading the way to create a new way of working together across boundaries and organizations for the betterment of our communities and our region. Over the next two years we will, as a team, explore how we can better work together to see more action and change on issues that matter to everyone who lives, works and plays in these areas. The Awakening the Greatness within Project is not about creating "another plan". It is, at its core, about creating new ways of working together across the region to create the future.

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