



Swans are arriving in the Traditional Territory



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Message from Khà Shâde Hénì

by Andy Carvill

Good Day Everyone! Spring is fast approaching and we are looking forward to warmer days! To welcome this beautiful season of birth, rebirth and renew, we would like to create something new in our community by having a "Happy Gathering" and invite special guests and entertainers. We would like to focus on positive things and have our Citizens gather to celebrate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Gordon Foundation for nominating C/TFN and the peacemaking circle training to the Arctic Inspiration Prize. It was a great team effort to put this project together and we are proud that our peacemaking circle training was awarded \$500,000. Round 2 of the training is happening now at the Learning Centre and we are grateful to see so many participants, especially Youth.

The Gordon foundation and the Jane Glasgow foundation came to visit our community in March to spend time on the land. The Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources team took them on Bennett Lake to pull out some fish nets that were previously set. Former Khà Shâde Hénì Mark Wedge told stories around a camp fire and shared some of our Virtues and Values with the group.

Spending time on the land is a priority for C/TFN and I wish to see more Elders and Youth together to share some traditional knowledge. We are looking forward to camps and getting people from the community on the land to learn on how to harvest, dress out animals, do ceremonies etc. We will also have a Muskrat Trapping camp in April in Lubbock (from the 12th to the 15th) as it was a huge success last year.

To be able to have activities and traditional teachings on the land we will set up camps at Squaw Point and Moose Arm this summer. I am always open to hear from you and we are seeking inputs on programming for different events that would happen on the land.



Jill Heinerth Visits Carcross

Explorer-in-residence with the Royal Canadian Geographical society Jill Heinerth inspires kids at Ghuch Tla Community school.

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Setting up fish nets on Bennett

Heritage, Lands & Natural Resources team went on Bennett lake to set up fish nets in hoping to catch fish while the Jane Glasgow Foundation was in the community for a visit.

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Governance Update

by Michelle Parsons



Bring on Spring!

We've been anxiously watching the snow melt, and enjoying the days getting longer. With Spring comes more activities, including fiscal year-end activities – Executive Council and Management Board are busy preparing end of year financial statements, ensuring that next year's priorities are budgeted for and gearing up for the next General Council meetings to have the budgets approved (**General Council will be June 16 & 17, 2018**).

We are also wrapping up the next round of quarterly Community Dinners – at the end of March/beginning of April. Looking back, we'd like to thank everyone that helped us to have successful Christmas dinners before the holidays. These events take a community and we're always happy to have the extra help!

This Spring will see the start of the work on replacing the Nares River Bridge, which is set to be wrapped up by 2020. The successful bid on the bridge was Ruskin who is working in partnership with the Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation. There is a firm commitment from both of these entities to hire C/TFN Citizens, businesses and equipment with monthly reports due when the work commences.

Spring also brings with it the return of the tourist season, buses, etc. While we are happy to have visitors in our Traditional Territory, we are also participating in the creation of a Tourism Development Strategy with Yukon Government. We hosted an engagement night to ask the communities how they would like to see tourism grow sustainably.

In house, we recently underwent training with all staff on the implementation of C/TFN's Safety Program. Of course, the idea here is to start to document all the training and safeguards that we take to ensure staff are working safely. Thank you Peggy Dubeau for spending the time with us to get this project done! Also, we are working on a Conflict Management Strategy and the development of a position to work with conflict situations in the workplace and to ensure that workplace harassment and conflicts are dealt with in a positive way. We all spend so much time at work, let's work together to make it just a little more pleasant for everyone!

As you may have heard, we are expanding the Communications Team (thanks for the great work!) to include Events and Communications Team so that the First Nation events are done with a collaborative, teamwork approach, with involvement from all Departments.

So – as usual, we are looking forward to a busy and fun Spring season and hope to hear from you, or see you at our upcoming events!



Language Nest

by Deborah Baerg

YAK'ÉI YAKYEE CH'Á LDKÁT YEEWHÁAN!!

(Good Day Everyone!)

Since our last update all is going well at our little language nest! Our new students are doing awesome!! The children are speaking very clearly in Tlingit and also doing very well at counting. The kids enjoy singing the Lingít lullabies and games we play with them in the language nest. Their favorite is "Head and Shoulders knees and toes" done in Tlingit. We also like to begin our little language nest in the morning with a Tlingit prayer if possible, by our Fluent speaker Winnie Atlin.



See some of the songs and games listed below :

- Yak'úi ixwsateení ya ts'ootaat (*It's good to see you this morning*)

- Kadli.ítji óótx.ayanahá (*Twinkle, twinkle little star*)

- Tléix', Déix, Nás'k, Daax'oon, Keijín Át gayshí tle wóoshteen (*1,2,3, 5 that's the way we sing it*)

- Jinkaát Lingít K'ísáani (*Ten lil Lingíts*)

- Goosú wa.é & Wáa sá l yatee? (*where are you and how are you*)

- 1st review body parts for Shá ǎ Xeeek Shí (*head and shoulders song*)

- Gaawx, Gaawx, T'aawaak (*Duck, Duck Goose game*)

- Mr. Gooch X'oon Gaaw sáya? (*What time is it Mr. Wolf?*)

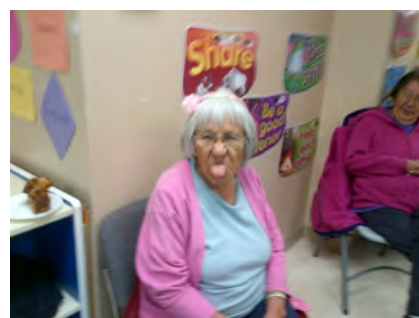
- Tsu yéi ixwasateen seigánin (*See you again tomorrow*)

- New Game, Té, X'úx', Kashakasha (*Rock, Paper, Scissors*)

On Fridays we play Sagú Lingít bingo game with the kids and they love it !!

UPCOMING LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING OR CAMPS!

We have tentatively booked June 18 to June 22, 2018 this year for our next inland language gathering and we are inviting all levels of speakers to come and join us! Please see C/TFN's Facebook page for confirmed dates of this gathering that will take place this summer in Carcross. Teslin Tlingit Council will hosting the first week from June 11 to June 15. Please contact Tim Hall at TTC for further information. Excited to share!! For the past few years a group of us from our language team have been working on "New Tlingit Phrases" booklet and hoping to have it ready to print and out to those interested in learning in the not too far off future !!



Capacity Development Department

With Spring comes renewed energy and the excitement of planning for the year ahead. Over the past few months we have been working hard on our Education Agreement with Yukon Government which is expanding to reflect lifelong learning. As part of our Education Agreement Dr. Lee Brown was in Carcross to work with teachers at Ghùch Tlâ, staff at HYH (Haa Yatxi Hidi) and TE (Transitional Employment) as well as the community. It was a great success and a plan is in place to continue work in Emotional Competency.

We are eager to get to work on our 2018/2019 priorities.

1. Explore the Development of a Youth Centre.
2. Incorporate Language and Cultural Teachings in Youth Programming.
3. Explore innovative TE Work Projects (in partnership with all Departments).
4. Establish a Youth Council (in partnership with Governance Department).
5. Explore a research project to develop a Culturally Relevant Assessment Tool.



In addition to these priorities we are looking into some new exciting projects, including a motivational speaker series, curriculum development for culture camps and C/TFN courses, and an entrepreneurship program.

We are taking on some big initiatives this year and we can't do it alone. So if you are passionate about an area and are interested in getting involved please let us know.

Haa Yatxi Hidi

Happy Spring!!! This has been a long and busy winter and we are happy that spring has arrived. This also means that the weather is changing. Please ensure your children arrive each day with the appropriate clothing and footwear as we go outside each day.

- Our staff have been busy doing training and working on programming for each of the age groups. We have themes for each month that incorporate colors, numbers, words & games.
- Just a reminder that 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 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.
- We would like to say good luck to Nadine. Nadine has now left as she is awaiting the arrival of her new little one. She will be off on Maternity leave for the next year.
- HYH is always looking to expand on the auxiliary list. If you are interested in working with children, please put your name in and drop off your resume with the HR Department at C/TFN.
- As summer is coming up, we will be planning many outings in and around Carcross. Newsletters go home each month from HYH so watch for upcoming activities and information.

Capacity Education K4-12 & Youth Programs

by Robin Lord

Yeah!

Its spring time!!

Change is in the air, the birds are chirping and the snow is melting and we are preparing for summer!!

There is a lot going on but here are some things we would like to highlight:

- We are pleased to welcome Leona Bryden on as our new ESW (Education Support Worker) for Ghùch Tlà Community School. Her office is located within the school so please feel free to contact her at any time.

- In February we held Culture Fun Days at the school for 3 days. It was a fantastic event, everyone came together to support and the students were awesome! The three days consisted of circles, skating, games, kick sledding, medicine making, crafts, and artwork. A BIG thank you to Violet Gatensby, Shirley Lord, our Parents, the students and staff for making it a success!

- The school is running the breakfast program each day as well as the hot lunch program. Menus go home each month. Once a month there is also a family lunch and we encourage you to join us!

- Tutoring runs from September to June. If you would like tutoring services, please let us know. This is available to all learners.

- We will be having an Elders Tea in the coming months with the students at the school, please watch for posters!

- We are still in the process of putting together our Youth Council. There will be Reps from each Clan sitting on the council and we encourage anyone interested in taking part in this to please let us know! Currently we have monthly scheduled youth meetings but attendance is very poor. We encourage our youth to come and participate.

- NEW Girls Group- Any young girls between the ages of 11-14 years are welcome to participate. Groups run every Wednesday starting March 28th. **For more information, please contact Robin @ 821-4251 ex:8229**

- Youth Programs- between C/TFN and Carcross Recreation Board there is a lot going on. Schedules are posted monthly, sent home with students and posted on social media. Come on out and have some fun!

- Graduation 2018 is coming up!!! If you know of a C/TFN Grade 12 graduate, please let us know.

- Ghùch Tlà School Council Elections are coming up in May. Please watch for notices.

Important Dates to Remember:

Vanier-Grad Mass May 11th, Cap & Gown/Prom May 12th

PCSS-Cap & Gown May 17th , Prom May 19th

FHSS-Cap & Gown May 24th , Prom May 26th

First Nations Grad-May 25th

Carcross Recognition Dinner-May 31st

No School:

April 27th- Curriculum Redesign Day (all schools)

May 21st-Victoria Day

June 7th- Last Day of school for Ghùch Tlà

June 8th-Last Day of classes for Whitehorse High schools (exams will go the following 2 weeks)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (867)821-4251 ex:8229



Visit of Explorer-in-Residence Jill Heinerth

Carcross/Tagish First Nation Capacity Development Department was pleased to host one of the world's most accomplished cave divers, Jill Heinerth. She was the first person to explore the depths of Antarctic iceberg-cave ecosystems, on the team that created the first 3D map of a cave system, and has traveled more than three kilometers into a cave on a single dive.

Sponsored by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, she has also documented ecosystems under the shrinking arctic ice as part of her Arctic on the Edge project.

We were pleased to join Jill as she shared her passion for exploration and discovery through tales and images of her underwater adventures. Jill INSPIRED the youth by giving fun interactive presentations and answering a wide array of questions. She is well known for the phrase "We're capable of doing much more than we think we are..."

She presented to; Gadzoosdaa Student Residence, Ghuch Tla Community School, the Learning Center and other locations around the Yukon. She was also interviewed by CBC remarked about how she like Carcross! Many thanks to all who helped host her in Carcross! These presentations were presented in partnership with the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

A BIG thank you to our Tutor Keith Seaboyer for making the call and making this happen!!



Career Manager Report

The Community Training Fund (CTF) has been extended into 2018/19 to offer existing training, education and employment programs to individuals living in the Carcross and Tagish areas. During the extension, C/TFN and Yukon Government Labour Market and C/TFN are developing a new three year Agreement that allows for more flexibility. For example, currently C/TFN is unable to support persons who are employed. C/TFN is working very hard to support current employees enhance current skills and gain capacity for staff retention and succession planning. We are excited to partner with Yukon Government to deliver this very important fund for anyone living in this area.

The skateboard park will be completed once the snow melts. Currently, the team is busy working with Governance Communications to complete the signage, and the lighting is on order. When the ground is thawed in the spring, the bowl and pump track will be completed. A ceremony is planned with our partners from Canada's CanNor Program, Yukon Government's Community Development Fund to officially welcome our youth and guests to this new innovative skateboard park located behind the RCMP Station in downtown Carcross. C/TFN acknowledges the partnership with the Carcross Recreation Board who will provide the annual liability insurance and C/TFN is responsible for the lighting fees and maintenance. Capacity plans to meet with youth to continue the development of the skateboard park.

Aboriginal Skills Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) is currently in negotiations to transfer the program from Canada to the Carcross/Tagish First Nation under implementation. Governance Implementation Manager is providing negotiations expertise and we'd like to thank our internal team who are past EETO's Wesley Barrett, Sheena Johns for their continued support as we move forward with our ASETS implementation plans.

Capacity continues to work closely with Health and Wellness to develop and deliver the Peacemaking Circle Training. The second round of Foundations will be completed in early April with graduation to follow. In the coming months, the team will be working on curriculum and evaluation, a third round of Foundations and specialized circle keeper circle training.

Transitional Employment

The Transitional Employment Crew has had a busy winter. They have been busy with cutting and delivering wood to Citizens, as well as assisting with the RAP Grant Renovations with Infrastructure. They are always on the go assisting wherever they can in the community. During their programming days the TE Crew has recently been participating in the Living Life to the Full Program as well as Microsoft Word training with Yukon College.

Throughout the month of March the crew also participated in a number of training courses such as Rigging and Hoisting, First Aid, TDG, H2S, Traffic Control, WHMIS and Foodsafe.

The current TE crew will be finished in May at which time there will be a new intake at the end of May. We are happy to say that we were able to share our TE Crew staff with other Departments such as Infrastructure and Admin. The skills and knowledge that they have acquired will benefit them greatly with future employment.

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

******* ATTENTION*******

AS OF APRIL 1st 2018

WE ARE NO LONGER DOING PRIVATE TRAVEL.

YOU WILL HAVE TO GO DIRECTLY TO NIHB IN ELIJAH SMITH BUILDING.

SORRY FOR THE INCOVENIENCE

Education Employment & Training

The EETO office has been extremely busy these past few months. We have been running small training courses with Yukon College to assist our community members in obtaining certificates required for summer employment. We have just passed the deadline for Post-Secondary summer courses but please remember the deadline for fall is June 1st 2018 @ 4:30 pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (867)821-4251 ex: 8257

POST-SECONDARY FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES:

Fall Semester-June 1st

Winter Semester-November 15th

Summer Semester-March 15th

C/TFN ASETS and CTFN Training Fund has supported funding for numerous training courses such as: Standard First Aid, Food Safe, WHIMS, TDG, H₂S, Traffic Control Person, Class 1, 5 & 7 drivers license, First Nations Youth Leadership Training, Babysitting Course for youth, Mental Health First Aid, Mediation Training, Lateral Kindness as well as many other training and courses for our Citizens

• ASETS & TRAINING FUND APPLICATION DEADLINES:

If the applicant is seeking funding for a short-term course (one month or less), applications must be submitted to the Employment Training Officer 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.

• EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC):

The Education Advisory Committee consists of six Clan represented members. The Committee will meet tri—annually (July, November and March) or as needed. They will be responsible for reviewing data for Post-Secondary Education and Training funding, and reviewing education and training policy and procedures.

Applications can be found on the C/TFN Web site or in our office. You can also request them by email and fax.

5 students completed Office Administration Essential Skills on March 29, a full-time program that started at the beginning of January. Students gained skills and experience necessary in an office setting, including computer skills, communication skills, basic math, minute-taking and professional letter writing. The students are Laurie Patterson, Samantha Rispin, Jordan Campbell, Freda Frances Ellis, and Tanisha Low-Bayne (missing on the picture).

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Community Adult Education Coordinator
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Infrastructure

Spring is on the way!

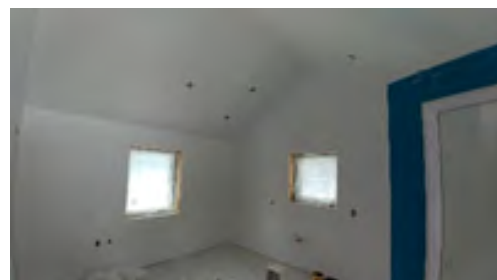
Infrastructure is ramping up for the summer building season. This summer we are working with HLNR to get back to the land and work on collaboratively reclaiming traditional sites on Tagish lake.

Four new homes are being built on Lot 4 in the Choulta Subdivision. They have been painted and the finishing work will be done over the next couple of months -- kitchen cabinets, flooring, lights, plumbing fixtures and trim. The homes will be ready for occupancy soon

We are going to aggressively pursue community water and sewer upgrades to meet the growing demand of the community. C/TFN has been working on developing a lending program for Citizens to borrow money and build or renovate your own home. Please contact Infrastructure for more information. Plans to remodel the main administration building to accommodate the growing government are nearing completion we will keep everyone posted with the progress of this much needed improvement. In February and March we hosted community dinners to start the process of developing a community enterprise, to help fill the gap between Government and local businesses to deal with issues like recycling/waste management, community infrastructure and small business development.

Greetings from the staff at the Learning Centre. We've been very active with a variety of meetings and events that have been held here in the new facility throughout the winter months. The majority of construction on Wing C has been completed with a few minor finishes that will be concluded by spring.

The Learning Centre is quickly becoming a new community hub, hosting many meetings and events. The front of the newly opened wing C has been leased to Heritage, Lands & Natural Resources Department (HL&NR) and will be used as a Language hub, hosting drop in and scheduled Tlingit language classes as well as many other cultural activities. The Centre is also developing an interpretive area in wing B to highlight the rich and diverse heritage, culture and historical artifacts found on the traditional territory. We look forward to having the HLNR team here and support ongoing cultural education programming for all.



...Infrastructure

Some of the various groups we've hosted here at the Learning Centre throughout the winter months include: Peacekeeping Circle Training, General Council, C/TFN boards, teams and committee's councils, Christmas Craft Fair, Various community meetings, Harm Reduction sessions with Blood Ties Four Directions Centre, weekly Elder's Breakfasts, Lanaxh Trust monthly meetings, Tlingit Language Game Nights, weekly, HLNR led workshops, The Gordon Foundation, CTEC Training, and a variety of other Government or Intergovernmental council leadership meetings and workshops.

We are currently hosting the second round of Peacekeeping Circle Training, led by the Capacity and Health & Wellness Departments with plans for future training through the summer and fall.

We have a variety of meetings and events that are being planned and led by C/TFN Government Departments that we will host here in the Learning Centre this Spring, with that list growing daily. Please keep your eyes on the lookout for notices posted around the community closer to event times.

There's some pretty exciting things coming our way that will lead us to July 27th, where we will be hosting a second opening ceremony to celebrate the completion of Wing C and unveiling of our six Clan poles and raising a second 25 foot pole that will stand affront of the Education Hub. The Learning Centre is currently working with a local company from Whitehorse, "Aasman: branding on purpose" to assist with Marketing strategies and other initiatives like an interactive website where you will be able to view upcoming bookings and events scheduled to occur at the Learning Centre and participate in those that are of interest to you.

We are working with a local Curator and exhibit designers to develop interpretive areas throughout the Learning Centre where we can display and share some of the art and cultural objects we have in our collection. You will start seeing these pop-up in the late spring and early summer of this year.

Over the past 6 months, the Learning Centre staff has been working with the Learning Centre Steering Committee to help establish a mandate and vision for the Learning Centre. We held a series of meetings through fall, winter and spring with leadership, youth, Elders, Council and Citizens to determine what people would like to see happening here at the new Learning Centre facility. We will continue to move forward with the direction we've received from the Steering Committee until such time that a permanent board or society is established.

We also have some staffing updates to report as the new facility takes shape. We'd like to welcome Miles Dean to the role of Maintenance Manager as of April 3rd, 2018. We look forward to having Miles onboard to assist us with the ongoing operations and maintenance of the Learning Centre facility.

Over the spring and summer, the Learning Centre will be hosting several dinners to help guide the GC/TFN, the Learning Centre, and to pursue a new Community Social Enterprise.

A big shout out to the entire Infrastructure team for all the hard work they have put into building and maintaining all the infrastructure and helping home owners update and renovate their homes through various government funded programs. Gunâchéesh! We are looking forward to a very busy and exciting Spring!



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Health & Wellness Updates

by Lori Duncan

Health and Wellness would like to welcome Ingrid Isaac to our team. Ingrid will be coordinating the Choutla project. The project is to work with an Elders Advisory group to give direction on the planning of the upcoming ceremony for Carcross/Tagish citizens and the larger ceremony planning for the larger Yukon/B.C. First Nations. There will be community meetings for updates as we go forward.

Family Act:

Implementation of this Act will include more on the land programming for families, more programs for traditional parenting (from our own Elders and parents), Clan meetings and other programs. As well, we will be developing policies on what process to follow when someone is in need of the Family Council. This has been a long time in waiting but we are making forward movement to get it going.

Medical Transportation Van:

Very important note: **We will no longer be doing private Medical Travel as of April 1st.** We will only be providing the Medical Van to Citizens that are going to a medical appointment.

Justice:

Our Justice Worker and Courtworker are now the same person. She assists those going through the court process as well as those involved in the justice system.

TFA: "Greetings from TFA in Health & Wellness"

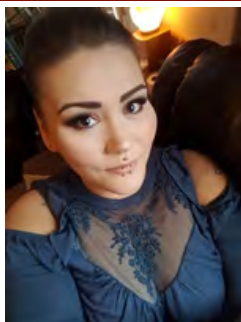
Starting May 1 2018 TFA will be requiring these documents in order to provide a smooth intake application process:

Eligibility Form, TFA Checklist, Bills, Pay Stubs, Bank Statements, Job search

If you have any questions about the above mentioned list please feel free to call TFA at 821-4251 EXT 8224 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm mon - fri.

Intake for **MAY** : will be the week of april 16-20, 2018

Thank you and have a good day!



Jane Glassco Northern Fellowship 2018-2019 Cohort welcomes Ashley!

Ashley Carvill was born into a family of leaders within the Carcross/Tagish First Nation (C/TFN). Her training in traditional Indigenous values came at the knee of her paternal great-grandmother, T'sint. As a young child, she was known in Carcross for her high sense of justice and her ability to advocate for the downtrodden youth and Elders in her Traditional Territory and surrounding areas.

She graduated high school in the city, one of only a handful from her community. She worked as a walking and ATV tour guide, giving Indigenous history lessons and teaching about the values that her First Nation espouses. Her next position was in Yukon's criminal justice system as a Corrections Officer. It was in there she came to realize that root causes of many negative justice issues stem from unresolved multi-generational childhood trauma and family breakdowns.

As a young woman, Ashley put her focus on working with families. She has worked her way up C/TFN's Health and Wellness Department starting as Office Coordinator and is now Programs Manager. This brought her closer to the very real issues that prevent her Nation from progressing. She was instrumental in helping shape the Family Council, a body established to effectively manage family matters that come before justice or social service institutions. Ashley brings her vibrancy and joyful enthusiasm to difficult issues, ensuring efficiency and accountability to the values of her ancestors.

Elders Coordination

March 29/18 – Bloodties came out to do another workshop.

April 5/18 – Service Canada will be spending the day at the Learning Center to help people interested in New Horizons for Seniors Program as well as information on public pensions such as Canada Pension Plan, Canada Pension Plan Disability, Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement. The rest of the time they will be available to help with in-person services as well as provide additional information on Service Canada programs and benefits.

Elders Breakfasts are still on the go every Tuesday, except for FN Closures, Holidays and the Christmas break. The breakfasts usually start at 10:00am but we have been having a challenge with this because the people helping were in training for their jobs. So, please be patient if breakfast is late at times.

We are also doing 'Elder Active' at the learning center. These were on Wednesdays at 11:00am, but we have been having trouble keeping a regular schedule for this. If you are interested in this activity and have some ideas to throw around, please give me a call at 821-4251 ext. 8238 or 867-332-0097.

We have started packaging up meals from donated food from the community breakfasts, lunches and dinners for anyone that can use some extra nourishment in their diet, or **if you are an Elder and you are having difficulties making your own meals; Please call our offices if you are in need of a few meals a week, and we will add your name to the list.**

We have also re-started the weekly fruit baskets, which can be found at our main administration building, Capacity Development, Infrastructure Capital Building and at the School.

Health & Wellness Outreach

Happy Spring to all, we have survived another winter! Yay!

We at outreach have been kept very busy. As outreach workers, we are involved daily, both directly and indirectly with our Citizens, incorporating the medicine wheel philosophy and C/TFN Values & Virtues, helping people to recognize and expand on their inner strengths and internal resources, and to problem solve difficult situations

We help navigate and provide advocacy for clients with external agencies (Child & Family, Health Services, Justice, etc.). We help fill out forms, make referrals to various services and agencies, Transporting people in emergency situations when no one else is available. Filling out the TFA forms bi-weekly for all clients on TFA, encouraging those who are seeking counselling, treatment or detox and helping them navigate their way through it.

We also work in Whitehorse one day a week to do outreach with our at risk clients living there, and to attend case management meetings re: children in care in Whitehorse or other northern communities outside of Carcross.

We respond to after hour call outs or phone calls when citizens require emergency help or support or report that children are in an unsafe environment or are in immediate danger.

We work collaboratively with all C/TFN departments on behalf of all our people. We also work with the RCMP, the schools, Housing, Mental Health, Children and Family Services, Counsellors, Treatment Centers, Justice, Lawyers, Hospitals, Medical Travel, Nursing Station, Mission School Truth and Reconciliation, other First Nations and any other agencies as needed.

We encourage, assist and support people making positive changes and moving forward on their wellness path.

Peacekeeping

Peacemaking Circles Training Program

Our Families, Our Way

Program History

Building on years of community experience, C/TFN ran a Peacemaking Circle Training pilot program in the Spring of 2017. During this pilot phase, 25 people were offered training in Foundations of the Peacemaking Circle, with a focus on family wellness. Of the 25 who began the Course a full 23 completed it. Funding was provided by:

- Yukon Government, Health and Social Services, Mental Wellness Strategy
- National Indian Brotherhood Trust

With continued support from the Yukon Government a second round of the foundations training was scheduled for this winter (January – April, 2018), with another 25 participants.

The program had received the Arctic Inspiration Prize (AIP) Nomination last fall. On January 31st it was announced that the Program was the recipient of the AIP \$500,000 award. With this award and ongoing commitment and partnership with C/TFN and the Yukon Government the program will be offering more training this year and coming years.

Course #1 Foundations: (18 days)

This Foundations Course is the first of 3 Core Courses that will be offered in the Program. The objective of this introductory Course is to provide foundational knowledge and competencies related to conflict resolution and peacemaking. More specifically, the Foundations Course aims to cover:

- o 1st Session - Traditional Values covering virtues, values and practices, and how they provide a foundation for peacemaking.
- o 2nd Session - Communications key concepts behind just, non-violent and non-oppressive forms of communication.
- o 3rd Session – Intergenerational Trauma how trauma impacts human beings physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, and how trauma can be transformed.
- o 4th Session Circle Foundations how all of the above applies in preparing for, holding and following up on a peacemaking circle process. The core principles, concepts and practices of an effective peacemaking circle process.

Beyond these areas of knowledge and competency, the Foundations Course aims to provide participants with an experience of connection and community that is transformational for them in a way that they need it to be. Positive change in our families, clans and communities will be based on healthy, loving and resilient relationships that support effective collaboration.

Further Courses in the Program

Course #2 – Advanced Circle Keeper Skills (20 participants)

This second Course extends deeper into the purpose and practice of peacemaking. It will provide knowledge, skills and practice in organizing, preparing, facilitating and following up on peacemaking circles. It will also examine other types of circles. Graduates will have the core skills to begin conducting circles within family, school, work and community settings.

Course #3 – Specialized Circle Keeper Skills - Children & Families (15 participants)

This third Course extends further into circle keeping competencies required in sensitive child and family matters. This will be a specialized course given the unique dimensions of working in situations where children and families may be at risk, and where the child welfare system may become involved. The primary focus is refining skills and applying them to this specific context.



Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation

Summer is around the corner, and with it comes the annual transformation of Carcross from a small, quiet community to a bustling hub of visitors coming on buses, trains, bikes, RVs, and more! Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation (CTMC) continues to invest in tourism through its ownership of the Carcross Commons, management of the Montana Mountain trail network, and other initiatives. This spring, it's also taking the time to take stock of the bigger tourism picture and chart a course for the future with a 5-year tourism plan.

The CTMC Tourism Plan will identify key directions for tourism-related investment, partnerships, and product development in the Carcross area. Those directions will be determined on the basis of several factors:

- Market demand and trends - what visitors are seeking
- Carcross' tourism opportunity - what it can offer visitors and how it can "stand apart" from the competition
- Community values and interests - what Carcross residents want to see and the employment and business opportunities that interest them
- Financial realities - what kind of investments are required and the costs of bringing tourism ideas to reality

CTMC has hired Urban Systems of Vancouver to lead the project and work with several Yukoners, including C/TFN Citizen Patricia James as a Community Liaison. Patricia will be reaching out to the community to ensure the team has a solid understanding of what both C/TFN Citizens and the broader community wants to see. The team is scheduling various events in Carcross between April 10-12. Stay tuned for more details!

CTMC and the planning team look forward to working with you to help make tourism work for Carcross, not just its visitors!

Bridge Update

by Doris Wurfbaum

Yak'ei yakyee!



Many of you have received mailers in the post regarding the Waterfront Drive partial closure to accommodate the current pile driving that is happening now. It is necessary to close this area under the bridge from **April 9, 2018 to September 30, 2018.**

The stairs and walkway will remain open to pedestrians during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience this creates for residents and we thank you for your patience. There are likely to be more inconveniences as the project gets started and the project team will do their very best to mitigate these as best we can.

Our contractor Ruskin is on site and construction activity has started. Pile driving is happening with noise and workers are installing a temporary work platform up stream of the bridge to install girders and others activities

The Ruskin site office is located on the south/east side of the bridge near the Waterfront Drive access to bridge stairs and walkway. Highways and Public Works also has a site office set up northwest side of the bridge near the Carving Shed. Ruskin's laydown area is located at Km 53.5 on the right hand side at Tagish Road. This is the area where will some equipment, tools and parts of the bridge will be stored for use as the project progresses.

If you are seeking an opportunity to be a part of this milestone project in your community, please contact Nelson Lepine at 867 334 9200 or Rachel Cardiff at 867 334 4930.

If you want to learn more about this project, please contact Doris Wurfbaum at 867 393 7193 or email doris.wurfbaum@gov.yk.ca.

Carcross Community Garden Report

by Kevin Bayne

The Carcross Community Garden project is an annual project that gives students and Citizens a chance to have summer employment and also receive work experience within the First Nation. It gives them confidence, communication skills, and builds self-esteem, all which reflect on future job requirements in their future work endeavors. The Carcross Community Garden Project hired one long time farmer and one trainee that cared for the garden when the project was first started in the summer of 2005/2006 to oversee the garden project for the 2017/18 year. Our garden utilizes organic materials and prefers to be as energy efficient as possible. Being energy efficient, means we are not leaving an environmental impact.

Throughout the winter of 2017-18, we have sold and donated over 500 dozen eggs within the community and Whitehorse. The Community Garden has donated eggs to Haa Yatx'i Hidi, Elders breakfast every Tuesday, Elders in Carcross and Tagish, and other organizations and events. We are also looking to expand our egg sales out side of the community to, Teslin and Whitehorse so far. We are very happy this year, several dozen eggs were pickled separately and with sausage and onions, and the sales went very well and we will be looking to pickle more in the coming months. We would like to thank Donna Wolfe, Daisy Gatensby, and Roberta Wally for the pickling, awesome job. In early January we harvested 110 chickens and will be harvesting 60-70 roosters in the near future.

We have started snow removal out at the farm, and are going to get it prepped for the upcoming season. This year we will be utilizing the farm and starting our starter plants in the hexagon building at the bottom of the hill located at the farm at the end of Choutla lake on the Tagish road. Lloyd Lintott, (Garden Manager), is in the process of purchasing farm equipment for the farm. Also both the Garden Manager and Garden Trainee will be attending an online course in Permaculture Design in the month of April, 2018. Kevin Bayne, (Garden Trainee) attended a Food Safe Preservation course, in Tofino, BC in the month of November.

We would like to thank everyone that donated their time in contribution to keeping our Carcross Community Garden producing all year round.



Natural Resources Updates

by Karlie Knight

Woodland Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*) Ground Based Monitoring

Our Traditional Knowledge within the Southern Lakes tells us that caribou once numbered in the tens of thousands. C/TFN has worked tirelessly over the past 26 years to address the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat within our Traditional Territory. These efforts have been paralleled by all five other Southern Lakes affected First Nation governments.

In 1992, C/TFN, five other First Nations, Yukon Government (YG), and the Government of British Columbia (GBC) collaboratively agreed to a program aimed at recovering the three herds of the Southern Lakes Caribou population: Carcross, Atlin and Ibex. As a result of this agreement the Carcross Caribou Recovery Program was born; later named the Southern Lakes Recovery Program. In 1993 C/TFN, Kwanlin Dün First Nation (KDFN), Ta'an Kwäch'än Council (TKC), Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC), Champagne and Aishihik First Nation (CAFN), and Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN) all voluntarily stopped harvesting caribou, and YG discontinued licensed harvest within the Southern Lakes.

On October 22nd, 2005, C/TFN signed their Final Agreement with YG and the Government of Canada (GC). The Specific Provision 16.3.2.2 from the C/TFN Final Agreement states that "a committee in respect of the Southern Lakes Area shall be established". (2005) The Southern Lakes Wildlife Coordinating Committee (SLWCC) was established on April 1st, 2008. Nine committee members represented KDFN, C/TFN, TKC, TTC, CAFN, TRTFN, GC, YG, and GBC.

After four years, the SLWCC's mandate ended, and the committee was disassembled as of March 31st, 2012, but the efforts of the C/TFN HLNR Department did not stop there. Through collaboration with the same six First Nation Governments, YG, GC, and BCG, the Southern Lakes Caribou Coordinating Committee (SLCCC) was established in 2017.

Through the continuous efforts of the SLCCC, GBC agreed to move from a licensed harvest of woodland caribou to a limited entry harvest (LEH) for the 2017 – 2018 hunting season, which is a small victory. The SLCCC continues to work GBC in effort to protect these caribou herds even further.

This winter was the first pilot year to test the C/TFN ground based monitoring methods for the Southern Lakes Caribou Population. We learned a lot about how to improve and strengthen our methods for the years to follow, and look forward to better understanding these animals.

Judas Creek Tributary Placer Mining Application

As you may know, there was another Placer Mining application submitted to YESAB under project #2018-0025 on Tributaries of Judas Creek. This is the second time that the proponents Nicolai Goeppel and Alex Shaman have applied to mine in this area, the first time was on November 16th, 2015 (YESAB project #2015-0204). Their 2015 application was rejected on June 21st, 2017 by the decision body (Yukon Government – Mineral Services Branch) based on the recommendations submitted to YESAB by numerous stakeholders – C/TFN included.

Judas Creek, and its tributaries, is one of the few areas left for the Carcross Caribou Herd, a part of the larger Southern Lakes Caribou population, to migrate North to South to their critical winter habitat. If the proponent were

to construct another unauthorized road at Judas Creek, the adverse effects on this herd would be unfathomable. Rest assured that the HLNR Department is working diligently along side other governments, committees, and boards to prevent this application from being approved.

C/TFN citizens are, and forever will be, the people of the caribou. C/TFN has been fighting to protect the Southern Lakes Caribou population for the past 26-years, even voluntarily quitting hunting caribou in 1993 to aid in their rebound. C/TFN is unequivocally opposed to any land use activities and/or development in this area, and is prepared to take any steps necessary to intervene with these activities getting approved.



Welcome!

Welcome to the Traditional Territory of the Government of Carcross/Tagish First Nation.

Caribou Mountain is a popular hiking destination due to its incredible beauty and the possibility of seeing wildlife species, such as the Yukon's **Dall Sheep**.

Caribou Mountain is home to a small nursery population of Dall sheep; ewes (female sheep) have lambled in the area for centuries and return in early spring every year.

Due to the sensitivity of the lambing sheep **between April 1st to June 15th** we are asking hikers to choose other destinations.

During this period of time, we would recommend hiking Nares or the North side of Montana Mountain. C/TFN Heritage Lands and Natural Resources is more than happy to help you choose other trails during the spring lambing season.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding, Gunalcheesh!

Let's together, protect our precious Yukon wildlife!

Info: (867) 821-4251 Ext 8219 or visit www.ctfn.ca



Natural Resources Updates...

by Karlie Knight

Red Ridge and Mount Anderson Class 3 Quartz Mining Applications

Further to the Judas Creek application, there have been two more applications submitted to YESAB under project #2018-0049 at Red Ridge and project #2018-0050 for mount Anderson. These two locations lie both North and South of C/TFN Settlement Lands R-4A and R-51B.

The HLNR Department is currently working on comments for these applications, but the main concerns for this area are protecting the Ice Patches and associated heritage sites, as well as habitat for the thimhorn sheep (*Ovis dalli dalli*) and moose (*Alces alces*) populations.

For More Information... The YESAB Online Registry (YOR) is the electronic registry that allows public access to documents and information associated with assessments under the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA). www.yesab.ca or call C/TFN HLNR Department.

Fishnet Setting Under the Ice

In February, the HLNR Department went out with Adam and Juniper Winters to learn how to set a fish net under the ice on Bennett Lake.



Easter Egg Hunt

by Pat Hiebert

Donations for the Easter hunt:

G.P Distributors - 3 cases of wieners, Integra Tire - \$200.00, Canadian Tire - a Variety of large and Med. size solid chocolate Bunnies. Thank you!



Heritage Updates

by Jen Herkes

We received funding from Culture Quest 150 to support our sewing program (some pictures attached). The sewing program has been running for approximately a year and a half. Attendance is good with up to 14 people attending at a time. The sewing classes are community events, people who attend include C/TFN Citizens as well as residents of Carcross and Tagish; youth, adults, and Elders; men and women. Classes are held at the Learning Centre every Sunday 12:00-3:30. Everyone is welcome.

We applied for funding to do a place names project. Working with Ta'an Kwachan Council, and Kwanlin Dun First Nation, C/TFN hope to develop a Southern Lakes Place Names map that will help to inform the ongoing indigenous land use planning. Place names and the stories associated with them are important for illustrating our connections to the land, and an important step in decolonization.

The ice patch sites located with C/TFN Traditional Territory have been selected to be on the tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage sites. These sites are amazing unique areas that really show the connection that C/TFN people have with the land. Over 100 artifacts have been recovered from these ice patches. The artifacts have been frozen in time, and represent continuous and long-term use of these places as hunting areas for over 7500 years.

We have developed an information sharing agreement with the Carcross/Tagish Renewable Resources Council to help provide some traditional knowledge related to Least Cisco (herring) within the Traditional Territory. Because scientific knowledge of the Least Cisco in this area is limited, Traditional Knowledge is the main driving force in this research.

We have applied for funding to continue with the removal of telegraph wire in the Traditional Territory. The fallen wire has caused a danger to the moose and caribou and it is important to protect the wildlife. Previous years has seen removal of wire between Conrad and Carcross, as well as Carcross to Ten Mile. We hope to continue with the removal and have developed a 5-year plan to achieve this. We are working with Yukon Government and the C/TRRC to accomplish this.

We are planning some field camps for the summer to investigate C/TFN heritage with the Traditional Territory that fall within the BC boundaries. These camps will include doing heritage assessments; place name, story, and Traditional Knowledge gathering.

IMPORTANT POLICY CHANGES

1. C/TFN is proposing to change the Citizen Death Benefit to Burial Funding and once approved by General Council, we're proposing to pay \$2000 per family when there is a death of a C/TFN Citizen.



6 "Top Cops" recognized in Carcross Reading Program

On March 9th, 2018, Carcross RCMP held their prize day for the Top Cop Reading Program for the 2017/18 school year with Grade 1-3 students from Ghùch Tlâ Community School in Carcross.

This year, six students accomplished the rank of Commissioner (read 900 minutes or more in 30 days). The 'Top Cops' were picked up at home by members in red serge and escorted to school in a police car. Students then joined the RCMP officers to take part in an obstacle course that resembled the RCMP Physical Abilities Requirement Evaluation Test (PARE) in the school gym. All students in the class participated in running it and cheered each other on through the course.

The Top Cop Reading Program, which was started in 1998 by an RCMP officer in British Columbia, is designed to give all readers the same advantage, regardless of how quickly or slowly they read. Students record the minutes they read as opposed to how many pages or books. A chart is used for students to keep track of their success.

The program uses the RCMP rank structure where all students start out as Constables. Regardless of their school grade level, students promote to Corporal after they have logged 100 minutes of reading, and Sergeant after 200 minutes. The number of minutes increases with each rank, with the goal being to reach the 'Top Cop' rank of Commissioner with more than 900 minutes of reading in 30 days.

"The Top Cop Reading Program is really popular," said Corporal Adam Gardner, Carcross RCMP. "It's designed to encourage children to read aloud in order to log their time. The officers in the detachment really look forward to driving the kids to school and spending the morning at the school discussing the importance of reading and physical activity."

Later in the morning, certificates and prizes were awarded to the participants. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and Carcross RCMP officers are looking forward to next year's reading challenge.



Overall 2018/2019 Priorities for C/TFN

Overall Government Priorities for 2018/2019 include:

1. Communication – more communication between staff, Citizens, Clans, Organizations and Community.
2. On-the-land Opportunities – for Citizens, Elders, Youth, Children, Adults and Staff through the use of seasonal culture camps, healing camps, harvesting, first hunts, community hunts, workshops, and other outdoor activities, etc.
3. Strengthen ties with Teslin Tlingit Council and Taku River Tlingit – be more connected to our ties with Dahk Ka.
4. Development of Food Sustainability – through local farming and gardening opportunities to offer accessible affordable healthy foods to our Citizens, year round.

If you would like to see more about the Departments priorities go to www.ctfn.ca



Jane Glasgow Foundation visiting Carcross

