



Executive Council waiting for the unveiling of their clan poles during the Pole Raising Ceremony



# Neek Watsíx

## Summer 2018

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by Andy Carvill

Good Day Everyone!

It has been another busy Summer in Carcross! We started the summer season by hiring close to 30 Summer Students. Mainly all C/TFN Citizens, the Students are between the age of 13 & 21, from grade 7 to College. It is probably the year with the most Summer Students hired; 2 are working at the Capacity Development Department, 5 at Infrastructure, 1 at the Heritage, Lands & Natural Resources Department, 5 at the new Skate park, 8 at the Garden and 3 at Haa Yatxi Hidi Daycare. The main objective to hire Summer Students is to help them prepare for employment and to create a work ethic for them so they can succeed in daily life.

We also started the Summer season with a "Happy Gathering" at the Learning Centre with Don Burnstick, Kevin Barr & Boyd Benjamin. It was a great success and we are looking for more gatherings before the end of this year. We will be hosting some community dinners close to Fall with food harvested from the Garden and the Farm.

C/TFN Staff are currently working at Jackpine point to build our community camp. Some structures are already in place and all of our Departments had their Summer retreat at the camp and so did Management Board. We are aiming to have our Elders and Youth out on the Land. We just had some Elders and Youth on the Ice patch for a workshop and some learning on the field.

The Pole Raising Ceremony was our biggest event this summer and it was a great success. I personally wish to thank ALL VOLUNTEERS who helped out and made this day a memorable event. I also wish to congratulate Spokesperson Ward now voted in for the Taku River Tlingit in Atlin.

Unfortunately, we had numerous Elders and Citizens passing away this summer and I wish to send my condolences to all families who lost a loved one this year. My door is always open if anyone in the community wishes to talk. Gunalcheesh and Happy Harvesting time!



### Tlingit Language Gathering

The Annual Tlingit Language Gathering happened again this year in June for an intense 3 weeks of classes. From Beginners to advance, over 30 people attended.

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### Fresh veggies for sale at the Commons

C/TFN Summer Students are working with Kevin Bayne at the Garden and selling their veggies at the Commons every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m.

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# Governance Update

by Michelle Parsons

It's been a busy summer, with lots happening – as usual!

It was absolutely moving on a spiritual level to see our Clan poles being raised on July 27th (pictures attached). General Council was held on June 16th and 17th. General Council reviewed and approved the 2018/2019 fiscal year budgets for each Department. Burial Support when a C/TFN Citizen passes away was increased to \$2000 (from the original \$1000); Honorariums were increased to be more equal with other boards and committees in the Yukon from \$250/day to \$400/day; and lastly, a \$2/hour increase was approved for all staff. The next General Council will be near the end of September or early October to discuss/review the Audited Financial Statements and to receive updates from the Trusts and the Development Corporation.

We are hoping to be able to launch a new website soon with a Citizen login area where we will be able to post meeting agendas for General Council, Executive Council, Elders Council, Lands Management Board and the other Clan Based Committees along with minutes, etc. to keep everyone more informed about regular meetings and day-to-day business.

Personally, fall is my favorite time of year and is just around the corner! Items that the Governance team will be working diligently on this year include: constitution review, implementation of the workplace safety program and review of the personnel policy.

A few changes in Governance staff – Congratulations to Sheena on her healthy beautiful baby girl! Sheena is off for a year on maternity leave and Peggy Dubeau will be backfilling for her. Also, Jimmy is away until February on a Temporary Assignment with Yukon Government, Maxine Benoit will be filling in for him during this time.

If you're looking for more information on events, etc. there are a number of options- we have a Facebook Page (for Public C/TFN announcements), a Facebook Group (Closed for open discussions with Citizens and staff), Instagram, Twitter and we have started a Citizenship emailing list (which we email once a month any new activities happening). If you aren't aware, C/TFN is quite popular in terms of media, there seem to be fairly regular stories on APTN (Gunalcheesh Shirley), as well, we are awaiting airing of the CBC Still Standing Show filmed here last summer which is set to air this fall, when the show starts up again AND we are working with APTN to showcase success stories in our community and teach non-Indigenous people about our culture – this series is called First Contact – we will keep you posted when it airs.

I look forward to getting out and visiting everyone during the next round of community dinners!





# Language Nest

by Deborah Baerg

## YAK'ÉI YAKYEE CH'A LDAKÁT YEEWHÁAN!!

### (GOOD DAY EVERYONE!)

Language CAMP THAT HAPPENED THIS PAST JUNE 2018 was a huge success and we had a great turn out locally in each community and also with visitors coming all the way from Juneau & Yakutat Alaska !!

The first Tlingit camp began in Teslin, Yukon beginning June 12 to 16 for beginner speakers. This camp was held at TTC's Beautiful Cultural Building just outside Teslin. The Teslin people fed us very well for the 5 days we spent there learning Tlingit and treated us all just like family looking after each of us especially our Elders. Were honored to have Ida Calmegane and Norman James as well as other Fluent TTC Elders helping to make our language-learning journey into something very special! Gunalchéesh sh tooçaa haa ditee yeewháan !! And also great Atlein Gunalchéesh to C/TFN's TE Crew for helping to bring more folks from Carcross who want to begin to learn Tlingit and was also great to see the TE crew come and join us in our Tlingit class in Teslin !! The next intermediate language camp happened at the YNLC in Whitehorse from the dates June 18 to 22. Once again we were all fed very well at the 2nd intermediate classes ! Gunalchéesh tsú yeewháan!! The Final Advanced Lingit language camp was held here at C/TFN's New Learning Centre. Gunalchéesh to our cooks Jerry James and Crew for the final week of the advanced classes, the great food was so delicious and we all gained a few pounds for the winter months ahead LOL !! All 3 language camps were at full capacity and many laughs and awesome memories were made as well as life time

friends who came from across the way! We hope to have more camps through the winter and we hope to see you all there !!



## Albert Paul James *Shagoon*

October 10, 1943 - July 31, 2018

Albert was passionate about his peoples' rights and committed to the protection of their land, the water and animals. He was representing his people on countless boards, committees and planning processes. He was a brilliant strategist in negotiations. Albert loved being on the land; he truly was part of the land and part of the water. He was an excellent hunter and fisherman who took pride in providing for his family and friends. The Pole Raising Ceremony was the last community event Albert attended, it must have been a dream come true for the man that spent years researching longhouses and thinking ways of how to bring them to the Yukon! May you have a well deserved rest in peace!

# Haa Yatxi Hidi

It has been a hot and busy summer at Haa Yátx'i Hidi! With so many Bears in town we have been extra careful by staying close to the yard and having Bear Aware training with the children.

Programming for the Month of August is underway and theme is ***Hunting and Back to School!***

We would like to welcome Georgianne Huebschwerlen to the team at Haa Yátx'i Hidi. Georgianne and Delores Beattie are working together with the preschool / school age group.

**Renovations** at HYH will be completed in the month of August. All work will be done after hours to ensure the safety of the children. The renovations include replacing the current internal doors to the kitchen and each of the play rooms with half doors so that staff can more easily communicate with one another and seek support if needed. Also a new exit door will be made from the preschool room directly to the playground so that children do not need to walk through the parking lot to get to the playground.

## Reminders to Parents:

- When filling out subsidy forms, they need to be checked over by our Supervisor to ensure all the proper documentation is there. If you need help with this, please let us know. Child Care Services is also available to answer any questions that you may have in regards to Subsidy. They can be reached at the toll free number at 1-800-661-0408. It is also very important to bring in your letters of approval when you receive them as we do not get a copy of that.
- The Child Development Center comes in and works with us and the kids every month. They are in Carcross at the beginning of every month so if you would like to talk to them, please feel free to call.
- Tlingit Language is every morning from Monday – Friday, at 10:00-11:00 am. The children are learning songs in and words in Tlingit. Parents are always welcome to join.
- We are currently licensed for 25 children. There are very few full time spots available and if your child is a drop in, we kindly remind you to check in with us first to make sure we can accommodate that day. We would also like to remind parents/guardians that if your child will not be in, to please let us know as we can fill that spot with a drop in if needed.

## Literacy Camp

This summer C/TFN has partnered with Ghùch Tlâ Community School to offer 8 weeks (June 11 – Aug 3) of 1/2 Literacy Camp for children ages 6-11. Campers have been busy with field trips to Conrad campground, Caribou Crossing, Kookatsoon, the RCMP station, Carcross Beach, Rotary Park and the Canada Games Center. Campers also had the opportunity to sponsor and release 5 Salmon Fry as well as Dance and Drum at the Pole Raising on July 27th. A HUGE thank you to Shirley McKay, Judy Anne Leamon and all those who came together to make this camp a success!





# Greetings from the Capacity Development Department



*Photo from staff retreat June 1, 2018 after team building in the Escape Room*

## Summer Students

It has been an incredible summer full of new creative energy as we welcomed 24 grade 7-12 students and 5 post-secondary 'Career Focus' students to the team at C/TFN. Students are gaining experience throughout C/TFN and the community with positions at a variety of locations.

### Skateboard Park:

- Jacqueline Barrett
- Breeze Ward
- Kennedy Harper
- Sage Smarch
- Trayvon Kelly
- Draven Schinkle
- Alejandro Joe

### Garden/Farm:

- Zach Lennie
- Cameron Lindstrom
- Clayton Beattie
- Damon Bayne
- Echo Gatensby
- Ethan Boucher
- Seqoya Bayne
- Sheldon Beattie
- Donna Johns (Career Focus)

### Capacity:

- Alex Gobeil
- Jamie Baker

### Art House :

- Margaretta Joe

### Daycare:

- Charliez McLaughlin
- Natellia Lindstrom

### Infrastructure:

- Coin Bryden
- Azreal Dickson
- Terrance Smith

### HLNR:

- Trentan

### Career Focus Students:

- Crystal Carvill – Art House
- Donna Johns – Farm / Garden
- Mackenzie Davy – Health and Wellness
- Thomas Faucet – Carving Shed
- Nicole Welin – Governance / Summer Student Coordinator



## Tutor

We are pleased to welcome back Keith Seaboyer as our Permanent Full-Time Tutor starting Aug 27th!

Keith is available to assist community Members of all ages and we now have an interactive smart board to make learning even more fun!

If you are interested in setting up a time to meet with him you can find him upstairs in the Capacity Building or at ext. 8273

## Transitional Employment

A new intake for the TE Crew started at the beginning of April. The crew is spread out and working in different areas of C/TFN including Health and Wellness, the Skateboard Park, and infrastructure.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work that they put in at all our events and we truly appreciate all there help!

**Please note: the TE Crew will no longer be responsible for wood. Wood is now being managed by Infrastructure.**



# Youth Programs

We have seen a big increase in participation of youth programming over the summer! It has been awesome to see so many youth out. We are currently working on programming for the fall. If you have any ideas please let David know, he can be found upstairs in the Capacity Building or ext. 8225. July 19 & 20 BYTE and Blood ties offered a workshop for youth in Carcross which was attended by all our summer students and was a huge success.



## Youth Council

Establishing a Youth Council is one of our Departmental Priorities. Five of the six clans have selected representatives and we will be holding a first meeting in the fall. **Please help us is holding up and honoring our youth leaders!**

**Deisheetaan:** Lawrence Patterson  
**Alternate:** Dawn Duquette

**Yan Yeidi:** Yet to be determined  
**Alternate:** Yet to be determined

**Daklaweidi:** Michael Smith  
**Alternate:** Sheena Johns

**Kookhittaan:** Dominic Johns  
**Alternate:** Jade Gatensby

**Ishkaahittan:** Courtney Grant  
**Alternate:** Yet to be determined

**Gaanaxtedi:** Cody Smith  
**Alternate:** Yet to be determined

## Education Advisory Committee

We are pleased to welcome Charlotte Hadden and Dayle Benoit to the Committee.

**Daklaweidi:** Charlotte Hadden  
**Alternate:** Martina Smarch

**Deisheetaan:** Dayle Benoit  
**Alternate:** Karen Hall

**Ishkaahittan:** Judy Anne Leamon  
**Alternate:** Marie Helm

**Kookhittaan:** Maryann Whelin  
**Alternate:** Kevin Whelin

**Gaanaxtedi:** Jared Lutchman  
**Alternate:** Zena McLean

**Yan Yeidi:** George Shepherd  
**Alternate:** Buster Shepherd



# K4-12

With fall on the way it's time to get ready to go back to school!!!

- All Whitehorse Schools Start Aug 22nd with the exception of grade 8 student starting Aug 21st.
- Ghùch Tlâ Community School starts Aug 28th

C/TFN will be hosting Ghùch Tlâ Community School Teacher Orientation Aug 27th at Jack Pine Point

**School Supplies Request Forms** are now being accepted now. C/TFN Students enrolled in K-4 to grade 6 are eligible for \$50/student per year. C/TFN student enrolled in grades 7-12 are eligible for \$65/student per year. Forms can be found at [www.ctfn.ca](http://www.ctfn.ca) or at the Capacity Department Office.

- Kindergarten will be in the mornings this year instead of the afternoons
- Teachers will be making home visits with the Education Support Worker to introduce themselves this fall

If you have any questions about the upcoming school year please do not hesitate to contact us at (867)821-4251 ex:8229

## Skateboard Park

**Phase one** of the Skateboard Park is nearly complete. The cement has been poured, the fence is up, the lights and sign will be completed shortly and summer students will be painting designs created by their peers onto the bowl the summer.

**Phase two** is also underway which will include adding additional elements to the large pad at the back. Stay tuned for dates for a Grand Opening scheduled for the fall to celebrate!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped along the way and a special thank you to the Youth for creating the designs for the bowl, to Gary Sidney Johnson for coming up with the concept for the logo and to Ted James for designing the beautiful sun which is a part of that logo.



# Education Employment & Training (ASETS, Training & Post Sec)

The EETO office has been extremely busy as we had more than 25 Applications for Post-Secondary studies this year. We are so proud of all our students and excited to see so many new applicants this year!

**The Post-Secondary deadline for the Winter Semester is November 15th 2018 @ 4:30 pm.**

Funding for short-term courses (one month or less) is also available. Applications must be submitted 2 weeks before a Course begins. If the applicant is seeking funding for a course longer than 1 month, such as trades training, the deadlines will follow the same schedule as the Post-Secondary deadline dates stated above.

If you are thinking about continuing your education please come and see us or give us a call (867)821-4251 ex: 8257 Applications can be found on the C/TFN Web site or in our office. You can also request them by email and fax.

## Carcross Community Garden

Well, it has been another wonderful year at the garden. A lot of the vegetables that were grown this year were started from seed, out at the farm and were planted in the greenhouse and outside fields. This was a great learning curve, this was the first time we used 100% seed without purchasing starter plants. All the seed took very well and gave use a great yield for the 2018 season. We were pleased to have started with nine students this year. Damon Bayne, Echo Gatensby, Zach Leenie, Sheldon Beattie, Seqoya Bayne, Sage Smarch, Camron Linstrom, Eathen Boucher, and Clayton Beattie.

The students accomplished a great deal this year, they learned new things, like how to care for a variety of berries and vegetables. All students took their turn through the summer working at the farm learning to feed & water the animals. Each student contributed in their own way and worked well together.

The small community is getting more familiar with seasonal produce such as kale, spinach and various types of lettuces and root vegetables. Making herbs and greens available weekly, to Elders, prenatal women and those who are dependent on financial assistance helps to establish a knowledge base and interest in growing a garden. This approach helps to build a familiarity to the possibilities of having an annual harvest of quality vegetables where before there was none, or only from a distance to Whitehorse.





# Farm Update

To let everyone know; the Carcross/Tagish First Nation farm, located east of Carcross on the Tagish road is up and running. There were potatoes, carrots and beets planted this year, testing the soil for growing after not been worked for many years. The farm has expanded and now has 8 pigs, 3 horses, 1 milking goat and 40 turkeys to add to the laying hens many new pot chickens, rabbits and honey bees. Anyone wanting to go down to the farm can come out and have a look at all the hard work that has been done over the summer, great job Lloyd. The farm has sold and donated over 800 dozen eggs through the winter and summer of the 2017-2018.





# Carcross Tagish Management Corporation

Summer is well underway and the Carcross Tagish Management Corporation (CTMC) Stewards have been hard at work on three major restoration projects in the Traditional Territory, as well as landscaping at the Learning Centre, carpentry, and setting up the Stewards Camp, across the highway from Choooutla Village Road. The three major reclamation projects are cleaning up the Arctic Gold & Silver (AGS) tailings site on Montana Mountain, cleaning up the Venus tailing site by Conrad, and cleaning up the Choooutla former residential school site. We've been busy this year collecting data at AGS and Venus to make sure we understand what is going on at both sites. Both were closed in the 1990's but things have changed since then, and there are metals and acid being generated. The Stewards have worked with our consultants to collect sediment, water, fish and bird data, among other things, this summer.

We're continuing work at the Choooutla site to figure out how deep and how wide is the area with old fuel contamination in the soil. We're working with the Choooutla Elders Advisory Committee to make sure the work is healthy, and respectful of the spirits at the site. This Summer we worked with contractors to dig soil test pits at the Choooutla site to see how wide the contamination is, and starting on the 8th of August we will drill holes to see how deep it is. We are also developing a Stewardship plant propagation program with Krystal and Yukon College, so that we can plan and grow the plants to reclaim the sites.

One of the key things with all three sites is planning what we want to do with the sites and the land when they are clean. We are always looking for your input, and need community - level direction so we can decide what to do to get there. What do you want to see at AGS, Venus and Choooutla when they are clean?

Please drop by the Stewards Camp and visit us, or come by the Open House on August 28, to get more detail on all of our exciting projects!



## Congratulations to all 2018 C/TFN Graduates!





# The Dáanaa Jíli (Cache) Trust Update



by Cynthia James

The Dáanaa Jíli (Cache) Trust has a rhythm of due-diligence. We meet quarterly to review ongoing Trust activities, including receiving updates on our investment portfolio of local, national and international assets. Now that our beautiful Learning Centre is open, we meet predominantly on our Traditional Territory. The Trustees have begun meeting semi-annually with other Yukon First Nation Trusts to share information and resources. This step in solidarity has been invaluable in growing and learning about the range of wealth in our Yukon First Nation communities.

The trustees hosted a luncheon at the Haa Yatx'i Hidi Day Care to share the traditional story of the Raven and Crow potlatch to honour and educate our children about this important trust. The luncheon was well-attended and the Trustees and Investment Counsel gifted animal puppets to incorporate into Tlingit language storytelling and play. Of course, one of the most uplifting days for our nation was the pole raising and grand opening of the Learning Centre. The Trustees were honoured to gift the First Nation with original artwork of our trust logo created by one of our artists', Blake Lepine.

We also hosted an information session dinner for C/TFN community members in November 2017 at the Learning Centre. We were pleased to engage with Citizens who asked informative questions and enjoyed winning trust door prizes in hopes of becoming talking pieces, to share with others the meaning of preserving, building and sharing of our wealth.

Dáanaa Jíli Trustees set goals annually and are guided by a strategic plan. One of the most important objectives is communication with our Citizens. Our goal is to increase education efforts to keep our fellow citizens informed. I strongly encourage Citizens to engage in these opportunities and connect with the Dáanaa Jíli Trustees.

All my relations,

## Justice Update

Time sure goes by fast! I have been to 6 work shops and training since Spring and I am proud and happy to be learning more about Restorative Justice and am meeting new and interesting people in the system. I am now doing a two part time position with CTFN, one as a Justice Coordinator and the other one is now the Aboriginal Court worker for Carcross.

I am vewry pleased to say that we have a few successful diversion. Learning as we go along, support is an important part of a successful referral process. **The next Circuit court date is October 2nd 2018 at 10:00 AM.**

Just to let everyone know, I will be away on medical leave and back the first week in November. Consult with Lori Duncan about my replacement.

Take care, Cheryl Wilcox



**Haa Yatxi Hidi  
performing at  
the Pole Raising  
Ceremony!**

# Counselling & Outreach

Jane Grey, C/TFN counsellor is still available at 821-5241, ext. 8220.

Mike Birkett will continue working to provide Child, Youth and Family Counselling or C.A.T.S. Program. Based in Whitehorse. Referrals can go through Jane Grey, Outreach or the school.

There is a clinical counsellor working from the Health Clinic. Jane Grey, the Health Clinic and Outreach workers would be happy to refer you.

Many Rivers continues to provide service on Fridays.

We have a new community drug & alcohol and mental health support counsellor working from the government service health and wellness building. You can be referred or call her on her cell at 821-2922.

Groups will be starting in the Fall. Look for posters and the next newsletter.

Contact Dina Delaronde or Ashley Carvil for an update on Peace Making Circle Training.

*Elders Coordinator Christina Barrett is away for the month of August on holidays. Happy camping!*

## Peacemaking Circle Training

Dates for the next Peacemaking Circle Training:

Orientation: Sept. 25, Traditional Values: Oct. 1 to 4, Trauma: Oct. 9 to 12, InDignity: Oct. 22 to 25

Circle Foundation: Nov. 5 to 8, Graduation: Nov. 23

Application Deadline: September 14

For more information or to register, contact:

Dina Delaronde: 821-4251 ext. 8223 - dina.delaronde@ctfn.ca

Ashley Carvill: 821-4251 ext. 8221 - ashley.carvill@ctfn.ca



## Summer Students on the Land with Donna Johns





# Learning Centre Updates

The Learning Centre staff promoted Pole Raising and Haa Kusteeyi at Celebration 2018 in Juneau proudly showcasing C/TFN, way to represent!



The Learning Centre has been very busy hosting many events this year. The staff have been working hard to keep on top of all the activities while working on making the Learning Centre a cultural hub that the community can enjoy whether it is hosting a sewing class in the language area or hosting a Maori delegation.

Many local events are being planned for this fall, Still Standing comedy preview of the Carcross filming and a fall feast to name but two. The Learning Centre will be creating a new society to help the Learning Centre with cultural exhibits, future planning and decision-making working closely with the Manager of the Learning Centre to be a part of creating the best Cultural Centre in the Yukon.

If you are interested in being a part of history in the making, please drop a resume off with James Smith Director of Infrastructure.

Pole raising was a huge success with 3 times the number of people attending from last years pole raising, I would like to thank all who volunteered, the Learning Centre staff and the carvers for making this an incredibly memorable day, Gunâlchéesh!



The Youth are getting ready for the Grand opening of the Skatepark this Fall selecting the new logo.



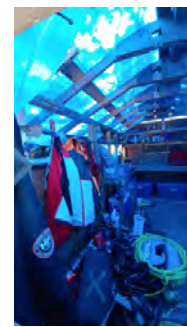
Infrastructure has been busy during this years building season from regular everyday maintenance tasks to building new homes, on the land camp, planning for new areas to build future housing, and everything in between. As many people know we are always looking for more trades people, we can always use more carpenters to assist us with upcoming renovations, camp building and new home builds. If you know anyone that has experience with carpentry please have him or her contact Infrastructure.



The five tiny homes have final building permits and will soon be filled with new tenants.



The camp ninja's have been busy out at Gaanuulaa building new cabins, cookshacks, outhouses and cabins for all to enjoy, good job!!!



# Human Resources

## New Staff

**Josie Baker**, Payroll & Benefits Administrator, is now full-time permanent.

**Malinda Dawson**, Finance Administrator, is also now full-time permanent.

**Joyner Edmond**, is the Human Resources Administrator, and is responsible for recruitment activities. Joyner can answer any questions about job postings or work opportunities and can be reached at 821-4251 x 8269.

**Jamie McCarthy**, is the new Human Resources Manager. His background is in Human Resources and he has worked with the Yukon Government, Government of Nunavut, and Nova Scotia Health Authority before joining us in May.

## Employee Sun Life Benefits Update - Medical Cannabis

As an update to our benefits plan, medical cannabis coverage is now available through Sun Life for all contributing (permanent) C/TFN employees. Employee's will have to purchase the cannabis from a Health Canada Licensed Producer as well as have their doctor complete an authorization form. The conditions under which medical cannabis applies are cancer, HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, palliative care, and rheumatoid arthritis and are also covered by Yukon's Chronic Disease Program.

## Apprenticeship

Capacity Development, Infrastructure and Human Resources are working together with Yukon College and Apprenticeship Yukon to develop a C/TFN Apprenticeship program. Apprenticeship is a structured system of supervised training that combines on-the-job learning under the supervision of a certified journey person. A C/TFN Apprenticeship program will combine on-the-job training and in-classroom learning for individuals looking to obtain a trade in Carpentry. This program will encourage education and workforce development and will be a financial benefit for apprentices. More information about this program will be communicated soon.

## Employee Engagement Survey

HR is exploring conducting an employee engagement survey later this Fall. Engagement surveys are important as they give employees an opportunity for open feedback. Further, an employee engagement survey will help us understand employees' attitude, feedback, and motivation. Research shows that engaged employees are healthier, happier, more productive and provide better service. We look forward to hearing how we can continue to support our employees.

## Travel Management

C/TFN is always reviewing ways to reduce the costs associated with governing. One way we can do this is to reduce the cost of travelling and part of this cost is the administration of booking travel and accommodation. C/TFN is exploring an agreement with Flight Centre that would allow them to book travel and accommodation for staff that are required to travel for work. By engaging a third party to book travel and accommodation for GC/TFN business, we will save on travel and accommodation costs as well as the associated administration cost.

## Registered Pension Plan

Related to cost savings C/TFN is exploring other fund providers that may be able to offer lower management fees, resulting in cost savings that would be passed on to the investors (higher-returns). Discussions are ongoing with Clearpoint Benefits.



# Pole Raising Ceremony - July 27th





# News from HLNR

## Land planning

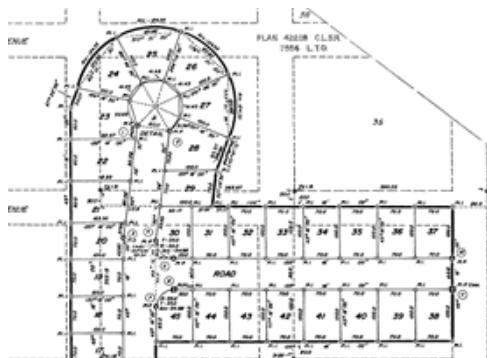
### Trespass on C-19B

On August 13, 2018, pursuant to the C/TFN Final Agreement and Section 62 of the C/TFN Land Interest Act the owner of the plane being operated out of Choutla Lake has been given notice to remove the illegally installed dock and ceases accessing Settlement Land for commercial purposes. He has 10 days to comply with this notice. This is a joint C/TFN and YG initiative.



### First Nation Land Titles Act & Land Titles Registry

On October 15, 2018, the consultation process for the review of the C/TFN Land Titles Act started. This act needs to be in place for C/TFN being able to use the First Nation Land Title Registry that has been deemed complete earlier this year. The First Nations participating in this process (TH, TTC, CAFN, KFN, TKC, NND and C/TFN) have to now make a decision, if they want to implement the system. If so, they need to pass the Land Titles Act for their First Nation. So far, TH and TTC passed the act. For more information see the attached brochure.



### Leases in the Watson River Subdivision & at Carcross Cut-Off

There are 10 lots in the Watson River Subdivision and we received 9 applications from Citizens. The lots were assigned though a draw that took place on August 16, 2018. In September 2018, the Carcross Cut-Off Settlement parcel C-82B will be surveyed. There will be 42 1ha lots, available first to Citizens and then to the broader public.



*If you have questions to these or other land-related projects, give Doris a call at 333-6631, email to [doris.dreyer@ctfn.ca](mailto:doris.dreyer@ctfn.ca), or find her in the Main C/TFN Office.*

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were  
connecting!





# Tagish Burial Recovery

An eroding burial was brought to the attention of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation in early July. The human remains had been noticed by a passerby and reported to the RCMP. The RCMP contacted C/TFN to make them aware of a historic burial along the shores of the Tagish River.

The Carcross/Tagish Elders were consulted to provide guidance as to what should be done with this particular burial.

The banks of the Tagish river have been eroding consistently for some time, and some burials have been previously eroded. In the mid-70's there was an effort to collect some eroded remains. Spirit houses were built to house the remains (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Grave House with sign "Tagish Indian Cemetery"

According to old maps, as well as stories shared during the project by visitors who had spent their youth in this area, the location is identified as a gathering place, a traditional trading place, and a place for burial (Map 1). HLNR Heritage staff, with the help of YG Heritage did a thorough walk-through of the area behind the burial to note any other possible cultural resources. No other possible burials were identified, however, various cans and bottles, and some wood with nails were noted, indicating long-term and regular use of this area (Figure 2).



Map 1



Figure 2: Bottle and wood with nails found during survey of area

It is believed that the burial is a post-contact First Nation burial. This is based on the wooden coffin. Prior to Church influences, traditional funerary practices mostly included cremation rather than burial. The inclusion of several buttons imply the possible presence of a button blanket or regalia.

In this instance, the remains were in the bank with just one side exposed, and the Elders advised to keep the burial in place and protect the bank from further erosion. It was mentioned that the grave and any items in it should not be removed.

With their guidance, and the direction of Kha Shade Heni Carvill, the HLNR department worked to protect the burial. A plan was developed between HLNR and KC Contracting, YG Heritage were consulted for any experience with this type of event.

Before work started at the site, a small ceremony including smudging and prayer was done. Smudging before and after work each day was done by all members of the crew, as well as any visitors to the site. The equipment used was also smudged.

Several people worked to monitor the site to ensure that the burial was not disturbed by bank instability as well as human interference. CTMC and HLNR each provided monitors to help with this job. An archaeological monitor from HLNR was present during any activities near the burial to ensure the integrity of the site. A monitor stayed at the camp ground to monitor traffic headed in that direction in the evenings.

HLNR Heritage, with the help of YG Heritage, worked to collect any of the materials that had fallen from the burial. This include 81 buttons



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a tooth, a berry, and several wood fragments of various sizes (Figure 3 and Figure 4). All of these materials were placed in a wooden box and kept on site, at the base of the bank where the burial was located.



Figure 3: Berry collected from debris fallen from the bank



Figure 4: Buttons collected from debris fallen from the bank

***The buttons appear to be shell, abalone (mother of pearl). There are two different styles: one with a deeper ridge. Both styles have four holes. Because the buttons all look the same, they are likely machine made. Buttons were a common trade good.***

KC contracting brought in materials to help build up the bank and protect the burial. It required creating an access ramp from gravel and sand to reach the burial which was located 200 m down the clay beach. Gravel and sand were built up on top of a layer of technical fabric to prevent erosion (Figure 5).



Figure 5: Access ramp development over technical fabric alongside the bank

Once the site of the burial was reached, they built up a bank of gravel and sand to just below the burial. A large cedar plank was placed against the bank, covering the burial (Figure 6).



Figure 6: Cedar plank covering the burial

All of the collected materials were placed behind the cedar plank (Figure 7).



Figure 7: Wooden debris collected and placed between the cedar and the bank

A thick layer of clay was then placed against the cedar (Figure 8). After the burial was fully enclosed, more gravel and sand were mounded on top (Figure 9).



Figure 8: Covering the cedar with clay



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**Figure 9: Building the bank up further**

A layer of technical cloth, to prevent erosion (Figure 10), was draped over the entire mound, and then large angular rock was placed on top to a depth of at least 30 cm (Figure 11).



**Figure 10: Technical Fabric covering the sand and gravel**



**Figure 11: Angular rock to cover the entire mound**



**Figure 12: Finished protection**

After the work was complete, Mark Wedge and Colleen James came to site and performed a small ceremony to honor the ancestor.

The whole process was watched regularly by an eagle who visited us every day at the site (Figure 13).



**Figure 13: Eagle watcher**

It was an honour and a privilege to be a part of this project. So many thanks to everyone who made this happen! Thank you to the elders for their guidance and support. Thank you to Khà Shâde Héni and Michelle for figuring out the funding. Thank you to HLNR for the support and to Tami for coordinating a bunch of stuff! Thank you to Keith Wolf Smarch for finding us the cedar, Johnny John's for donating a small box, Raeanne and Jordan for bringing the larger box. Huge thanks to Kyle and Alfred from KC Contracting who worked hard on this project in an extremely respectful way. Thank you to Mark Wedge for his spiritual guidance, and to both he and Colleen James for offering to perform the ceremony.

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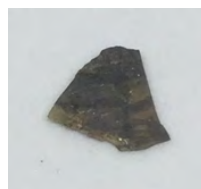
# 2018 Chooutla Finds

The CTMC is conducting a heritage assessment at the Chooutla site to find sites that will show how the Carcross/Tagish people used the land before it became a school site. Delaney Prysnyuk and Jen Herkes are the archaeologists on site.

The area is on the shores of Nares Lake and includes where Chooutla (Grayling) Creek drains into the lake. There are some significant benches that are elevated above the low-lying area where the school was built. It is on these landforms where the work will be concentrated.

So far, some 30 cm x 30 cm shovel test units have been dug along the ridge below the powerlines that run next to the road. The workers have found artifacts in many of these tests.

The artifacts include primarily the stone chips or flakes that are removed as a person is creating, fixing, or sharpening a stone tool. Multiple types of stone chips have been found. This tells us that the area was regularly and repeatedly used.



One very cool find was an abalone button. These would have been important trade items and were often used to decorate regalia and other important items. The drilled holes seem quite uniform, but the edges of the button do not seem to have been made by machine, so this could be a early button. More research is required.



The shovel testing will continue up along the bench where the garden is located, and behind the garden, near the creek.

Anyone is welcome to come and visit and participate if you are interested.

## Did You Know?

- C/TFN has a farm with pigs, rabbits, chickens, horses, bees.... with a Committee for Citizens to join? Call Keith Seaboyer ext. 8216
- 77% of C/TFN Staff are 40 years and older
- 80% of C/TFN Staff are C/TFN Citizens
- 58 Citizens are on the Housing List and 78% of them are; 1: 1 person, 2: 1 person and 1 child, 3: 1 Elder
- 51% of C/TFN Citizens are living outside the Yukon Territory
- C/TFN is the only YFN to be on the Steering Committee for a Yukon Tourism Plan
- According to YG 2017 Final Report on Tourism, Carcross is the most visited community in the Yukon

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