



Khà Shâde Hénì Carvill, Elder Charlie James & Hon. Richard Mostyn shaking hands for the construction of the new Naataashéén Bridge



## Neek Watsíx

# Winter 2017

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## Message from Khà Shâde Hénì

2017 has been a very busy year for our community. Citizens were able to witness many events, celebrations and news releases hosted by our First Nation. We are close to the end of the year and I am taking this opportunity to thank all who helped out during the year and attended our celebrations. Also wishing you all, a beautiful year end with happy holidays!

2018 is looking promising for our Government. In January we will begin the process of priority and budget setting. The beginning of the year is a perfect time to regroup and establish a plan for the end of the current fiscal year and envision new goals for the coming year. Governance will retreat after the holidays to build better working relationships and also to set the pace for the new year. My main objectives for the new year could be grouped in 5 different points:

- 1- We will host more community meetings and consultations as well as community dinners in the year to keep engaging with the community to further understand the needs for the proper development of programs and services.
- 2- We are looking forward to see the aquaponics project up and running at the new farm. We have been working

closely with our different partners to plan and budget this operation and we are looking forward to start the process in 2018.

- 3- We want to have the new farm operating and have an established Vision so we can supply organic and healthy food to our Citizens at an accessible price.
- 4- We will keep on working on our relationships with different partners and further our relationships with other Governments and First Nations.
- 5- We will maintain our focus on bringing our Youth, Elders and Citizens on the Land via Culture Camps, hunting camps, farming projects and much more.

Again, taking this opportunity to wish you all a beautiful year end and a new year to come filled with joy!

**Sigóowu Kísawas!**

*(Merry Christmas)*

**&**

**Sigóowu Yées Táakw**

*(Happy New Year)*



### Indigenous Land Use Planning

Three Yukon First Nations have committed to develop a common Indigenous Land Use Plan for the Southern lakes region

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### Angela Sidney's bust moved to Main

Angela Sidney's bust created by Artist Buchanan that was previously at the Rotary Park was moved to a better location on main street.

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# Governance Update

by Michelle Parsons

C/TFN had a community Dinner in Tagish at the Recreation Centre at the end of September with the food harvested from the Garden; organic chicken, pork and fresh veggies were on the menu. C/TFN also organized a community dinner at the beginning of October at the Nakwadaku Potlatch house in Whitehorse with food from the garden for Citizens living in town. During the month of October, C/TFN purchased the Branigan's farm near Crag lake, around 73 hectares of land where part of it will be devoted to the garden now located by the Choutla reclamation site.

In October, C/TFN had the second General Council of the year where the 2016-2017 financial audit was passed. C/TFN was able to provide access to Citizens living out of town, or even out of the Territory by offering to have them attend the General Council by Webinar. Some minor details still need to be adjusted but overall it was a good experience and we are looking forward to keep on providing access by Internet for all Citizens to participate.

Governance is currently working on a new website which will allow better access through mobile phones and will reflect a better visual of the Traditional Territory by putting the emphasis on pictures and the concept of the medicine wheel. The new website should be ready near Spring 2018. As C/TFN has had a new logo since 2016, Governance is also working on having a new flag done which Citizens voted for their preferred color (between red, turquoise and/or white) by email and on Social Media.

**THE NEW C/TFN FLAG WILL BE TURQUOISE!!!** Thank you for your great participation!



Halloween was again a big success. C/TFN hosted the Halloween party and had a high number of attendees. Kids from the Haa Yátx'i Hidí and Students from the Ghùch Tlâ Community School took part of the party and all participated in the pumpkin carving contest.

In the fall, C/TFN had Lateral Kindness workshops offered by Thomas Shepherd and Marilyn Jensen that were mandatory for all staff, Boards, Teams, Committees and Councils. C/TFN is working on eliminating any sort of lateral violence, harassment and racism in the workplace and also throughout the community.

In November, C/TFN and Yukon Government announced the contract award to replace the Naataasehéen Bridge to Ruskin Construction. Ruskin Construction will be working in partnership with the Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation over the next 2 years to replace the existing bridge with a modern, concrete and steel bridge. Ruskin and C/TFN are ensuring that there are a number of employment, training and economic development opportunities for C/TFN Citizens. There was an

open house on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Learning Centre for Citizens to meet and greet and look for employment opportunities.

Governance is also working on a Safety Management Program for all staff to ensure proper training on equipment. We are also looking into having the service of an Ombudsperson, and we are happy to introduce 2 new Members to Governance, Gavin Gardner as the C/TFN Legal Counsel and Karyn Atlin as the Proposal Writer. Welcome to the Team!

C/TFN is again hosting a Christmas Dinner at the Yukon Inn for Citizens in Whitehorse as it was a huge success last year. Looking forward to see you all there and wishing everyone a **Merry Christmas!**





# Language Nest

by Deborah Baerg

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

(Good Day Everyone!)

All is going great at our little language nest! We have awesome new students this fall and they are doing very good picking up and speaking very clearly in Tlingit (Lingít). The children are enjoying all the Lingít language lullabies and games we play with them in the morning. As always we begin our little language nest with a Lingít prayer offered by our fluent speaker Winnie Atlin.

Some of the songs and games are listed below:

- ✚ Yak'úi ixwsateení ya ts'ootaat (It's good to see you this morning)
- ✚ Kadli.ítji kútx.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)
- ✚ Jinkaats Lingít K'isáani (Ten lil Lingíts)
- ✚ Goosú wa.é & Wáa sá l yatee? (where are you and how are you)
- ✚ 1<sup>st</sup> review body parts for Shá ká 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)
- ✚ On Fridays we play Sagú Lingít bingo game with the kids and they love it!!

Exciting news to share! CBC contacted us and joined us playing Lingít bingo with our kids at Haa Yátx'l Hidí in November! We also invite all parents or grandparents to join us Monday to Friday 10am to 11am for our language nest.

## OTHER LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING GOING ON!

Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources Department will be working closely with Capacity Development Department in upcoming Culture Camps that will include Language learning in various cultural activities for the children, staff, and others there to help pull this event together! Recent programming also includes Tlingit Games night at the new Learning Centre!!



# Capacity Development

by Susannah Robertson



Greetings from the Capacity Development Department!! We have been very busy this past fall and we are looking forward to diving into the winter! Our Department has been working on a variety of things that are on-going. Some of our bigger projects include; the Education Agreement which we continue to work on with the Department of Education, C/TFN and the school, the new Skateboard park that will be completed in the spring, the Peacekeeping Training that has already seen a successful first round, the Culturally Appropriate Assessment Tool, C/TFN Resources and much more! The staff is busy working on all these projects and go above and beyond pitching in a hand where ever it is needed, we have a fantastic team! From our Department to all of you, we would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas surrounded by friends in Family and a Happy Holiday Season!!

# Transitional Employment

by Joyce Hall

We currently have 5 people in the program working under Supervisor Jerry James. They have been busy assisting Infrastructure with the RAP Grant renovations which will take them into the spring as well as assisting with wood and other jobs around the community for C/TFN and our Citizens. Once a week we do programming which helps them prepare for future employment, training and education. We are proud of the work done by TE and see the successes in the people who participate in the program. We would like to say thank you to the crew for all their hard work and supporting all the Departments & Community! Gunalcheesh

# Haa Yatxi Hidi

Parents/Guardians, we have been very excited this month with all the changes. We have 2 new support people working with the children through C/TFN and CDC. We are happy to see Ann-Marie Smith back with us as Supervisor working along side Nadine, Ruby, Anne, Deloris and Crystal.

- Staff is continuing with ECD courses and will be finished in December, and will be starting a new course in January 2018. We all have been busy working on our winter themes with the children, and getting ready for Christmas decorating!
- Please be sure that your child attends the Center everyday with warm clothing. Warm jacket, ski-pants, hat, mitts, & winter boots. As under the Child Care Service Act, the children are to be outside everyday for 15 minutes. Also, we are looking for any for winter warm clothing that can be donated to the Daycare. That would be greatly appreciated, thank you!
- 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 as we do not get a copy. Child Development Center is coming in and working with us and the kids. They will be in Carcross at the beginning of every month.
- Tlingit Language is every morning from Monday – Friday, at 10:00-11:00 am. The children are learning songs in Tlingit such as, Head and Shoulders, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, What Time is Mr Wolf, and counting to 20. And bingo games on Friday with prizes! Parents are always welcome to join.
- We are licensed for 25 children and enrollment is increasing. 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. We passed our spot inspection, we are getting ready for the annual inspection in January 2018 to renew our license.

We are always looking for auxiliary staff so if you like being spending time with children and want to be a part of our child care team, please submit a resume to our HR Department!



# Capacity Education K4-12 & Youth Programs

by Robin Lord

## Happy Holidays!!

I hope that you are all keeping warm as the weather has changed and winter is here! There is a lot going on but I just wanted to highlight some of the bigger things:

- **Education Agreement** with YTG- We are in the process of finishing up on our work plan and will be having another community meeting in the spring to go over that with our citizens –please watch for posters
- We are working on **programming for the winter** months both in the school and outside, please watch for posters of upcoming events & workshops. We were very happy to already have ADS in the school and after the holidays we will be doing some workshops with Blood Ties and Youth for Lateral Kindness
- **ILC Program**- We do have the ILC Program going and is available to grades 10 to 12 students that are not in the school. We have been working on work opportunities with the students which included the Skateboard Park this fall.
- **Tutoring**- We have a full time tutor who travels to Whitehorse once a week. If you are interested in tutoring, please let us know! Either Keith (ex:8273) or myself Robin (ex:8229) hours are flexible.
- Our **grade 9** class is in the process of transitioning into High school in the fall. We will be taking them in once a month after the Holidays to get them familiar with how this works. We are also working very hard with our grade 12 students to ensure they are prepared and have all their grade 12 requirements for graduation in June!
- The **school is still doing the breakfast** program Monday to Friday and as of this past month, they will now be doing a **lunch program** with the assistance of C/TFN. Please watch for notices/menus going home.
- Our **C/TFN Resources**- We are happy to say that the teachers are using it and incorporating it into their learning plans. A Big thank you to Andrew Noble for working on that this past summer. He was able to create a working document with it so the teachers could access it easier.
- **Girls Group**- We are happy to have received some funding from the Youth Investment Fund to help us facilitate a Girls Group focusing on our girls aged 11 to 14 years in Carcross/Tagish and Whitehorse. We will be starting this very soon so please watch for updates, posters and events!!

- We are in the process of putting together a **Youth Council**. If you are interested, please let your clan reps know. Participation is key and we need help with fund raising. There are youth meetings for youth ages 13 – 18 years at the end of each month. Please keep in mind that parent participation is also important. Please feel free to join us for programing! And watch for posters and updates on any upcoming events!

### Dates to remember:

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

School Christmas Concert/Community Dinner & Visit from Santa

**December 21<sup>st</sup> to January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Carcross Christmas Break

**Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Carcross School PD Days (NO SCHOOL)

**March 19-23<sup>rd</sup>**

Carcross Spring Break

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

HOLIDAYS

### Whitehorse High schools:

**Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

PD Days (NO School)

**December 21<sup>st</sup> to Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Christmas Break

**March 19 to March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Spring Break

For more information, please check out the Dept. of Education website:

[www.education.gov.yk.ca/calendar.html](http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/calendar.html)

If you have any inquiries in regards to K4-Grade 12 issues or Youth activities, please feel free to drop in any time and see us!

**We would like  
to wish you all  
a Very Merry Christmas!!**

# Career Manager Report

by Corinne Carvill

## Happy winter!!

It has been a very busy few months! A lot is going on in our Department and we are keeping busy. We have a lot of projects on the go and we are working closely with our staff and other Departments on moving forward to offer supports to our Citizens, staff and students.

Donna is very busy in the EETO Office as is Joyce in the TE office. My office has been working on many projects but the big one is the **Skateboard Park**. In October we brought on students to assist in the design and development of the new skateboard park that is going up just behind the RCMP station.

Phase one is complete and phase two will happen in the spring when we lay the concrete. The students are part of a work experience program where they attend ILC in the afternoon and will obtain work experience credits. This is the first time this has happened and we look forward to making this a continuing program. They have been busy in designing the graphics and we can't wait to see their drawings become reality.

The students along with the TE group have also been assisting in some of the RAP Grant renovations with Infrastructure where they are being introduced to new skills and knowledge. This is an exciting time and we hope to have this type of programming on-going.

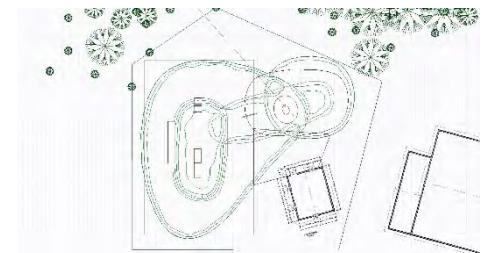
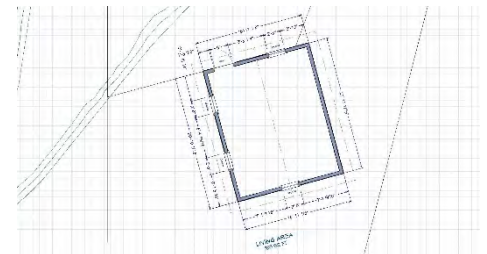
During the summer we had 9 summer students and 6 Career Focus students that were placed throughout the C/TFN Departments. It was a great success and the students all had a great experience. The hot spot was the garden, so we hope next year to have more positions there! We look forward to assisting our Citizens in achieving their educational and employment goals and we feel honored to be able to work with them.

### Support Services:

- Resume and cover letters – if you need a resume and cover letter, please stop by and make an appointment.
- Job interview coaching – we are here to assist you in preparing for your interview.
- Applications to apply for EI online – assist citizens to apply for their EI online.
- Guiding Circles and exploration using this Aboriginal guide to finding your career path. Guiding circles is a guide especially designed to assist Aboriginal people make wise career choices. By completing the circles within an interactive workbook, you will gain a better understanding of important information about yourself that you need to know in order to determine your career direction.



## Skateboard park pictures:





# Education Employment & Training



These past 6 months as the Education & Employment Training Officer for Carcross/Tagish First Nation has been a busy and rewarding experience. I have to say, I am so pleased to have the opportunity to work with C/TFN citizens, staff & community members in the area of Education & Training.

C/TFN Post-Secondary Education Program has currently funded 14 students this 2017/2018 school year. There is currently 1 student doing their 1<sup>st</sup> year of their Doctorate, 8 students in a 4-year degree program, 4 students in a 2-year diploma program and 1 student in a 1-year certificate program. All these students are continuing students, all except 3 students who were approved for funding this year. **POST-SECONDARY FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES:**

**Fall Semester - June 1<sup>st</sup>**      **Winter Semester - November 15<sup>th</sup>**      **Summer Semester - March 15<sup>th</sup>**

C/TFN ASETS program is presently supporting 3 full-time students this 2017/2018 with certificate programs. C/TFN ASETS and C/TFN Training Fund has supported funding for numerous training courses such as: Standard First Aid, Food Safe, Class 1, 5 & 7 driver's license, First Nations Youth Leadership Training, Babysitting Course for youth, Mental Health First Aid, Mediation Training, Lateral Kindness etc.

## 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 consist 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.

## IMPORTANT CAPACITY POLICY CHANGES

- **School Supplies funding** is now available to ALL C/TFN students no matter where they go to school  
(Previously was for Yukon students only)
  - **Extracurricular funding** is now available to C/TFN students in grades K4 to 12  
(Previously was for Yukon students in grades 10 to 12 only)
- C/TFN will now cover 50% of **Work Gear Emergency Loans** which means the individual only needs to repay 50%. For students, Elders and TFA clients, C/TFN will now cover 100% of Work Gear Emergency Loans  
(Previously all individuals were required to repay 100% of the loan)

All of these policy changes are **effective now!** Application forms can be found on the C/TFN Website and at the Capacity Building. They can also be sent by email or fax upon request.

For questions, please contact 1-867-821-4251:  
**Corinne Carvill**, Career Manger, Ext: 8206  
**Robin Lord**, Education Manager, Ext: 8229

# Health & Wellness Programs and Services

**Christmas Hampers:** For TFA recipients will be done for the season

**Elders Heating supplement:** Health and Wellness has been paying for the fuel, wood and or electrical heating for Elders. Seems to be working out well.

## Elders activities:

- Elder's breakfast is closed from December 19 to Jan 16.
- Elders Active is November 29 to December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Learning center on Wednesdays 11 to 12.
- Elder's Foot care can be done if you get a note from the Doctor or Nurse that you need this done.
- Make sure Christina has your name and number so she can contact you for any activities or outings.
- Christina can be reached at 332-0097 or 821-4251 ext. 8238

**60's scoop:** There is no process yet for this. We have heard that a Whitehorse Law firm is helping individuals to do a class action in Yukon and will connect to the 60's scoop process. contact Dan Shier lawyer in Whitehorse for any questions. 867-668-2600. Toll-free 1-877-668-8882

## Peacemaking circle foundations

**course:** A new course will be offered in February. Stay tuned on how to sign up!

## Family Act and Family Council:

Work is being done to examine what is needed in order to have the Family Council fully implemented and up and running.

## Women's support group:

Wednesday's 11:30 at Jane Grey's office.

**CPNP Activities:** The Moms have met with other CPNP groups in the Yukon. They have been meeting with ADS and have had a budgeting meeting. They have had a meeting with Literacy on the importance of reading to their babies even if still in the tummy. Nurses are coming to talk about the Moms keeping up to their immunization and giving this to the babes. They also choose good health recipes, shop and cook meals.

**TFA:** January intake dates are December 11-15 and checks are handed out December 29<sup>th</sup>.

- Information session for TFA clients will be held January 24, 2018 1:00-4:30pm at the Learning Center
- Efforts to ensure policy is being followed so recipients are being asked for bank statements, pay stubs and are asked to sign an affidavit if you are claiming single.

**Justice:** There for support if in the justice system as an offender or a victim.

## Medical Transportation:

- Book ahead if going to an appointment in town.
- Encourage to be between 10 and 3.
- If you want to go in a private vehicle you may get your form from us and deliver to either us or to the Non-Insured Health office in Whitehorse.

## Outreach:

- helps you to obtain and interpret information regarding a number of health and justice issues;
- helps you to fill out various forms, applications and writes

letters of support;

- makes referrals to various services and programs;
- provides advocacy and accompaniment when you have to deal with government agencies or the courts;
- provides support whenever personal difficulties or crises arise;
- works with you to apply for addiction treatment and provide both pre-treatment and aftercare support;
- helps you to get to important medical/judicial appointments when you're really stuck;
- facilitates workshops, support groups and a variety of circles;
- assists and supports you through the transitional employment process; and
- assists and supports you in making positive changes and moving ahead with your life.

## Counsellor:

- Provide counselling support for those in need.
- If you wish to go to treatment for Alcohol and Drug use, you need to see a counsellor first.

## Home Support:

- Provides light housecleaning services and laundry to those Elders in need.
- Connecting and assessing the needs of Elders.
- Collaborating with YG home care and other agencies.

## Family Care Navigator:

- Administrative support and wraparound services to the Family Council Program.
- Assist with family breakdown.
- Work and support families and children
- Collaborate with other agencies.



# Infrastructure

Happy holidays from Infrastructure. Infrastructure is going thorough a few changes, the office administrator, Rozlyn James, has moved over to the Learning Centre and the Housing Manager, Karyn Atlin, has moved over to Governance as the new Proposal Writer. We hope to fill these positions soon. We want to take this opportunity to wish Rozlyn James and Karyn Atlin the best of luck in their new positions.



Five new rental home are currently under construction, the roofs are going on, the crew is working hard and is currently employing 6 C/TFN Citizens.

We have 7 RRAP's (Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program) scheduled for this winter with three of them under way and a fourth nearing completion. We have 3 more scheduled for spring 2018. Excellent progress is being made, with the help of the TE crew on four RRAP grant renovations. Thanks to all involved in these projects: your

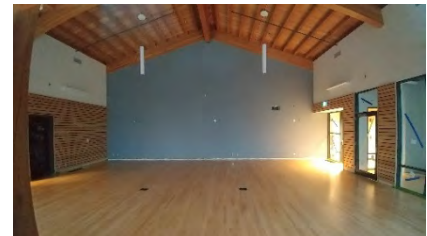
hard work is much appreciated! Operations and Maintenance has a new sanding/plow truck coming soon! The old blue vacuum truck is going to be disposed of through a sealed bid process available to Citizens only.

Infrastructure department is working with the Southern Klondike Local Advisory Council, Yukon Housing Corporation, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as well as Community Services to develop a comprehensive plan for a new inclusive housing development, which may include seniors housing, community centre, library, affordable housing and a safe house. Learning Center is happy to have Scott Bear as our Custodian, Buster Shepherd as the Facility Assistant, Rozlyn James as the Administrative Assistant and Derek Grose as the Facility Manager. We have been

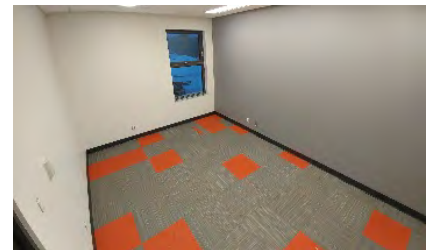


working on getting the Center operational. All bookings should be requested through Rozlyn James Ext: 8276 or Derek Grose Ext: 8211 Upcoming events at the Learning Centre are as follows:

- November 29<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm Social determinants of Health & HIV/HCV
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Craft Fair 11am – 6pm
- December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Lateral Kindness Workshops
- January 10<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm Addictions HIV/HCV
- Every Wednesday 5:30-7:30pm Tlingit language game night (Bingo!)



Learning Centre phase two construction is nearing completion, we are looking forward to having occupancy of the new space this winter, exterior completion with the fire pit, landscaping and road access will be completed next spring and clean-up of the site completed the summer of 2018.



# Heritage, Lands & Natural Resources Update

by Frank James

Greetings from the HLNR Department. We have been busy with a number of large projects. Some of which are highlighted below. HLNR is currently engaged with other First Nation and Non-First Nation Governments on either projects or incentives that include environment, wildlife, land and resources. Some of which are implementation requirements that stem from our Final Agreement.

The Tagish Six Mile River Habitat Protection Area (HPA) is one such initiative. The purpose of the HPA is for C/TFN and Yukon to jointly establish a habitat protection area in the Tagish River Area; and to conserve nationally and locally important Fish and Wildlife and Fish and Wildlife habitat in the Habitat Protection Area for the benefit of all people; and to recognize the traditional use of the Area by the Carcross/Tagish First Nation; and to recognize the current use of the Area by the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Carcross/Tagish People and other Yukon residents. Committee meetings are held monthly and include representatives from C/TFN, Yukon and the Carcross/Tagish Renewable Resource Council and Tagish Local Advisory Council. It is anticipated that there will be a final draft of the management plan completed for review by early/late spring and the plan recommendations may take a little longer.

**At this time, we would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday and a Happy New Year. Gunalcheesh!**

## Tlingit Christmas!



Aasdaacháni



Kíswas l'ee x'wáni



Kutx ayanahá



Linukdzi wootsaagaá



Síndi Tlaas



Kíswas aasí



Toow s'eenáa



Gaaw



Dleit Kageidi



Xát'aa



# Southern Lakes Indigenous Land Use Planning Process

by Frank James

With the increasing development throughout the Southern Lakes region and the piecemeal approach to planning, the Southern Lakes First Nations of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Ta'an Kwach'an Council and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation are preparing for a regional land use planning process. The vision for this process must come from the Elders and be driven by the community and the First Nations governments. The process and ultimately the plan must be holistic and indigenous in nature.

This is only the beginning and must honor the work that has been done in the past. Goal of the Project: To develop an indigenous "preparation" initiative with the keystone project being a First Nation designed and led cultural and ecosystem based conservation design that supports an integrated multi-party Southern Lakes land use planning process.

Principles:

- Supports an indigenous worldview.
- Traditional knowledge integrated with science based approaches.
- Recognition of experts from traditional and science based understandings.
- Inclusive of people and the land as seamlessly as the present management framework allows.
- Aims at providing a holistic First Nations perspective matched and complemented by a western scientific view by the cultural and ecosystem based conservation design.

## Milestones:

The Southern Lakes Indigenous Land Use Planning project has held four major engagement sessions with Elders, technicians and Citizens over the last year and a series of technical and steering committee meetings. The meetings rotate between the three

Traditional Territories and are typically hosted "on the land". Meeting thus far include: On October 10th, 2017 in Carcross Yukon, Khà Shâde Héni Andy Carvill from Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Chief Kristina Kane from Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Chief Doris Bill from Kwanlin Dün First Nation held a signing ceremony to provide the political direction for the initiative. Currently, work continues to evolve for this long-term initiative in the area of developing a governance structure, establishing working groups, communications and identifying resources. As the initiative takes shape there will be numerous opportunities for Citizens to participate and provide their feedback and direction.

## Some Quotes from Elders:

*"It is ok that this land use planning process is different. It is a leap of faith they will ask you: who do you think you are and what do you think you are doing?"*

*"This process is an opportunity to show government that our traditional ways have a place and that we need to re-shape the tools that are used for planning".*

*"There are spiritual elements and drive our belief system. There are also tribal and natural laws. This core belief is our foundation and must be brought back".*

*"This process will not only guide land use planning for the southern lakes, it will work towards re-establishing traditional relationships with each other and bringing First Nation and non-First Nation Citizens together."*

*"Used to gather every five years to talk about how the land was managed".*

*"We must do it together. We have more power to manage our land."*



# C/TFN B.C. Treaty Process

by Frank James

The C/TFN has finalized its Final and Self Government Agreements in Yukon and these agreements became Effective in 2005. These agreements in Chapter 25 provide a co-operative process for Canada, C/TFN and British Columbia to conclude C/TFN's BC Treaty.

In October 1997, C/TFN filed its Statement of Intent and eventually signed a Framework Agreement on February 2, 1998. Following the filing of the Statement of Intent C/TFN decided to join with the Teslin Tlingit Council, Champagne, and Aishihik First Nations to collectively share negotiating resources and this table eventually evolved into the Northern Regional Negotiations table (NRN).

Canada and BC made a "scoping offer" on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999 to NRN, this offer was rejected by C/TFN and the other First Nations. Canada and BC then withdrew from negotiations.

In the summer of 2016 both Canada and BC expressed an interest to recommence negotiations with C/TFN respecting C/TFN's lands, titles, rights and interests in BC. The proposal is intended to provide some of C/TFN's thoughts for moving the negotiations forward, and is made on a "without prejudice" basis.

C/TFN had a number of internal meetings to strategize next steps and possible negotiation options to move the process forward and to capture the overall intent of the engagement with other Governments: *"To ensure the Aboriginal Rights, Title and Interests of C/TFN Citizens are protected and preserved well into the future."*

C/TFN representatives have met with Canada and BC and discussed the various funding options. C/TFN and TTC will be caucusing and having an initial meeting with Canada and BC on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 in Whitehorse.

## Next Steps:

The three parties will need to agree on a work plan to access funding and Initiate a process for joint mandate development between BC, Canada and C/TFN.

C/TFN will need to continue to do research and documentation exercises in our BC Territory over the coming season.

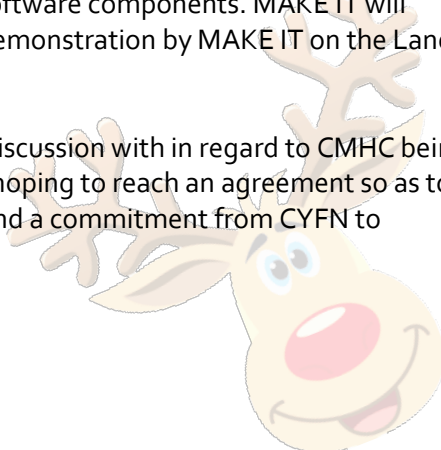
C/TFN will need to engage with other Yukon First Nations and TRT about a possible joint approach to the Trans Boundary negotiations.

# Land Titles Committee on the Land Registry System

by Miles Johnson

The CYFN First Nation Land Titles Committee (LTC) has now agreed to payout the contractor *Earth 2 Sky (E2S)* in full and end the contract. Delivery of the electronic registry system from E2S to LTC is now complete. SGYFN group has retained an independent contractor (*MAKE IT*) to review the software, complete testing, and verify delivery of all software components. MAKE IT will manage the system and take on the maintenance of the software. LTC has confirmed a demonstration by MAKE IT on the Land Registry System for 1:15 on November 30/2017.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) with whom SGYFN are currently in discussion with in regard to CMHC being the financial institution that hopefully will be providing mortgages to SGYFN and we are hoping to reach an agreement so as to move forward with a Land Registry System by the spring of 2018. We also have funding and a commitment from CYFN to proceed to implement the system, laws, regulations and the electronic system.





# Ha Shaw du Hen - Men's Traditional Hunt

by Lori Duncan

It was through the collaboration and contributions of many individuals and C/TFN staff that a successful program took place this Fall. It was a wonderful learning process for everyone participating and organizing this event.

The Men's group started from scratch to learn the traditional ways involved with the Hunt, from being in a circle, on land and joining together for an event that meant something powerful for the people involved.

From Bush awareness skills including understanding animal behaviour, to personal medicines, there was a learning curve that far exceeded the expectations of many. Participants and staff brought their own skills to the forefront, including Tlingit words and songs, ceremonies, knowledge, such as fishing and canoeing skills or simply people skills that brought them home. There was a new sense of empowerment, ownership, dignity and traditional knowledge that was reported back to the community.

## Carcross Community Garden

by Kevin Bayne

Well, it has been another wonderful year at the garden this year. A lot of the vegetables that were grown this year were started from seed in the greenhouse and outside fields. This was a great learning curve; this was the first time we used 80% seed without purchasing starter plants. All the seed took very well and gave use a great yield for the 2017 season. We were pleased to hire four students this year. Echo Gatensby, Nila Helm, Zach Leenie and Sheldon Beattie.

The students accomplished a great deal this year, they learned new things this year, like, how to care for chickens & bees, how to build a chicken coup, and how to plant a variety of berries and vegetables. Each student contributed in their own way and worked well together. Furthermore, in July, a film crew for the CBC show (Still Standing), hosted by Jonny Harris, and filmed up at the garden with Samantha Smith as the main character. It was exciting, the show will air on CBC in 2018.

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.

This year we introduced the raising of chickens, bees for honey and pollination, and three pigs for harvesting, and all for sale. In late August, a chicken harvesting abattoir was lent to the garden where 197 chickens were harvested in two days. In October we sold our first chickens along with a variety of vegetables in a box sale. We are glad to say that it was a huge success for the first go around. We are pleased to sell fresh eggs to Citizens and anyone looking to purchase organic eggs. Just come to the front desk at the admin building and have your name put on the list and we will let you know when to pick them up. We will let our Citizens know when the second batch of chickens will be ready for harvest. This year we jarred a total of over 60 pounds of honey that sold very quickly to the community Citizens. Now that the bees are settling, we hope to double the weight of honey by next year.

**We would like to thank everyone that supported the garden project this year.**



# Yukon River Chinook Salmon Research

by Karlie Knight

Historic reports from 1850 indicate that about 10,000 chinook salmon, *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*, were harvested annually upstream of Whitehorse, and over the past few decades the return has been in the area of 1,200 overall passing through the Whitehorse Fish Ladder.

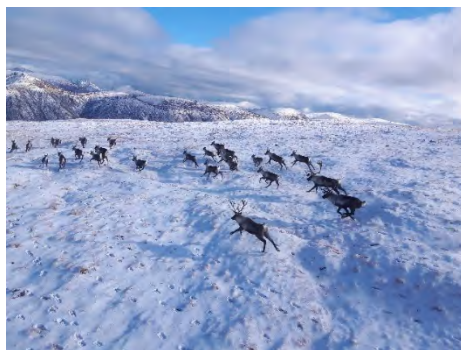
C/TFN, in partnership with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, Carleton University, Yukon Energy Corporation, Yukon Fish and Game Association, Kwanlin Dun First Nation, and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, began one of the preliminary research steps in effort to verify the reasons behind the significant decline. This research will also help to establish where the chinook salmon are migrating and spawning. We already know that the majority of these salmon are spawning in the Michie/McClintock water system, but the question still remains if there are other spawning areas and where they are. Electronic tags, transmitters, were gastrically inserted into the fish so that once released back into the river, the tagged fish could be picked-up by any receiver, data-logging computers, within range. Receivers pick up the transmitters' unique ID code when a tagged fish is in range. The data from any single receiver provide a record of each visit to that location by a tagged fish. In total, there were twenty receivers placed along the Yukon River between the south end of Lake Laberge into Marsh Lake and up the McClintock Valley. We are still working on analyzing this data as the field work for the receivers was just completed on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This work will continue on for the next three summers with a chance of extension dependant upon results. This project is funded through the Yukon River Panel Grant.



## Caribou Rut Count

by Karlie Knight

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, GC/TFN went out with Yukon Government Department of Environment and assisted in a caribou, *Rangifer tarandus caribou*, rut count of the Carcross Herd and the Ibex herd for one of three days. Although we are waiting to hear back on specific population estimates of these herds, the number of animals observed was plentiful and promising.



## Sheep Survey

by Karlie Knight

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, GC/TFN also assisted Yukon Government Department of Environment with a dall sheep, *Ovis dalli*, survey on Gray Ridge. We are still waiting to hear back on population estimates from Yukon Government.





# Southern Lakes Least Cisco Research

by Karlie Knight

Least cisco, *Coregonus sardinella*, have been occupying Yukon waterways for thousands of years. Local knowledge and Elders' stories talk about least cisco in abundance in the Southern Lakes historically; however, nowadays, this is not the case.

Little information is known on the spawning habits of cisco in Yukon. We know that they are broadcast spawners: eggs and sperm are released into open water where fertilization occurs without parental input; but we didn't know when or where they spawned in the Southern Lakes system.

The Carcross/ Tagish Renewable Resources Council set out to answer these questions, and fill in some of the gaps in our knowledge on this species. Further, genetic samples were taken to compare populations of least cisco to determine if the populations are genetically isolated.

Gill nets were set sporadically throughout the waterways in locations with various ground covers. Each net set was approximately 30 minutes. After 30 minutes, the nets were pulled in and if there were any least cisco in the nets, they were kept for sampling, all other species of fish, were released. The least cisco sample specimens were given out to C/TFN Elders in the community after a genetic sample was taken and specific observations on maturity, sex, and location were recorded. Net sets occurred both in daylight and dark for a variety of sampling techniques.

This research was conducted by Environmental Dynamics Inc. through contract with the Carcross/ Tagish Renewable Resource Council and GC/TFN was asked to participate. The field component of this research took place in the Southern Lakes region of Yukon. More specifically, Nares River, Nares Lake, Tagish River, and Tagish Lake. The field work was completed from August 2017 to September 2017, and is not yet determined whether or not it will continue on for the following years.

This project is funded through the Carcross/ Tagish Renewable Resources Council.



# What is happening at the Carcross Campus?

## Mental Health First Aid

3-day course, December 5-7

The cost is \$262.50 (funding may be available).

## Office Administration

Full-time 12-week long program, from January 8 to March 30

Topics covered will include: Communication Skills, Work Skills, Computer Skills, Health & Wellness, Employment Readiness. We are still looking for full-time students. Some components will be available part-time.



To register or for more information, contact us at:  
867-821-8800, [carcrosscampus@yukoncollege.yk.ca](mailto:carcrosscampus@yukoncollege.yk.ca)

# Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation

The Corporation is proud to announce that it received the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize on the Community Category of 2017 CANDO Economic Developer Award, in recognition of the work done on mining reclamation, where we are putting Citizens first.



Among numerous projects this year, the Corporation overseen the Wildland Fire Management Crew (picture) and guided ATV tours on Montana Mountain in partnership with Paddy's Peak, tourism company from Skagway.

**We would like to thank the Community for its support and wish you all beautiful holidays!**

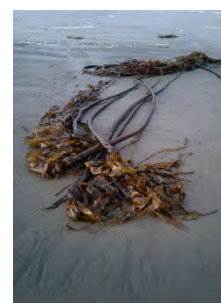


## Angela Sidney's bust moved on Main Street

The busts of two Yukon historical figures were unveiled on Main Street in Whitehorse at the end of September. One is of the "respected and much loved Tagish Elder of the Deisheetaan Clan, Mrs. Angela Sidney," according to a news release from the Hougen family. Businessperson Rolf Hougen began an effort in 1995 to commemorate people who have made significant contributions to the Yukon during their lives. Sidney was dedicated to ensuring that the Tagish people's "traditions, language, dances and stories were passed on to the next generation." Sidney, who was born in 1902 and died in 1991, received the Order of Canada in 1984. In the inscription on her bust, it says: "Her own words illustrate the beauty and humility of such a generous and noble woman: 'I have no money to leave for my grandchildren. My stories are my wealth!'" Sidney's bust was sculpted by Chuck Buchanan. It was originally placed in Rotary Peace Park, but is now in a more prominent place on Main Street.



## Medicine Making & Canning workshop



## Sewing class every Tuesday!



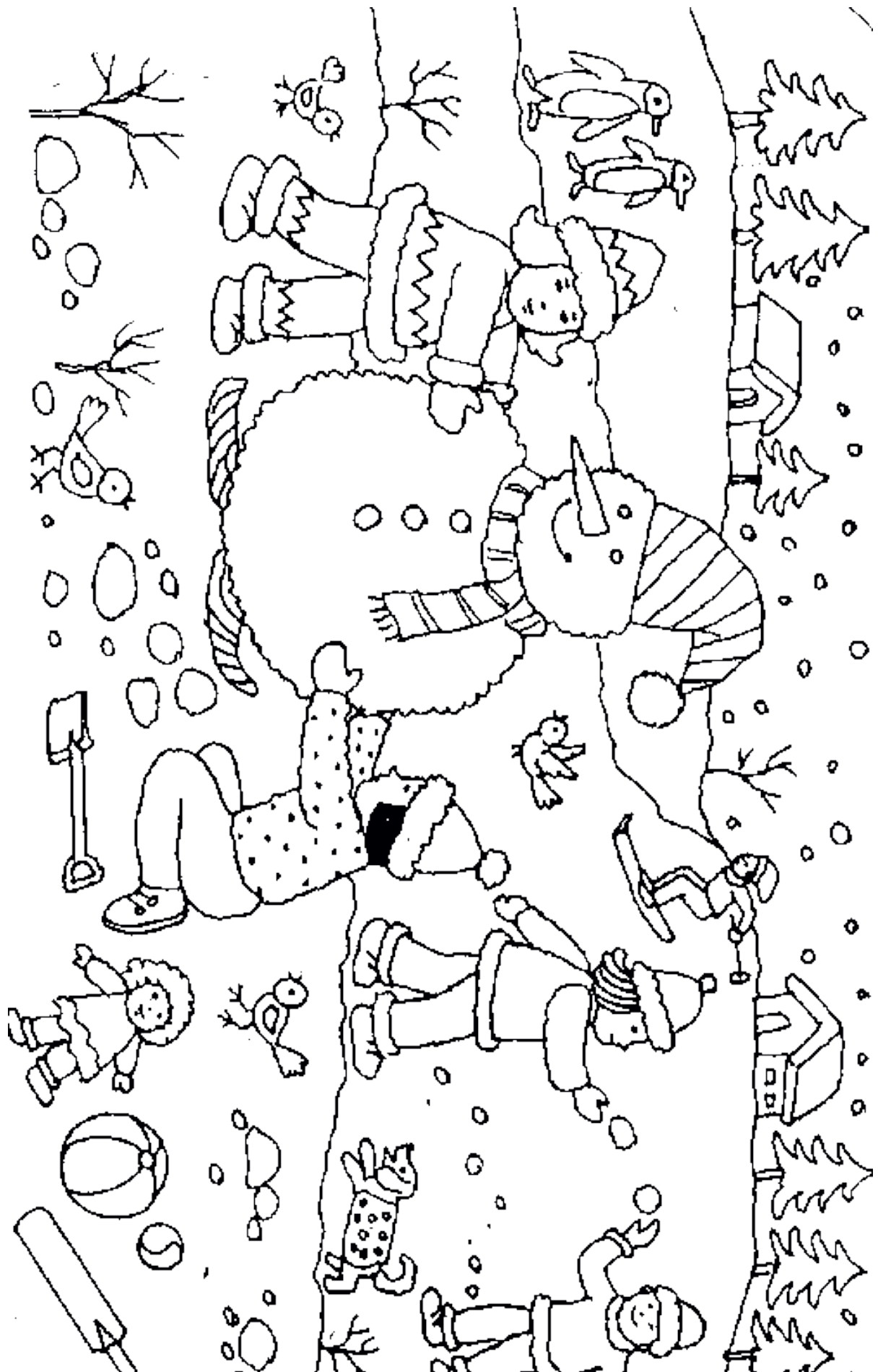
## We are reminding C/TFN Hunters to report their kill at the end of the hunting season.

- Standard procedure for all C/TFN hunters is to voluntarily submit information about the game species, area, dates of the hunt, etc. We further request that all kills in the area where the animal was taken are reported back to C/TFN.
- All NON-C/TFN hunters are required to obtain written consent from C/TFN Government prior to engaging in any hunting activity on C/TFN Category "A" Settlement Land.
- Applications for GC/TFN consent to hunt on Category "A" Settlement Land are to be made in person at the C/TFN Department of Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources. Application forms are available at the Department.
- The annual application deadline is July 15.
- As wildlife populations are exposed to various pressures, C/TFN carefully determines sustainable harvest levels. If the number of applications received exceeds sustainable harvest levels, needs of C/TFN Citizens will be accommodated first.
- NON-C/TFN hunters must follow the current YTG Wildlife Act and Regulations and refrain from hunting in "No Hunting" zones identified in the Yukon Hunting Regulations.
- The annual deadline for all hunting reports is December 8. If you do not report within this deadline or provide false information in your report, your applications for GC/TFN consent to hunt will be denied for ten (10) consecutive years.
- You must report details of your successful or unsuccessful hunt!

## Yukon Conservations Officers having a Circle with the HLNR Department in Carcross.









C/TFN will be closed for the holidays  
from December 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>  
returning on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018



*Merry  
Christmas*  
& **HAPPY NEW YEAR**



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