



CARCROSS/TAGISH FIRST NATION



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2013

Welcome to the Spring Edition of the C/TFN Newsletter, brought to you by the Communications Team! We've put together a special edition newsletter which includes fun activities, happenings around the community, departmental year-end comments, a positive look into the new life that this change of season brings with it, and you'll get to see some of the plans for the upcoming fiscal year – we hope you'll enjoy it!

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Back Row (left to right): Wesley Barrett, George Shepherd, Danny Cresswell, Carl Sydney(TTC), Larry Barrett, Charlie James, Sandy Smarch(TTC). Front Row (left to right): Blanche Warrington(TTC), Maria Benoit, Mary Ann Roy, Annie Auston, Matt Thom(TTC) and Charlotte Hadden. (Taken on Nares River)

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Message from Executive Council

With Spring comes new growth and opportunities, C/TFN Executive Council was honored to welcome the Teslin Tlingit Council Chief Carl Sidney, and Council members Matt Thom, Blanche Warrington and Sandy Smarch – we look forward to working together more in the coming year!

It's been a busy and productive year at C/TFN Government – and we are already busy working on the new priorities set with General Council. We will have Priority Letters for each of the departments posted on the C/TFN website in the coming weeks.

Looking back, it's been a year of exciting 'firsts'. With emphasis on communications, Executive Council has had regular meetings with C/TFN Government Departments, Management Board (monthly updates), and first ever retreats with General Council and Management Board. All of these meetings have helped to open up the lines of communications, sharing of concerns and finding a positive way forward to meet the needs of the Citizens.

Budget/Priority Highlights for Fiscal Year 2013/2014

- Elders' Payments were approved! This will likely be two gifts throughout the year of \$1200/each (\$2400/year);
- Honorariums for all Clan-based Committees and C/TFN representatives have been raised from \$150/day to \$250/day;
- Language Revitalization including language lessons, and integration of Language Nest at the Ya Dak Du Hidi (early childhood education center) will start this year;
- Youth Culture Camps will be happening throughout the year;
- There will be a part/time Tenant Counsellor for C/TFN Housing ;
- Watch for the Greenhouse to be up and growing this summer;
- Another Maintenance Worker will be added to the crew;
- A Carving Program will be developed;
- A C/TFN Citizen Death Benefit of \$1000 per family to support the costs of burying a loved one (Please contact Governance Department for more information or to access this support).



Solstice 2013

Stirring, quietly awaiting the magic of morning light,
Open to the natural rhythms as we witness its glow
Rising, layer by layer over the mountains till it's in sight.

Empowering all in its path as it lights up the sky
Slowly, silently, ebbing and flowing
Gently she moves, embracing all nearby

Pay attention to the treasures or they can be taken away.
This is one of the teachings unfolding
As we awaken to the sun on this special day.

Beckoning, creating, it's a time to renew
I cry out in hopes, "Let me see all there is to see!"
All must appreciate the stillness and beauty too.

We live in a land that's blessed with so much.
Nurture, take care, and be at peace with it all.
Allow your heart to do the speaking so all will be touched.

Rising, rising, spreading like wings,
Bennett Lake becomes visible for us to enjoy.
A vastness, tranquility, life-serving in all she brings.

The myths that may come with the splendour of it all
Scattered like the trees, rocks and hills,
The land, longing for our attention echoing its call.

We know that Ancestral Knowledge has never been wrong.
Those legends we speak of that came from this land
Through timeless knowledge, it was written in song.

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Seven generations before us has passed,
Taking care of these valleys, lakes, mountains and songs.
People have advocated for this beauty to last.

We are on the map as some would think not.
Just listen to the call of the loon, a cry to us here.
There are some things in life we know can't be bought.

There's Swan's arrival in spring to celebrate a new day,
To thank us that we saved this treasure from consumers,
Saved a space for the sun to greet them as they travelled this way.

There's Grayling Bay where the ducks rest on their long journey home.
They too, awake with the Sun, welcoming her.
With gratitude, they know they've been gifted for all she's done.

Let's not forget the moose that roam in the valleys beyond,
Who swim in the headwaters and stand on the shores
In thankfulness to the Sun who nourishes all in the Great Yukon.

Now all these thoughts are for you to ponder on
In hopes you will feel, hear, see and smell
The beauty of this land that you're honored to walk upon.

Allow the rain to cleanse you as it comes this day.
It's a reminder to all how to walk,
Give thanks to the rising of the Sun in a sacred way.

We are all part of Creation as we know.
The Sun reminding us of its life-giving energy
That we move in her orbit as she tempers all things to grow.

A Prophet once said,
"O My Friend, Listen with heart and soul to the
Songs of the Spirit and treasure them as thine own eyes."
This morning as we greet the Sun with this wisdom,
Let's echo these words & allow not our deeds to be lies.

Written by: Shirley Lord, Solstice 2013

GENERAL COUNCIL UPDATE

Happy Spring all C/TFN Citizens from your General Council members!!

Yan Yeidi

George Shepherd	Alternate >	Buster Shepherd
Art Johns	Alternate >	Albert Beattie Sr.
Robin Lovelace-Smith	Alternate >	<i>Yet to be determined</i>

Daklaweidi

Colleen James	Alternate >	James Baker
Patrick James	Alternate >	Darla Lindstrom
Erika Whelan	Alternate >	Leslie Grant

Kookhittaan

Rose Sellars	Alternate >	Cory Thompson
Anne Wally	Alternate >	Susan James
William Huebschwerlen 1 st	Alternate >	Deborah Baerg

Deisheetaan

David Duquette	Alternate >	Mark Wedge
Ed Hall	Alternate >	Joyce Hall
Georgianna Low	Alternate >	<i>Yet to be determined</i>

Ishkaahittan

Edna Helm	Alternate >	Mierl Richard
Lynda Dickson	Alternate >	Ernest Richard
Richard Atlin	Alternate >	Ronnie Atlin

Gaanaxtedi

Corey Edzerza	Alternate >	<i>Yet to be determined</i>
Alvin Matthews	Alternate >	<i>Yet to be determined</i>
John Jensen	Alternate >	<i>Yet to be determined</i>

All General Council (GC) meetings are now video-taped as a way to better document and to save on costs and to be more environmentally conscious. It is a lot easier to view a DVD then it is to look through 80 pages of minutes, not to mention the amount of trees we will save by not reproducing 80 page documents over and over. If you would like to view either the March 9th or the 23rd General Council meetings, please request a DVD to be sent to you via mail by calling Marie Helm at the front desk. We also would like to remind you that you can listen in LIVE on the meeting via the teleconference number.

We had two General Council meetings in the month of March. On March 9th we met to discuss the current FTA and where we stand, as well we set the priorities for the upcoming fiscal year for C/TFN Government. There were four phases to the priority setting process; phase I was a first ever Management Board/Executive Council/General Council and all the alternates RETREAT. The second phase (phase II) was priority setting by all C/TFN Government staff, with Executive Council. The third phase (phase III) was a community meeting held in Carcross for all C/TFN Citizens to attend and put their input into the priorities. The final phase (phase IV) was the March 9th meeting where final priorities were set in place.

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Each clan met and went through the priorities and came up with two from each clan as their clans' priorities.

On March 23rd the General Council went through the audited financial statements for fiscal year 2011/2012 as well as the budgets for C/TFN Government Departments. As you are aware, the budgets are set based on the priority setting processes that were held. Departmental Budgets and the 2011/2012 Audit were approved by consensus of all the clans.

If you would like the DVD and/or the materials provided at the General Council, please contact Marie Helm at the front desk (or by email Marie.Helm@ctfn.ca).

Financial Transfer Agreement (FTA) Dispute Resolution Process

On March 13, 2013 C/TFN representatives participated in a Dispute Resolution Process with Canada on the FTA file. Executive Council mandated Michelle Parsons, Beverly Sembsmoen, Matt Mehaffey (negotiator) and Jason Madden (lawyer) to attend on our behalf. The mediator is Gordon Sloan. Canada was represented by Allan McDonald (Director General, Implementation Branch, Ottawa), Dionne Savill (Director, Governance, Yukon Region), Brian Gillen (Self-Government Fiscal Analyst, Intergovernmental Affairs, Yukon Region), Suzanne Duncan, General Counsel, Department of Justice, Northern Region) and Renée Piché (Sr Fiscal and Policy Advisor, Ottawa) joined by phone. This was the first time, in the history of our FTA renegotiation efforts, that we have had a senior person in Canada's bureaucracy attend to actually seek a solution. C/TFN brought two questions.

The first question was *"If the parties are unable to reach agreement on a Self-Government Financial Transfer Agreement, what are the impacts on the delivery of programs and services, and any associated funding, for which responsibility has been assumed by the First Nation under section 17.1 of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Self-Government Agreement?"*

The second question brought to mediation was *"Is Canada's current financial offer for a new Financial Transfer Agreement consistent with the commitment in the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Self-Government Agreement that Carcross/Tagish First Nation be provided sufficient resources to enable 'the Carcross/Tagish First Nation to provide public services at levels reasonably comparable to those generally prevailing in Yukon, at reasonably comparable levels of taxation?'"*

After two days of dialogue, it was decided that C/TFN and Canada's lawyers would get together away from mediation to 'educate each other on the legal interpretations' of the questions and the 'numbers people' are also going to get together to validate that both are using the same numbers therefore proving the financial gap that C/TFN claims exists.

C/TFN representatives addressed the constant threat of having its funds cut off every two or three months. We felt this was unfair to our Citizens and not conducive to a positive Inter-Governmental working relationship. Director General MacDonald agreed with us and stated that he would be going back with a recommendation to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs to offer an extension of one year. This was accomplished within a week of the mediation session – **we have now signed a one year renewal to the current FTA**. The Parties to the Mediation will be meeting again in June to review the findings of the legal and financial dialogue and to take next steps based on the findings.

GOVERNANCE OFFICE UPDATE

Citizenship Drive: C/TFN is undertaking a Citizenship Drive that involves our Citizenship Office and our Heritage Departments' Genealogical staff. You are encouraged to read the material that is going out with this newsletter package. We need your assistance to complete the project. The end project will see a complete genealogical tree for each Citizen. The product will be available to our Citizens once completed.

CYFN Chiefs Summit: Anniversary Celebrations took place in the month of February honouring 40 years since Together Today for our Children Tomorrow was presented to Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau and 20 years since Vuntut Gwitchen First Nation, First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, Teslin Tlingit Council and Champagne/Aishihik First Nations officially became self-governing. It was an honour hearing the names of all the former Chiefs who were a part of the tabling of Together Today being read out. Our own Chief Dan Johnson and Johnny Johns were recognized publicly for their contributions. Johnny Johns, along with Elijah Smith and Joe Jacquot were given posthumous awards for contributing to the growth and development of Yukon First Nations people. Annie Auston received a token of that honour on behalf of C/TFN. After showing it at the next Deisheetaan Clan meeting, it will be brought to the main administration building for display. Dave Joe and Mike Smith also received contribution appreciation awards. All awards will be placed in the newly created Yukon First Nation Hall of Honour.

THFN Elder Percy Henry said that our grassroots people do not know where we are going and that they do not know all the work that has been done for them. "Love yes, hate, no". "The kids today have Idle No More. We have to stick together, talk to the kids, tell them what you know".

NND Elder Robert Hager said "we want to make things better. It is up to them now. We have blazed the trail for them. We should put our people back on the land. Alcohol and drugs are killing our kids." He said that he did not agree with the 1984 Agreement version (with C/TFN). "John Turner told him that NND would be put at the end of the line" if they did not agree to it. They never did put them at the back of the line. "Don't let government control you. You Chiefs, you have to go back to Ottawa and tell them you want to finish your land claims" Don't let your kids down! We have hurt inside us on how we are being treated (for doing the ground breaking work).

SFN Elder Danny Joe said "I have a good feeling watching all the young people, this was what we wanted". He expressed his concerns about Canada's non-implementation of the Agreements by saying "you are going to lose everything if you don't do something about it now". "Keep training your young people as much as you can. You are going to need them". He spoke to the youth and said "We did a lot of things for you, keep it up".

LSCFN Elder Clyde Blackjack said "there is lots of work to be done yet. You have to think about 'Dooli Law'. Dooli Law is like the Ten Commandments."

LSCFN Elder Roddy Blackjack, although quite frail, spoke to the people. He said "I worked hard to build up land claims. We want the animals to be around. Think about your kids, they are going to be living [the Agreements]. We did right and we did good! We worked so hard for the future generations."

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TTC Elder Sam Johnson reminded the people that it was the Liberals who were in power when Together Today For Our Children Tomorrow was tabled. "We still need to stick together! There is no issue too big or too small to deal with together."

CAFN Elder Ray Jackson shared that 'before we started, we grilled ourselves to prepare for a negative response. We hired Field Workers to help us. When we talked of economic development we were talking about small businesses, not big corporations.' [for information on what C/TFN Leaders said about economic development visions in 1973's Together Today For Our Children booklet].

Former Teslin Tlingit Council Chief Dave Keenan said "We wanted decision making powers on our land. It's a big world out there – the Political World which is very different than a Leadership World". He ended his talk by telling present leadership "Keep your bed roll rolled and ammunition dry because you are going to need it".

Former Grand Chief Judy Gingell said "this settlement is for our children and our children's children. Many people worked together, including Yukon Native Brotherhood, Yukon Association of Non-Status Indians, and Yukon Indian Women's Association. There was a lot of racism back then. The need to protect the lands will never end.

Other speakers included Shirley Adamson, Ed Schultz, Mike Smith, Dave Joe, Daryn Leas, Mike Whittingham, Tim Koepke, Russ Smoler, Chief Joe Linklater, Chief Liard McMillen, Tony Penikett, Chris Knight, Peter Johnston, and Diane Strand. It was a wonderful conference, full of historical reflections and corporate memories.

Land Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC): Beverly Sembsmoen attended the LCAC 4th National conference entitled Keeping the Promise: The Path Ahead to Full Modern Treaty Implementation held on February 26th – 28th, 2013. The conference brought together First Nations and Inuit leaders, government representatives, academics, industry and others working over three days to lay the foundations of a modern treaty implementation policy for public release and presentation to the federal government. Formed in 2003, the LCAC has membership from all modern treaty organizations in Canada. Its mandate is to ensure that comprehensive land claims agreements and associated self-government agreements are respected, honoured and fully implemented in order to achieve their objectives. Taken collectively, modern treaties affect nearly half of Canada's land, water and resources.

Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo, National Inuit Leader Terry Audla, and President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Grand Chief of the Grand Council of the Crees Matthew Coon Come were three of a number of prominent Aboriginal leaders who spoke at the conference. In addition, key note speakers included Justice Thomas Berger, Emil Notti, first President of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Sven Roald Nysto, past president of the Norwegian Saami Parliament, Kevin McKay, Chairperson of the Nisga'a Nation, Cathy Towtongie, President of Nunavut Tunngavik and Toby Anderson, Deputy Minister - Nunatsiavut Affairs for Nunatsiavut government.

LCAC commended the 'Idle No More' movement for the attention it has brought to Aboriginal issues, and announced that the Coalition will step up calls for the federal government to fully implement modern treaty agreements. "The Idle No More movement is shining a spotlight on the huge and persistent gaps between Aboriginal and other Canadians. We applaud and support the tremendous efforts and courage of everyone involved."

"Canadians are more aware than ever before of the problems we face in our communities - but there are workable solutions. We're looking for sincere commitment from the federal government for concrete action to move us toward these solutions", said President Stevens.

Beverly attended working group meetings on Industry partnerships the modern treaty context and Evaluating Impacts: The Federal Implementation Report Card. She also checked out the working group sessions on The National Implementation Research Agenda and The fiscal renewal system. She represented C/TFN at all the internal LCAC working meetings, including the Annual Leadership meeting. Minutes from the Conference will be available by e-copy in about a month. For more information about the conference, please contact Beverly at 821-4251 ext 8210. For more information on the LCAC, please check out the web site at www.landclaimscoalition.ca

Council of Yukon First Nations: The date for the Annual General Assembly has been set for June 25, 26 and 27, 2013. The location of it has not been set yet.

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt, new Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met with those YFN Self Governing First Nation Chiefs who were in attendance at the LCAC conference. He told them that he wanted to come to the Yukon and that he wanted to meet with our young people when he comes. No dates have been determined, but will be discussed at the next CYFN Leadership meeting. An invitation will be sent to him, likely in July.

Assembly of First Nations Annual General

Assembly: The 2013 Annual General Assembly will be held in Whitehorse from July 16 – July 18, 2013. More details about location and agenda items will be available closer to the event

Executive Council meetings have been moved to the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, at the main administration Building.

The Capacity Development Department will be hosting an Open House & Job Fair on Wednesday May 8th, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For further information, please watch for updates on our Facebook page, posters around the community, the C/TFN website or contact the Capacity Department.

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Yak' éi ikwasateeni ax xooní!

THE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT has been very busy throughout the winter. We have been working extremely hard on becoming a stronger and more supportive team while including our Values & Virtues in everything we do. We have been building on our relationship with our citizens and doing our best to keep everyone informed of any new job postings or training opportunities that come up. We have been working with the other CTFN departments, in creating new cultural programming that will be offered in the fall time to our students at Ghuch Tla Community School. All the staff here in Capacity would like to say a very **BIG** thank you to Geraldine James for all her hard work and dedication to our Department over the last 10 months. Geraldine helped strengthen our Department to better work as a team and be more functional for the community. She helped incorporate new job opportunities and overseen the beginning of the Language Nest which will be happening within Ya Dak Du Hidi. Geraldine is now going back to the HR Department and we wish her all the best!

We would like to welcome the new Capacity Development Director, Mary Cameron (Associate Member to C/TFN). Mary is coming to us from BC and here is a bit about her:

Mary was born as a 'Canadian-Born-Abroad' while her father, who worked for the Canadian armed forces, was stationed in Germany. Most of her early education was received while out-of-country. However, Mary's family settled in the Vancouver area for her high school years. After high school, she pursued an undergraduate degree in Anthropology from the University of Victoria. From there she spent a year working in Mexico, she then returned to Victoria to complete her TESOL Diploma and her Bachelor's Degree in Education. While in the classroom teaching high school students – English, Social Studies and Leadership, she too joined her students in learning and went to University to complete her Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision.

Mary has had over 12 years' experience working in the education field, as well as spending time in various leadership roles. More recently, she has spent the last 8 years in educational leadership roles, as she moved from a two year posting as vice-principal, to being the principal - for the last six years - of an independent school in Victoria. Some areas of strength are: human resource management, educational program development, financial resource management, strategic planning, policy review

and development, and partnerships/networking. She is a strong advocate for youth and educational opportunities – both formal and informal, as she too continues to learn. Mary is lucky to have strong family ties and this summer she will celebrate her 14th year wedding anniversary to her husband, a C/TFN member, John F. Jensen. Mary's positive attitude and 'glass-half full approach' come from her family and friends who remind her daily, through their actions and words of overcoming obstacles, that if you put your mind to it – you can achieve it.

Human Resources:

The HR Department has been very busy this spring. With new intakes and new staff coming on, it has been exciting. We would like to welcome Tanya James on as a HR Assistant Trainee. Tanya is a member of the Daklaweidi clan. She has been very busy learning all the office procedures and personnel policies. And a very special thank you to Cynthia Beattie, who's term in HR is now completed. Our Capacity team will miss her very much!

Capacity Finance

Cheryl has been busy keeping up with all our departments' finances and important paperwork. Both her and Ann Marie have been working together on all the Ya Dak Du Hidi invoicing and it is now running smoothly.

Education Employment & Training (Robin Lord)

We have been busy working on Training Plans and getting people on the proper career path as the summer months are approaching we encourage citizens to get their resumes up to date. We have completed the Air Brakes course and had 7 successful citizens complete. We also put on TDG, H2S Alive and WHIMIS all compiled into one course and will also be doing another Chainsaw Course out here in the community for those who's tickets have expired. I have been busy updating all the client files and keeping a record of tickets our citizens have obtained. Our office will soon be equipped with a laminator so we will be able to laminate tickets and certificates right here in the office. There is a few very interesting courses coming up with Yukon College in Whitehorse I encourage people to come into the office and check out the board as many training opportunities are posted frequently. Our Education Advisory Committee will be meeting after the fiscal year for those citizens enrolling in the Summer Semester as well we will be going over all student files and seeing where each continuing student is at

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to prepare a bit for the Fall Semester. The deadline for the Fall Semester will be on May 15th, if any one is looking into going back to school and applying for funding please come in and I can assist with the application process to ensure you have all required documents and completely filled out the proper forms for the EAC to review. We have two Targeted Wage Subsidies which are going very well and hope to do a few more training plans in other areas again as these positions are very successful. The Food Sustainability course around Gardening is starting on April 2nd and will run until July 31st we a few citizens enrolled and encourage more interested people to register at the College. Also we would like to thank Leon Heart and all the YTG Highways Crew for assisting us with the Air Brakes course and providing a vehicle it is great to have our community pulling together.

Project Manager

We would like to welcome Leahanna Dickson as the Project Manager Assistant. Leahanna or Lee is a C/TFN member and she belongs to the Kookhittaan Clan, she is a single mother of two awesome children Azreal Dickson and Kayoni Dickson. Lee is the one of the first to begin a job shadow/trainee, something our First Nation has been talking about for numerous years. She will be working closely with Dina Delaronde on developing new training plans and assisting with different proposals and such! Leahanna and Dina make a great team and we look forward to seeing what they have in store for us!

Education Programs & Services:

C/TFN now has a Educational Support Worker which now allows me to finally move offices to the school! It has been a long time coming and with the Whitehorse having its own worker, I am now able to do! I have been extremely busy throughout the winter with a variety of things. I sit on many boards that have to do with Education in the Yukon and have been getting different training to help me in my position. I am currently working on packages for the High School Students that will go home with them at the end of the school year. It will include all the forms for the fall for funding available to those in Grades 10-12 in the Yukon. All subsidy/funding forms will begin to be processed at the end of July 2013. I would also like to remind everyone that all our forms are accessible on the C/TFN Website. Please watch for announcements around town or on our C/TFN Facebook page.

I am also in the process of planning for the fall Culture Camp for the students at Ghuch Tla Community

School. We are looking at a week-long camp on our traditional territory. I am working with local C/TFN members in the planning of the camp that will focus on Values & Virtues, traditional knowledge and skills. In the next few months, I will be redoing all the forms with the policies attached so that you have the information when you receive it.

Ghuch Tla School

Salmon in the School..... well they are still alive and well! They have hatched and will soon be strong enough to let out in the next few months. This is very exciting for everyone and we hope to do it again next year. Trapping Course....because of the late start, the students did not get to go out much. But they did get to learn from Keith and we would like to thank him for all his hard work. We will be running this program again next year but we will be starting it earlier so that the students are out on the land more. This is a joint venture with the Heritage and Lands Department, The Capacity Department and the School.

We have received our Elders in School funding for this year. Yes it came to us late but at least we know we can run with it into the next school year. We will be having elders come in through the next few months to do Values & Virtues with the students as well as storytelling and archery. We look forward to having our elders back in the school.

Ghuch Tla School

Important Dates to Remember:

April 6th Bridge building competition @ Porter Creek High School (4/5/6's MAJOR project...)

View bridges from 12:00 to 1:00 Bridge breaking @1:00

April 8th-12th Dental therapist in the school

April 15th -19th Education week, (school activity plan to follow)

April 18th -20 School Council Conference

Spring Camp TBA

Our yearly Elder's Tea, TBA

Volunteers Breakfast, TBA

Recognition Dinner & Grad, TBA (Later in May)

Last day of School is June 14th 2013

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Whitehorse High Schools:

We are happy to say that we have a part time worker in Whitehorse to work with our High School students until the end of June. We would like to welcome C/TFN Citizen Donna Ward to this position. Donna is from Carcross and is the daughter of well-known Elder Hazel Ward (Kookhittaan). She will be there to support our students with whatever they might need, be a liaison between parents, students, school staff and Gadzoosdaa Student Residence. Donna will have an office in FHC and welcomes any questions or ideas you might have!

We encourage everyone to stop in to check out the community events, notices, etc... If you have any questions about the different courses that are offered, employment opportunities, available funding or just want to talk, please feel free to stop by! We look forward to your visit and any questions or ideas you may have :)

Whitehorse High Schools

Important Dates to Remember:

Carcross Grad/Recognition Dinner: Mid May (will post date as soon as it is confirmed)

PCSS: Cap & Gown: May 23rd Prom: May 25th

FHCSS: Cap & Gown: June 6th Prom: June 8th

Vanier: Cap & Gown: May 31st Prom: June 1st

First Nation Graduation: June 7th 2013

FHC and PCSS- PD Day on April 26th 2013

May 20th No School- Victoria Day

Exams are in June between the 17th and 24th



YA DAK DU HIDI UPDATE

The Ya Dak Du Hidi staff had a Professional Development Day in March, and we were able to go to Teslin, Child Development Center, Kwanlin Dun Head Start and Montessori. We had the privilege to meet some great teachers and share some great ideas. We are working towards change and we are striving to better our Center and care of our children.

The staff is also continuing with their ECE courses. Ruth Beattie has completed the Pursuit of Excellence Series, and Ann Marie Smith and Nadine James will be finished in May 2013. It was a powerful and relieving journey, and these workshops are design to enhance people's effectiveness so they move forward, get great results, and contribute to others.

We will also be attending the Yukon Child Care Association in May, which will be an International workshop.

The Center now has open spaces to fill. When you apply for childcare, we will assist you to apply for subsidy through the Child Care Services with the Yukon Government and they will decide if you qualify or not. We look forward to hearing from you, and we will be requesting this on a yearly basis.

We are looking for volunteers to help start a dance group for the children. To be a volunteer, there is a mandatory criminal records check.

We are glad to say that it's finally....



Ann Marie, Nadine & Ruth would like to wish you all a very happy spring!!!

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FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Well another fiscal year has come and gone and we are onto the next, but not without trials and tribulations.

The year has been trying at times, with the delay of the audit and the uncertainty of our Fiscal Transfer Agreement(FTA), but in the end, we got the audit complete and the FTA extended for a year. I want to thank the finance staff and Marie Grant for coming in and helping us with the completion of the audit.

I would like to thank the work of Michelle Parsons, Bev Sembsmoen and the team they have put together in getting us this far with the FTA negotiations.

I would like to thank Don Smith (previous Finance Manager) for the work he did up to this point and wish him a speedy recover, our prayers are with you Don.

I would like to welcome Hamid Shahzad to the finance team. Hamid is the new finance manager and comes with the qualifications we require to move forward, with the fast growing changes of the financial system we are required to operate in. We are planning more training for the finance staff in the near future.

Please ensure that you welcome Hamid warmly, he will need time to find his way within our system, but I am confident he will work out well.

The Community House, known as the potlatch house, is on the next leg of the process. We are in the phase of completing the plans to construction drawing phase. Once these are to this stage, we will be able to price out and provide a better sense of the over all cost of the project. We are hoping to have this determination by May of this year.

The subdivision at the Carcross corner, this project is projected to be completed in June of this year. We have had some meetings with the Land Registry and that is projected to be complete by August, if all goes as planned with the new Registry system proposed. Please discuss further with Bill Barrett Jr.

As for housing this year, we are planning and doing everything to put some houses on the ground. The problem we are having and have been having, is we are unable to receive Ministerial Loan Guarantees from the Federal Government. Due to their new interpretation of their own legislation, which excludes Settlement lands. We are trying to work with them, but it isn't looking good, so we need to look at other options, which we are.

Policies, this processes has been difficult and trying at times as well. We are working on the housing policy and we are almost complete. We have also been working on the Finance policies and we are hopeful both of these will be complete in April of this year.

I want to end by thanking the staff for all the hard work and for their patience. As Directors we don't always make the best decisions, we don't always communicate effectively, but we are trying to do our best to provide the best and fair guidance to the processes as we can.

As I have always said in the past, my door will always be open to listen, learn and understand the issues and concerns of the community.

I also want to thank those citizens that have moved forward in their lives and achieved so much. I know it hasn't been easy, but we as a government must strive to ensure we are here to help out where we can in providing you with the tools, so you can achieve YOUR goals.

Lets keep moving forward, we have so much to do...

Director of Infrastructure and Finance.

Nelson Lepine



CTFN offered a Basic Home Maintenance Course a few weeks ago. It was a great experience for those that attended and the feedback was positive. Here is a picture of some of the participants

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Capital Projects:

Capital Projects would like to welcome C/TFN Citizen, John Jensen as its new Operations and Maintenance Manager. John's duties include looking after C/TFN's roads, water, sanitation, government vehicles, fleet maintenance, and IT system.

Projects over the past few months:

- Capital is looking at getting all of our rental and community buildings up to code on oil tanks (we changed out four this past year and have installed oil line protection to most of our tanks).
- Capacity is being painted and has a new continuous pressure water pump.
- Administration stairway is being painted, Occupational Health and Safety compliance list is complete
- Four rental units have been renovated units for new tenants over this past winter.
- C/TFN renovated and has now rented out a house in Tagish (lot 15) and is in the process of completing a renovation/addition at Lot 6 rental unit in Tagish
- Installed weeping tile around CMHC unit #15 A & B to deal with moisture problems

Maintenance Tip

- As the snow begins to melt have a look at your eaves troughs and check that they are draining water away from your house. Look for water pooling around your foundation walls and direct it away from your house if you can.
- If you burn wood, inspect your chimney and clean it if you notice creosote buildup. This will help your stove draft better and prevent the chance of a chimney fire in your home.

Important Numbers:

Pumpouts: 867-821-4251 extension 8251
Water Delivery in Tagish: 867-399-3813
Rental Unit Maintenance: 687-821-4251 extension 8249

Emergency / After-hours contacts:

Maintenance: Mike Baerg 867-332-1701 cell
867-821-4251 extension 8247 (message service)
O & M John Jensen 867-821-4251 extension 8254
Tyler Bryden 867-332-1660 cell

Should you require a pump out outside of regular working hours, an alternate service provider is Brian Buchanan 867-334-2150 this is a payment up front service not covered by CTFN.

Water delivery in Carcross is provided by Yukon Government. For out of water service calls please call community services at 1-800-661-0408.

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Housing Team – Housing team meetings have been progressing frequently with full attendance. The Housing Team have been working on the revised Rental Housing Policy for the last four months. First Nation Market Housing Fund and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation have been assisting with policy development and training. Possession of Home Certificates is still being worked on in partnership with HLNR. This is a slow process as the information needs to be correct and approved by lawyers.

Housing Team Meeting – Meetings are set for the last Friday of each month or the closest day to. Please remember that if you would like to meet with the housing team, please phone or submit your request in writing to the Housing Team or the Housing Manager.

Basic Home Maintenance Workshop for the weekend of March 23-24, 2013 was a success. We had a great instructor Al Lafond from Saskatchewan/Alberta give two days of tips and tricks for home repair and energy savings. Participants walked away with great prizes and certificates of completion are on the way. Al really liked the Yukon as this was his first trip north. He agreed to come back to the community within the next few months for another workshop. Workshops are open to all community residents and all are encouraged to attend.

Under the CMHC program, we applied for and were approved two youth between the age of 17-30 to be employed in the maintenance/ housing/ Capital Projects Department. This agreement with CMHC ended March 2013. Funding applications for the 2013/14 year are under review; future funding depends on the previous years success.

Asset Management – The base of this program still needs work. Cooperation with all departments needs to be a priority for this program to succeed. Focus needs to be placed on a better process for the auditors. The asset manual/policy still needs to be developed. We bought new assets, mostly furniture to assist staff in better organization within their office space. The goal is to have everything off the floor and stored properly for safety.

Cell/Telephone Systems – There have been cut back to unnecessary cell phones coming off contract. We are waiting for the new cell tower in Carcross to update our cell phones to the "SMART" phones.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Good Day Everyone

The Wellness Department will like to take this opportunity to **WELCOME** Roberta Shepherd back on to the team. She is back in her old job as Outreach Manager and providing Temporary Financial Assistance. She fits in just like a glove!

Also, our Department is happy to **WELCOME** Nadine Peters to the CPNP Program. Nadine brings her passion for healthy living as well as her experience as a mom of three year old daughter, Victoria, to this position, and is looking forward to working with moms, dads and families. Nadine is anxious to get the program up and running and to go out and meet the parents.

We would like to give a big **THANKS** to Ed Hall and Melissa Barrett-James for being the drivers for our department, and **THANKS** to Linda Augustine for being the on call driver. The drivers are just great – many times they have come to our rescue.

GUNALCHEESH!

The Outreach Workers continue supporting the community members of Carcross, Whitehorse, Tagish and Squanga areas and whoever needs their support. We support each other and remind each other that the virtues and values are the foundation of our Government and our Nation. The Outreach team is available when needed – just to talk or for emergency issues.

We have had workshops on Alcohol and Drugs addictions – Blood Ties has been out doing workshops with our children at the school and for the adults at the Old Day Care. Blood Ties will always be welcomed into our community to work with the community members.

Southern Lakes AA Meetings

**Wednesday Evening at the
Isabelle Pringle Library
(AKA: "Light Walker's
Group")
7:30 p.m.**

**Friday afternoon at the
Carcross Health Center
(AKA: "Yukon Unity Group")
1:30 p.m.**

**Monday Evening at the
Bishop's Cabin at end of
California Beach Road
(AKA: "Light Walker's Group")
7:30 p.m.**

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CONNECTS is a 10-week program to help parents and care givers of pre-teen and teens who are struggling to understand and respond to difficult behaviors in their lives. The parents meet in a group once a week for an hour. It provides them with new information about the relationship and development with their teen(s). Rather than teaching one way of parenting they help parents see choices that will support a healthy relationship, while setting limits to help the teen move forward positively.

The parents have to be with the children in this workshop. Children go to the gym while the parents are in session with the Support workers. MEALS ARE PROVIDED!

The sessions are Monday evening at the Ghuch Tla School (5:30 pm – 7 pm), except holidays.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE - We will be needing qualified people to fulfill these positions: Start your training today for:

Outreach Worker: with social work and counseling background;

Justice: with legal and counseling background;

CPNP Coordinator: with Early Childhood Development and nutrition back ground;

Director: with business management, counseling and health field knowledge;

For more in depth information you may contact Human Resources or Director of Health and Wellness.

MANY RIVERS COUNSELING is available to all C/TFN Citizens every Thursday from 10 am – 3 pm at the Nursing Station. Please contact an Outreach Worker to set up an appointment.

Sharon Moore (M.Ed) is a Certified Counsellor who is available to work with Residential School and Intergenerational Survivors. She prefers direct contact to set up an appointment at (867) 334-5090.

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Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program

Moms and Tots Swimming Day at Canada Games Center (CGC)

Wednesday April 24th, 10am-1pm. Bring your own lunch.

Contact Nadine if you need transportation to and from Whitehorse. FREE.

Car Seat Safety Course

Join us at the Old Daycare on Wednesday, June 12th, from 11am-1pm

Bring your kids and your car seats and vehicles for a short information session, followed by car seat inspection and complimentary lunch. All participants who have the inspection done will have their names entered into a draw for a \$500 RESP (Registered Education Savings Plan) for your family!

This program is open to all expectant mothers and mothers of infants. Please feel free to stop by or call if you have any questions or would like to find out more about the program! The office is located in the Main First Nations Administration Building. Ph: 867-821-4251 ext: 8263



CPNP

Canada Prenatal
Nutrition Program

Please watch for further postings of upcoming events and activities!

CPNP Worker: Nadine Peters

Youth & Elder Coordinator

The Spring Break Youth Day-Camp turned out to be pretty successful after a few of the milestones were worked out. The kids had experienced making rattles out of raw hide, setting snares, skinning and eating rabbits for the first time, learning how to make campfire bannock on a stick and beading; we also had a trip to the Carcross Desert where they enjoyed getting a ride up the hill by snowmobile and slidding down; when everyone was done we all roasted wieners and smokies. On the last day of the camp, we travelled to Whitehorse to the Canada Game Center where they enjoyed activities like swimming and basketball; we visited the MacBride Museum of Yukon History where they enjoyed a scavenger hunt and the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Center where they enjoyed a half hour film in the mini theatre.

Volunteers and Parents that attended: Kieth Wolf-Smarch, Jerry James, Ernest Richard, Laurenda James, Barbara Smith, Albert Beattie, Linda Pringle and Mark Birkett; sorry if I missed anyone.

“I would like to give a big 'Thank-You' to the volunteers and parents that came out and spent time with the youth. I wouldn't have been able to get everything done without all of your help. Thank you!”

The Elder's Breakfast every Tuesday at 10:00am is still doing very well. We are just in the process of trying to find an annual funding source for this program to continue. The funding this program is surviving on is provided by the New Horizons for Seniors through the Carcross Recreation Board, this funding will be running out very soon as it is the end of fiscal year. If you have any ideas please share them with me.

The Thrift Shop will be open from 11:00am to 2:00pm every Wednesday starting on May 1st, 2013. Donations are still being accepted by Christina Barrett.

2013 EASTER EGG HUNT WITH TLINGIT LANGUAGE

The Easter egg Hunt was a huge success! There was a great turn out and everyone had fun!!
Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy this wonderful family event!

Thanks to the Volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt:

Linda Augustine, Deb & Mike Baerg, Marilyn Tawipsim, Kenai & Tyler Bryden, Jerry James, Tanya James, Trish James, Jasmine Gatensby, Nancy Low, Susan Schinkle, Heather Jones, Frank James, Richard Atlin, Eileen Wally, and Keona McLaughlin. Sorry if I missed any one.

\$50.00 Gift Card was won by Tyler Bryden (volunteers incentive draw)
Loonies - draw was won by Eileen Wally (volunteers end of the day clean up)
50/50 - was won by Frank James (Frank donated his winnings back to the cause)
Gary Johnson - Easter Bunny
Elders - Ida Calmegane and Winnie Atlin
George Shepherd - Barbequed
M.C. - Coleen James
Donnie Smith - collected the wiener sticks

Monitors - Angie Low & Corey Edzerza got the wood

Thanks to Tyler - had the snow bank removed from out back a little easier access for elders also got bbq , garbage cans/bags, coffee pots, shoveled out snow around fire pit and benches spread sand on ice for traction.

Christina Barrett & Pat Hiebert were the organizers

Donations:

Montana Services – 15 dozen eggs

Super Store (Sunspun) \$50.00 card

G.P. Distributing - Hamburger Buns

Klondike Dental Clinic – Tooth brushes, Crest Tooth paste, Dental Floss

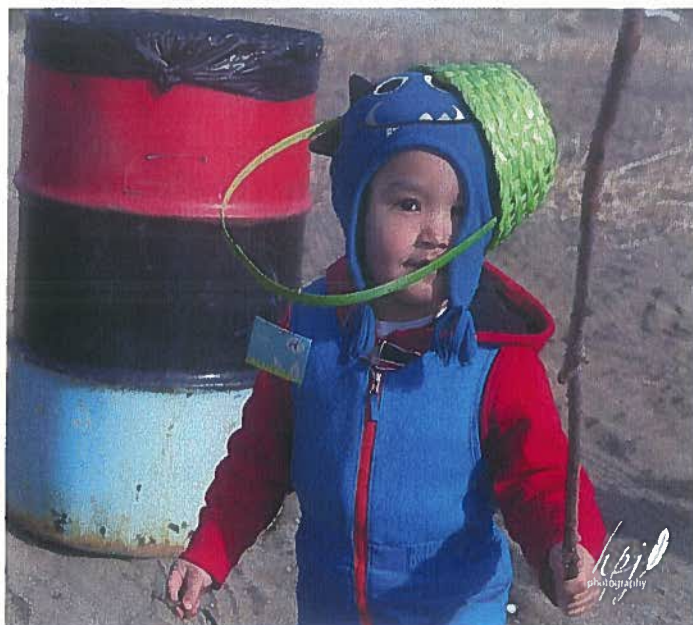
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McDonalds- Juice

Easter Fun!!



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HERITAGE, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Good day to our Members and Community! As we say good-bye to the winter and hello to the life giving warmth the sun "KaGone" provides, March 20th is the official beginning of spring :) Another year has passed as our Department looks forward to the birth of new plants and animals to care for.

This year has been a busy and challenging one for our Department, with the ongoing limiting extensions from the Federal Government, we have been working with a reduced amount of resources to accomplish our priorities and objectives set by the General and Executive Council(s).

HLNR has been given direction to participate and jump on board with the G2G Agreement TRTFN has with the BC Government. Our department is budgeting to participate in this process as well as a few Boards and Committees that arise from this shared decision making process. There will be also the occasional travel to Vancouver for alternating Forum meetings.

Last fall, we successfully had tent frame shelters established, 2 at Skow Point, one at the inlet of the Harbor Royale before Deep Bay. These bases are for our members to use in cases of emergency when travelling on the lake becomes too dangerous, also our monitors can use them when required as well. There are another 6-7 frames to set up down the lake, HLNR will be looking to budget for their setup, as well as camp stoves to provide heat, stairs and locking doors for access as well.

Our monitoring program is going through some restructuring as budgets permit and get passed. Angie Low has completed her 13 week term and her last day will be April 5th 2013. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication Angie. The Elder monitoring program will be ending in mid-June, our department has included monitors in this new year's budget, but await approval. Our Heritage department will be seeking a monitor for heritage and land inspections, training and hiring will depend on budgets getting approved.

HLNR has budgeted for a number of Boards & Committees that are yet to be implemented from the agreement, so far we have the; Conrad Historic Site, RCMP-Six Mile River site, Agay Mene SMA, Kusawa SMA, Tagish 6-Mile HPA up and running. 2-3 members are to be appointed to these positions. Executive Council has given the Land Use Team instructions to begin selecting for these appointments. Travel and Honiara have to be included as well for these seats.

CAFN, KDFN, TAAN, & CTFN has signed an interim overlap arrangement that took a number of years to complete, having this agreement opens up other chapters in the UFA that previously remained UN-implementable without having such an agreement.

There was 2 loads of TRTFN salmon flown over from the Taku River last fall, this was a great success. The fish were frozen and rotated for 3 days, then given out to elders first, single parents and then community members. This initiative is proposed in the new year as well.

There is a lot of ongoing correspondence with YG and Federal governments; by email, phone calls, stopping in, and texting believe it or not. Our staff does its best to enter in their calendar, where they will be, notify their supervisors, directors, reception and to mark their whereabouts on the calendar board.

Please contact me, if you require further insight or clarification on our department duties. Also the following excerpts from department managers will provide insight on each program.

Thank you, Guanlchise,

Bill Barrett Jr – “Kagone lck Laa” HLNR Director

Lands Manager Update:

Carcross local Area Plan Highlights

On March 18th, 2013, the Carcross Local Area Draft Plan survey period ended. The purpose of the survey was to seek public input and feedback on the Draft Local Area Plan. From this, comments and feedback from public will be summarized and reviewed by the Planning Committee. The results will be published on the Carcross Local Area Plan website, found here :(http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands/carcross_lap.html).

The next LAP meeting is scheduled for the evening of March 27th at 6:00 P.M, at the CTFN Governance boardroom. This planning process, stemming from the UFA, is fast coming to an end as the Planning Committee is entering into the final review process. The Planning Committee might be able to finalize the plan and recommend its approval by the beginning of May 2013.

According to Section 31.15 of the C/TFN SGA (<http://www.ctfn.ca/documents/agreements>), the C/TFN and YG have 90 days to sign-off the recommended plan, jointly review the document, and seek consensus upon its approval by both governments.

CTFN-TRTFN-BC G2G Tripartite Agreement:
(http://www.roundriver.org/images/stories/PDF-documents/Taku_Projects/atlintaku_lup.pdf)

CTFN, TRTFN and B.C. recently met to look at options as to how CTFN could be incorporated into the TRTFN - B.C Government to Government (G2G) process; this agreement can be found here: (<http://www.roundriver.org/index.php/taku-river>).

The purpose of the meeting was not to negotiate, but was more of a scoping exercise as to how CTFN could jump “on-board” to an intergovernmental process that would see CTFN, TRTFN and B.C. share decision making arrangements, within our shared overlap TT in BC. The Agreement would be intended to encourage consistency in the decisions of the three Governments in relation to land and resource management matters.

The G2G Agreement would also mean that CTFN would participate as an equal party at the various tables and committees that include a Fish and Wildlife Management Working Group, the Joint Research and Monitoring Initiative, and the Collaborative Management Planning for the Conservancy Areas.

At this time wording is being prepared for what the agreement will look like, all three sides would need time for a legal review and consideration of the document. Executive Council has asked that all options be scoped out, reviewed legally, for our inclusion.

CTFN may also need to identify a CTFN Co-Chair to sit on the G2G Forum, depending on how the tripartite agreement may look like. The G2G Agreement is not a treaty, but represents a tangible shared decision making process, while not infringing on the Aboriginal Rights, Titles, & Interests of Both First Nations.

Frank James – “Tlakwshaan” Lands Manager

Natural Resources Department Update:

Here are the highlights for the last quarter:

Planning for the 2013 field season is under way. This summer we will begin a comprehensive Lake Trout study partnering with both YG (Yukon Government) and DFO (Department of Fisheries & Oceans). Target areas include Tagish and Bennett Lake. As soon as we get word on our funding application we will begin the process of staffing for two or three positions and the study will commence.

Forest Management Planning officially begins on the 24 of March. It is expected that this process will continue into to 2014. The planning committee has been struck with participation from C/TFN, TAAN, KDFN, CAFN and YG.

A proposal for the continuation and expansion of the Southern Lakes Caribou Monitoring program was submitted back in December, I hope to hear if we were successful in coming weeks. Based on funding the project will commence immediately.

Southern Lakes moose populations continue to be a huge issue. There have been summits discussing coordinated monitoring efforts, harvest management planning and access issues. CTFN remains committed to finding solutions to move forward and is seeking action from all parties. There is movement in the right direction however slow, other parties are seeing the need for action and are stepping up. I suggested we form a body similar to the Porcupine Caribou Management Board to address all of the recommendations set out by the Southern Lakes Wildlife Coordinating Committee parties are amenable to the idea and are discussing at their leadership level. I have also applied for funding for Monitoring for this issue and am now waiting to hear if we were successful.

Another priority is the Holistic Land Use Plan. CTFN remains committed to getting this integral piece of work completed however due to budget restraints we have had to shelf the work until we receive word from the funding authority if we are successful. This is a huge priority and one I will aggressively pursue.

Education programming continues and will be maintained through 2013. The First Hunt, the Salmon in the School, and Take a Kid Trapping are all doing very well. We hope that these programs are just the beginning of our comprehensive education and heritage programming. Planning for new and continued programming is underway.

Tami Hamilton – Natural Resource Manager

Heritage Departmental Update:

The heritage part of Heritage Lands and Natural Resources has been busy expanding over these past few months. We have just hired on Susan Schinkel to begin work on the Genealogy project.

From Susan:

My name is Susan (Smith) Shinkel of the Gaanaxtedi Raven Clan. I am maternal granddaughter of the late Daisy (Jim) Smith and the paternal granddaughter of the late Isabel (Hammond) Gordon. As far back as I can go are to my great grandmother Ginny (Tasht oh Maa) and her father (Kaax x waat). Tasht oh Maa and Tagish Jim (Kaxootakl) had Thomas Jim (Sheidaxee), Scotty Jim (Sha aati), Daisy (Xwaal) and Jessie (no recorded Tlingit name). I am recording thirteen genealogy charts for the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, originally done with pencil and paper, onto a computer program called Family Tree Maker. In the first week I learned the software program I am to input data with and I am in the third week and have recorded approximately 782 people from the Daklaweidi, Desisheetaan and Gaanaxteidi Clans. I love my job and the people that have made it possible for me to learn as much as I can from all I knowledge transcribed into books, such as "My Old People Say". "Haa Shagoon", and "Life Lived Like a Story". Gunalcheesh my Elders! As I record the old people I hear their voices in

my mind and feel their presence as I do their work for you. I still have a lot of work to do in documenting all members of clans and I am on Chart #2 and have 11 more to record. When I am done inputting all the Family Tree Maker, I will be working with the Citizenship List to record Legal Names, Birthdates, Place of Birth, Death Dates and Genealogy information. I will be contacting some of you for information on children to be included in the genealogy project. I ask that you please fill out the documents in the mail out for the Citizenship List, this will help me with accurate documentation.

Gunalcheesh,

Susan Shinkel
Genealogy Family Tree Coordinator

We are in the process of bringing in two carvers to join Keith Wolf Smarch in the carving of a 40-foot story pole. This project has been primarily funded by the Carcross Tagish Management Corporation (CaNor) and will see the completion of the pole by the end of September. We are also in the beginning phase of planning the raising of the Eagle and Killer Whale in front of the restored Skookum Jim house. The date for this 'pole raising' event is targeted for mid-May and the community will be invited to come and be part of this celebration. The Welcome Man pole will also be permanently placed at that time. There is also one more clan pole to be carved for the Community or Potlache house, it is the Gaanaxtedi pole.

We continue to work with our Capacity department and our volunteer Language Committee to put everything in place to begin the Language Nest program. This will bring language education to our young people by way of the knowledge of our Elders. We are also working to re-establishing an adult language program, providing for our members the opportunity to participate in Language lessons.

The Chapter 13 Heritage Manual is progressing, and (at the time of this writing) we are making the final preparations to be part of a one day symposium with the iPINCH (Intellectual Property in Cultural Heritage) project. This symposium will bring together folks who have spent these many years working with policy development through the Land Claims process and outside academics. This is all in the effort to better understand how we come to define and create policy around heritage from a Yukon First Nation perspective.

As always we welcome the interest from and input of the membership.

Heather Jones – Heritage Manager

Field Operations Coordinator Update:

Monitors:

There are 4 CTFN monitors on the ground at present. Their observations, note taking and investigations flow to upper management. The management, in conjunction with the Land Use Team makes decisions and sometimes recommendations to Managers and Executive Council, when required, on such land applications. Without the monitors valued investigative reporting, decisions about land and YESAA applications, with respect to fish and wildlife issues are much harder to make from behind a desk. Ecological monitors participate in the YESAA applications by "ground-truthing" these areas. They also provide on the spot ecological/environmental assessments, heritage assessments, harvest monitoring data analysis, and in-depth interviews out in the field.

Fire Crew:

Our Department is currently in Negotiations to renew the CTFN's forest fire contract for the next five years with the Yukon Government. There will be a fire-fighter crew member course this May by YG, at which we have 3 interested candidates/members for this training. The main requirement(s) to work on the fire crew is: a valid class 5 drivers license, individual must be physically fit to pass an intense fitness test. The program is looking to purchase a new fuel storage container as well as a new initial attack fire truck this year!

The C/TFN fire crew reports to Yukon Government Southern Lakes Fire Management. Fire Management tasks the fire crew with the daily activities. The contract is usually 4 months from May to August.

Wesley Barrett
Field Operations Coordinator

Trapping Season:

This year, one of our young CTFN citizens Adam Winters assisted CTFN elder Art Johns on Art's trap line. It was the first time Adam had done anything like this and it turned out to be a fantastic learning experience. The Heritage Lands & Resource Department put Adam through the trappers course offered in the Yukon and he was able to spend the later part of the season working with Art.

A Special acknowledgement to the both Art and Adam for showing us what working together as Youth and Elder look like!

Passing on the knowledge and skills is very important. It helps bring the community together and ensures that the lessons will be remembered for years to come.



**The beauty of the trees, the softness of the air,
the fragrance of the grass speaks to me.
The summit of the mountain, the thunder of the sky,
The rhythm of the sea, speaks to me.
The faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning,
the dewdrop on the flower, speaks to me.
The strength of the fire, the taste of salmon, the trail of the sun,
and the life that never goes away, they speak to me
And my heart soars.
*Chief Dan George***

Beaver Lesson:



Keith Wolf Smarch, who was doing the trapping course with the 7/8/9 class this winter, was in the school on February 21st to show the students at Ghuch Tla Community School the process in skinning a beaver. During this time he talked about how the beaver was harvested, what the process is when cleaning and skinning it, what will be done with the fur and how it should be respected during the entire process. A very BIG thank you to Keith for all of his hard work and sharing his knowledge with the students and staff! We look forward to working with you next winter doing the trapping again.

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Campground Rules

Please follow these rules to ensure you and your camping neighbors have a safe and comfortable experience.

- **All campers must register.**
- **Camp, park and drive in designated areas only.**
- **Sites may not be reserved for campers who have not yet arrived.**
- **Put all your garbage in the bear-proof garbage containers.**
- **Limit your stay in one campground to 14 nights in any 30-day period.**
- **Quiet hours are from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Please turn off generators during these hours.**
- **All pets must be kept on a leash. And please pick-up after them.**
- **Use firewood responsibly. No hoarding and no bonfires please.**
- **Leave your firearms packed away. It is unlawful to discharge a firearm in or near a campground.**
- **Use commercial dump stations for RV liquid waste.**
- **Don't feed the wildlife. That's how foxes and bears become dangerous.**
- **To operate an ATV you must have: registration, insurance, license and a helmet.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE (Spring 2013)

Our vision: To build a private sector in Carcross.

Our strategy:



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The details of the strategy



1. **New market:** trains, planes, and auto w/ bikers, hikers, and boarders.

- 65 km of CTFN youth built trails
- 2012 International Mountain Bike Association designation as world Epic Trail
- 2013 Outside Magazine Carcross and Whitehorse named as one of the world's best destinations for mountain biking trails.



2. **Service the Market:** Carcross Commons: Commercial Village

- Open May 2013
- New VIC building

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3. Accommodate the Market: Resort / Motel

- Negotiations are on-going

4. Accommodate the Market: Residential Properties

- Early work started on Lake Bennett water front planning



This is brief over view. Please call Justin Ferbey or read Carcross Commercial Commons for more details.

Thank you,

Justin

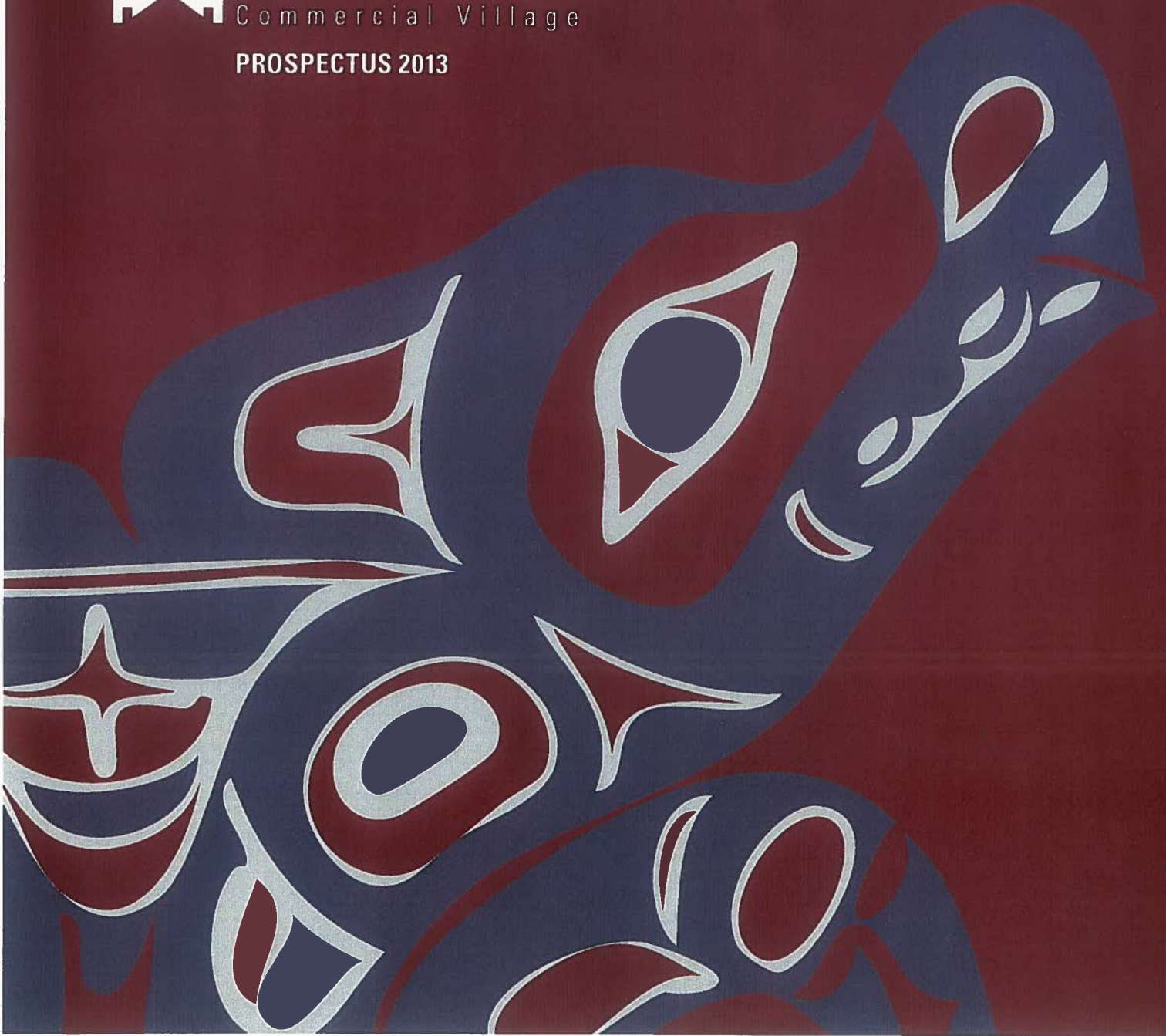
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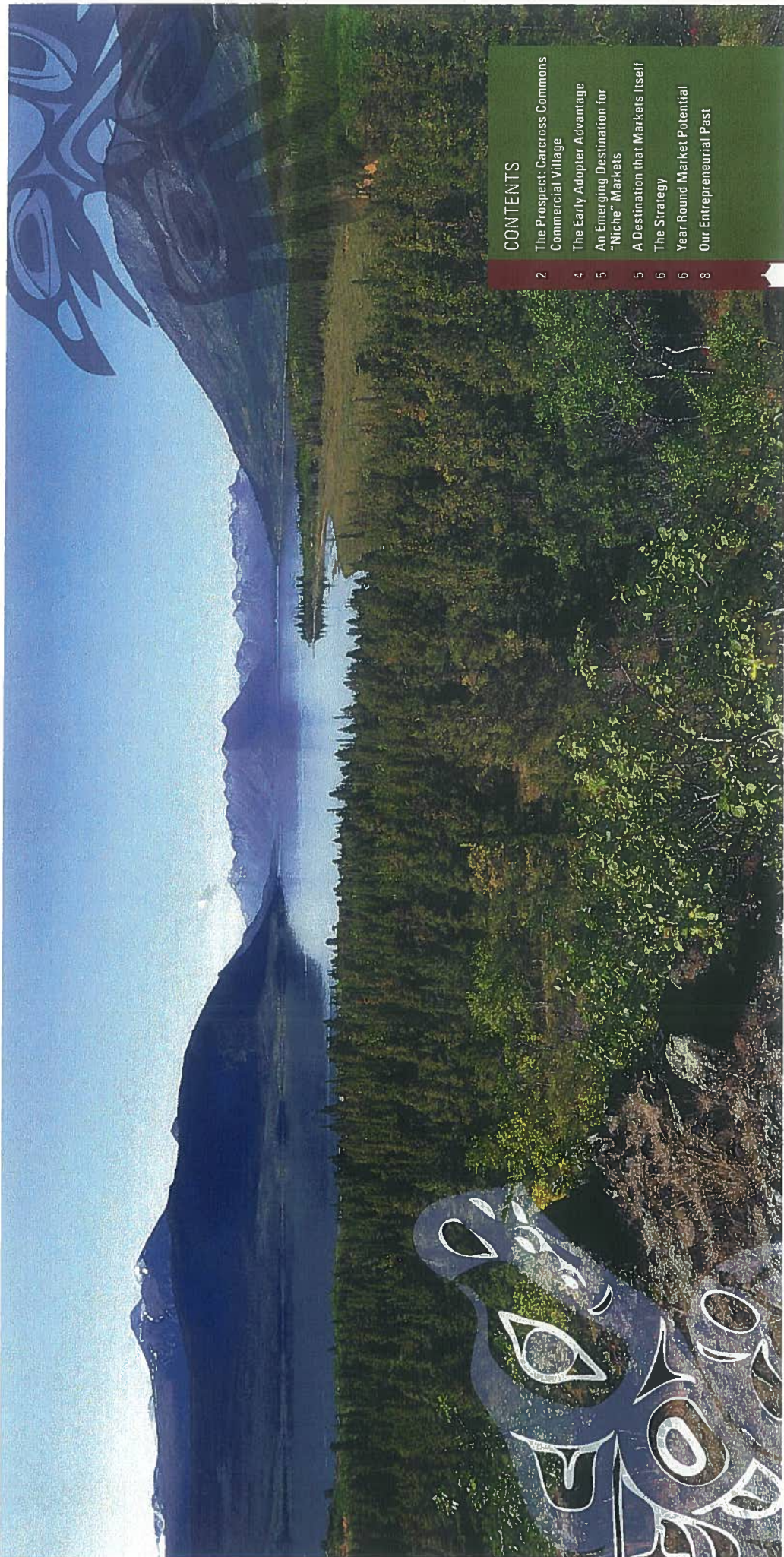


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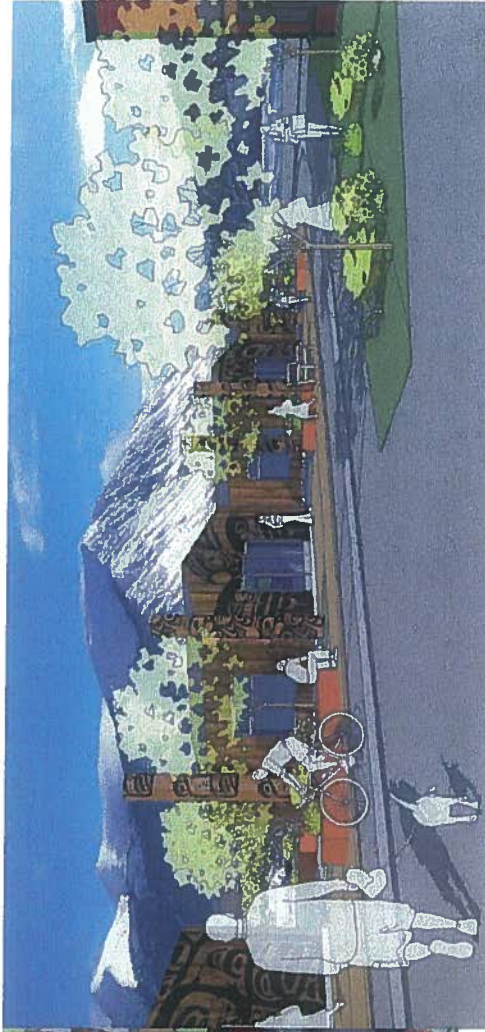
Commercial Village

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The Prospect: Carcross Commons Commercial Village

Just as Gold Rush-era Caribou Crossing was a draw for its four-legged namesake, the Carcross Commons will be a natural migration point for visitors and residents alike.

Yukoners know that Carcross is blessed with an abundance of scenic and historic attractions. Still, it has faced one significant obstacle in growing both as a destination and community: a severe shortage of centrally located land available for commercial development. That is, until now.

Introducing the Carcross Commons Commercial Village, the next step forward for Carcross as a destination and place to do business.

Situated on a development site encompassing 20,000 ft², the Carcross Commons will offer a variety of commercial, office, and community spaces for lease. The Commons will be located adjacent to the newly built Visitors' Pavilion and S.S. Tutshi Memorial, already hubs of activity in the community.

Visitors entering the historic Carcross townsite will be drawn to the Carcross Commons' iconic Tlingit longhouse inspired design and totems, symbolizing a warm welcome from the six clans of the Carcross / Tlingit First Nation to their traditional territory.

Features of the Carcross Commons include:

- Prime retail space at lease rates well below market value
- 576 ft² floor plans with the option to subdivide
- 3500 ft² of commercial space housed in a total of 6 buildings
- Ample parking for tour buses, motor homes and vehicles
- Extensive system of boardwalks, landscaping, and public art by world-renowned Tlingit artists
- Ample southern sun exposure
- Quality construction
- Full electrical, water, and sanitary services
- Easy walking access to historic attractions, waterfront trails, and the beach
- Located within a five minute walk of the extensive trail network on Montana Mountain

With all of these features, the Commons will be ready to house savvy entrepreneurs eager to capitalize on Carcross's growing visitor markets and world-class scenery, culture, and adventure.

The Carcross Commons development team is led by the Carcross Tlingit Management Corporation (CTMC), the economic development arm of the Carcross / Tlingit First Nation (CTFN).

The Carcross Commons – a natural place to migrate to in scenic, historic, remarkable Carcross, Yukon.

The Early Adopter Advantage

Staking your claim in the Carcross Commons now gives your business the "early adopter" advantage in accessing a proven market opportunity with strong potential for long-term growth.

Located one hour from the cruise ship port-of-call of Skagway, Alaska and 45 minutes from the Yukon's capital, Whitehorse, Carcross has excellent access to tourism markets.

Some facts and figures:

- An estimated 100,000-125,000 visitors pass through Carcross each year, most originating in Skagway.
- The Carcross Visitor Information Centre (VIC) receives the highest visitation of any rural Yukon VIC, and frequently surpasses the VIC in Whitehorse!
- Skagway welcomed more than 1.1 million visitors in 2012 and is projecting an increase in 2013.

Not only are those numbers impressive, so are the trends. The past five years have seen a steady increase in visits to Carcross as the town gains currency with tour operators and Skagway visitors seeking an authentic, small-town Yukon experience and unsurpassed scenic beauty.

Under the status quo, a small number of operating businesses are doing well. However, they lack the critical mass to keep visitors longer and spending more. The creation of a vibrant commercial village allows Carcross to "grow the pie" for both existing and future business operators.

Given the size of the Skagway market, even a small increase in visitor spending and/or numbers could yield big returns. If Carcross could attract an additional 1% of Skagway visitors for five consecutive years, and those visitors spent money in the Carcross Commons, that alone could result in up to \$4.25 million dollars* in generated revenues!

The Tourism Industry Association of Yukon recognized this potential in its most recent strategic visioning session. When asked to single out a project that could have the greatest impact on Yukon's tourism GDP, the Board of Directors answered unanimously: a commercial development in Carcross.

*Based on the 2008 Skagway Economic Impact Study per visitor daily expenditure of \$72
Source: Yukon Department of Tourism and Skagway Visitors and Convention Bureau

May-September Visitation to the Carcross/Skagway Region, 2008-2012



An Emerging Destination for "Niche" Markets

It's not all about the cruise ships. "Niche" markets are likely to stay longer, do more, spend money – and return again and again. The best part – we're already bringing them here.

The Skagway cruise ship market is a key contributor to the viability of the Carcross Commons venture, but it's not the only one. Over the past six years, Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation (CTMC) has focused on attracting "niche" markets.

"Niche" markets are the roughly 15% of visitors who already spend a day or more in Carcross. These visitors – the mountain bikers, cultural explorers, kites,

naturalists, windsurfers, paddlers and hikers – may be smaller in number than the mass tourism markets, but they're growing the destination reputation of Carcross with their repeat trips and rave reviews.

Luckily, Carcross is naturally blessed with many of the attractions that these markets seek out – large freshwater lakes, soaring peaks, history and culture, scenery, wildlife, beaches, and yes – wind.

Other sought-after attractions – such as trails – CTMC has built from the ground-up as part of our broader strategy.

Long after the tour buses have left town for the day, niche markets will keep the Carcross Commons bustling with activity. Both the Commons and Carcross itself can look forward to many years of steady growth with these visitors.

A Destination that Markets Itself

Whether you attribute it to the appeal of the "underdog," the First Nation element, or simply the unusual setting, the revitalization of Carcross is attracting no shortage of attention.

The creation of a world-class trail network by First Nation youth on Klondike Mountain has garnered visits and glowing reviews from numerous national and international media outlets such as the *Globe and Mail*, *Ride Guide TV*, *Bike Mountain Biking UK*, and *Bike Club Japan*. Only in its first summer of operation, the Tlingit-inspired parade of the

Skoot-un Jim building and the story underpinning it generated coverage in publications such as *Maisonmagne* and *Up Here*.

Simply being situated in the downtown core amidst a one-of-a-kind, visually striking retail development and beautiful public art provides Carcross Commons businesses with free exposure and marketing. We're aiming to create a destination with a story and selling proposition so compelling that it practically markets itself.

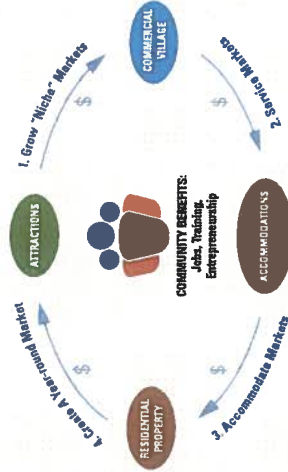
Mountain Biking UK Magazine, 2007



The Strategy

By investing in the Carcross Commons, entrepreneurs aren't "going it alone". In fact, they'll be supported by a broader economic development strategy centering on four strategic pillars: attractions, commercial village, accommodations, and residential property.

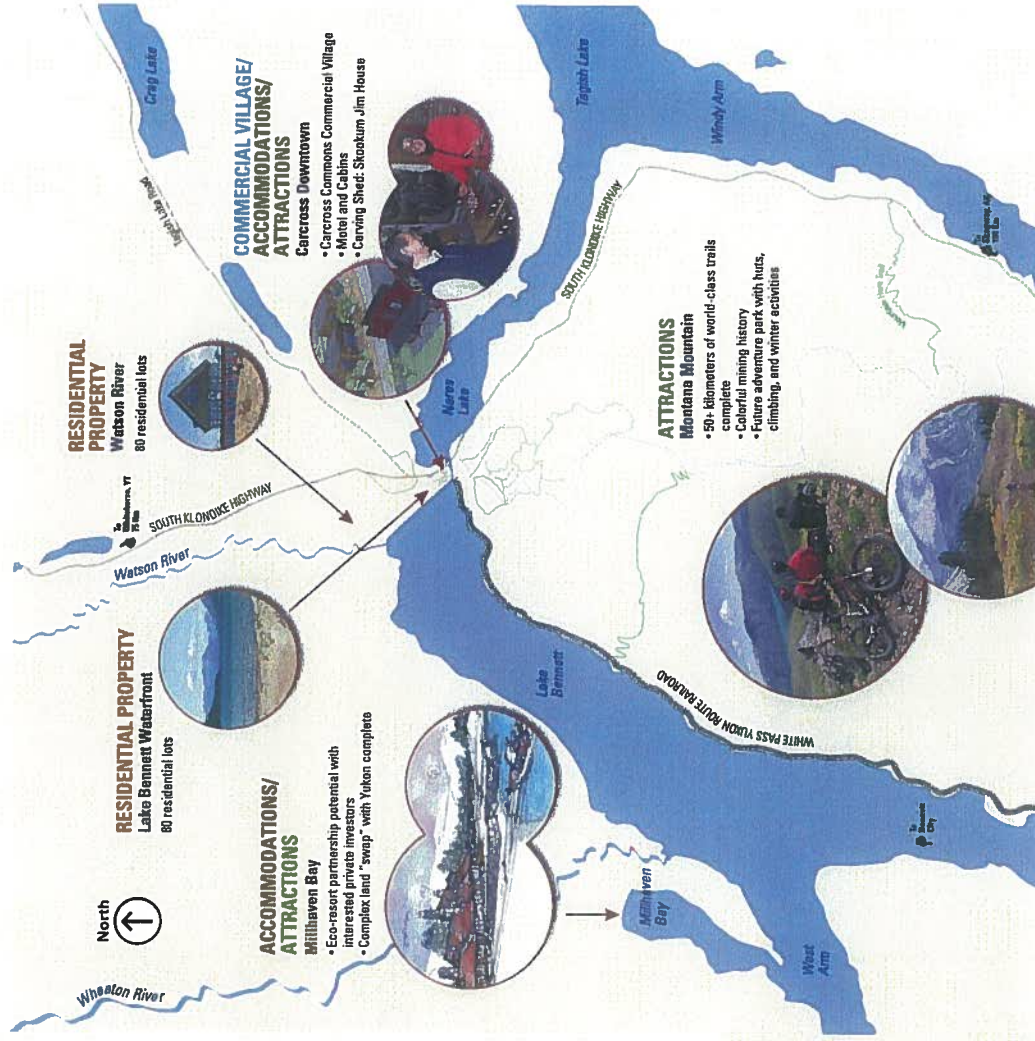
Creating a Circular Flow of Dollars in the Community



Year Round Market Potential

Achieving a year-round economy in Carcross means that some businesses in the Carcross Commons will stay open after the summer busy season is over. The viability of these year-round businesses will be dependent on two markets: winter tourists and an expanded year-round resident population.

With a shortage of developable land and the average price of a home exceeding \$425,000 in the capital, the appeal of rural properties located within commuting distance of Whitehorse has never been greater. CTMC expects a surge of demand for



A commercial village can't overcome the challenges of creating a sustainable, year-round business climate on its own. That's why it's only one part of the Carcross/Tegish Management Corporation's (CTMC) broader strategy.

The strategy is based on four pillars: attractions, commercial village, accommodations, and residential property. CTMC believes that focusing on these four areas will yield the greatest return in developing Carcross as a destination and generating viable, year-round business opportunities.

Pursued in tandem, these four strategic pillars will:

- Attract a range of businesses to the Carcross region.
- Provide the foundation for jobs and skills training that ensures local entrepreneurs have access to a job-ready workforce.
- Raise personal income levels among Carcross residents; and,
- Support improved health and wellness in the community.

The fourth pillar, residential property, is where sustainability is ultimately achieved. Tourism activity is concentrated in the summer months, but some Carcross businesses may be seeking year-round operation. A town with more than double Carcross's current population of 430 can provide a stable customer base through the off-season.

the 160 prime waterfront and view lots it intends to develop on CTFN's settlement lands.

What is now a sleepy little town of 430 could become a thriving community of 1000+ in the future, allowing "early adopter" businesses in the Carcross Commons to develop a year-round customer base and maintain the level of services required to support a winter tourism market anchored around attractions such as aurora viewing, dog sledding, and skiing.

Our Entrepreneurial Past

From the *Trumps* to royalty, the 130-year history of entrepreneurial activity in Carcross has been shaped and experienced in ways that might surprise you. Join us in being part of the next exciting chapter.

1890s

The Chilkoot Trail is used extensively for trading between the coastal Tlingit and First Nations of the Yukon interior. The Tlingit people act as trading intermediaries and earn money with the Tlingit.



1897

Carcross/Tagish citizen Jim Skookum guides Canadian government surveyor William Ogilvie through a new, strategic route to the Yukon interior: the White Pass.



1898
The world famous Trump family's fortunes are founded on the shores of Lake Bennett when Fred Trump, grandfather of mogul Donald Trump, opens the New Arctic Hotel and Restaurant to service stampedeurs en route to the gold fields.

1898

30,000 stampedeurs make the arduous climb over the Chilkoot Trail. Many Carcross/Tagish people – including women and children – are employed packing supplies over their traditional trading trail.

1900

Skookum Jim gives White Pass and Yukon Route permission to construct a railway across his land in exchange for jobs for the Carcross/Tagish people. With the railway complete, use of the Chilkoot Trail drops off drastically.



1917

Carcross/Tagish citizen Johnnie Johns becomes a full-fledged hunting guide at age 17. He advertises his services in *Outdoor Life* magazine, and exports hunting guides to the world.

1920s

Ben-my-Chree becomes a household name for well-heeled American society and Carcross welcomes the likes of President Roosevelt and the Prince of Wales. Patsy Henderson, the only living member of the original Gold Rush discovery party, entertained train passengers with stories into the 1950s.



1982

The White Pass and Yukon Route becomes a major attraction in Yukon mining activity.

1983

A historic deal is reached between the city of Skagway, the state of Alaska, and White Pass to improve dock facilities to accommodate more cruise ship traffic. The city sees the number of cruise ships increase over 400% by the late 1990s.

1989

The Canadian and U.S. governments jointly declare their intention to make the Chilkoot Trail part of an international heritage trail. Carcross/Tagish people are employed for the trail as welders and rail crew and continue to be to this day.

1890s

The Chilkoot Trailers are a group of prospectors and a group of by guiding and packing supplies over the trail.



1896

Carcross/Tagish citizens Skookum Jim, Tagish Charlie, Kate Carmack and Patsy Henderson journey to the Klondike district to prospect with Carmack's husband, George Jim. Charlie and Carmack co-discover gold on Bonanza Creek, setting off one of the world's largest gold rushes.

1898

Thousands of elite band on the beach of Lake Bennett and camped in the vicinity of Caribou Crossing. The Caribou Hotel is built and still boasts the distinction of being the oldest hotel in the Yukon.



1904

Carbon Creek's gold fields are discovered and claimed by Carcross.

1917

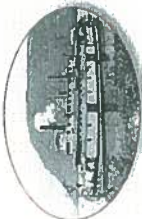
The British Yukon Navigation Company builds the first motor ship in the Yukon, the S.S. Yukon. It makes three weekly trips to the fabled English gardens at Ben-my-Chree, located at the southern tip of Tagish Lake.

1905

American mining promoter John Conrad consolidates most of the small-scale silver and gold claims on Montrose Mountain and embarks on an ambitious schedule of mine and tramway construction. Conrad becomes a bustling townsite of 500+, with twice-weekly steamship service. By 1910, transportation costs and a downturn in the global precious metals market had bankrupted Conrad and his namesake was a ghost town.

1956

The S.S. Yukon makes its final voyage and is sold to the state of Alaska. It is now on the shore of Nisqually River.



1978

The South Klondike Highway is completed, and the first major road occurs between Carcross and Skagway, Alaska.

1988

White Pass and Yukon Route re-opens as a tourist excursion to capitalize on the growing cruise ship market in Skagway. By the late 1990s, the tour carries thousands of passengers en route to the hundreds of thousands of cruise ship passengers travelling the Inside Passage each summer. The tour only travels as far as Bennett L.



2006

The Carcross/Tagish First Nation achieves political sovereignty under its Final and Self Government Agreements.

2012

Skookum Jim's house completes its first successful season as a café, museum and art gallery. Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation moves one step closer to realizing its vision of creating a private sector economy in Carcross as it breaks ground on the Carcross Commons Commercial Village.



2011

The International Mountain Biking Association names the Mountain Hero Trail in Ladang as "Epic Ride," a distinction shared by just over 50 trails worldwide. Carcross Region Management Corporation is recognized for its role in the development of the trail and the award of a national award for the trail in the Carcross area.

2007

New owners begin extensive renovations to the Chilkoot Hotel and the Yukon Hotel, which are officially designated as Yukon Historic Sites.



2005

The Government of Yukon, Carcross/Tagish First Nation and White Pass and Yukon Route (WPYR) sign a memorandum of understanding to work together to develop the Carcross area as a tourism destination.

2007

After a 75-year hiatus, the White Pass and Yukon Route railway resumes scheduled passenger service to Carcross.

2008-2011

A number of public infrastructure projects are completed in the Carcross area. These include a pedestrian path, viewing deck, S.S. Yukon memorial, and a new Visitor's Pavilion. Carcross/Tagish First Nation has the historic Skookum house renovated.



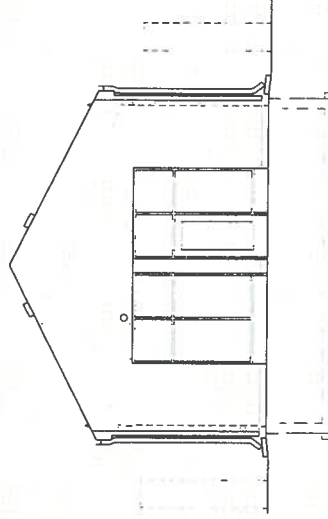
SITE / LOCATION PLAN



CARCROSS COMMONS Commercial Village



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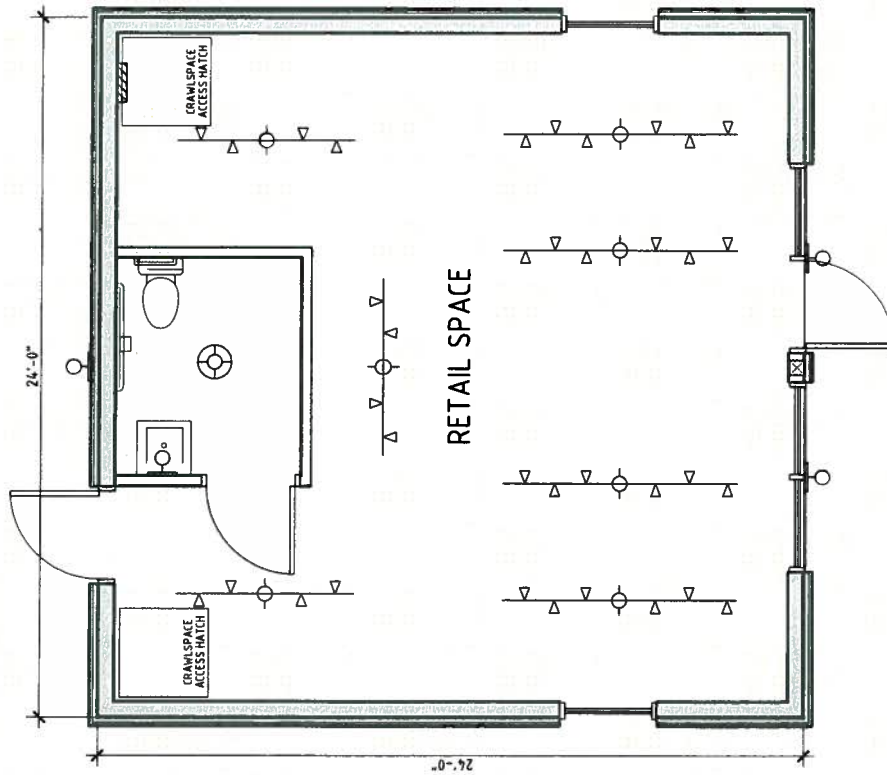


Commercial Spaces

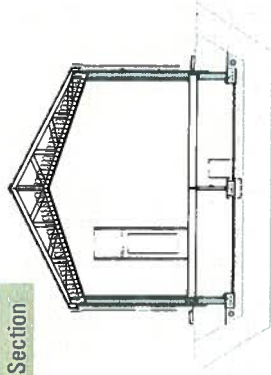
- Total Unit Area: 576 square feet
- Annual Lease Rate: Triple Net:

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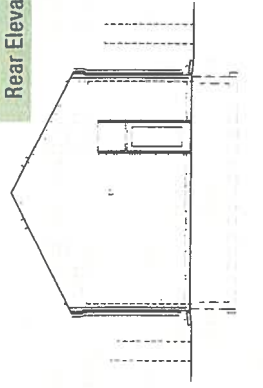
Ground Floor Plan



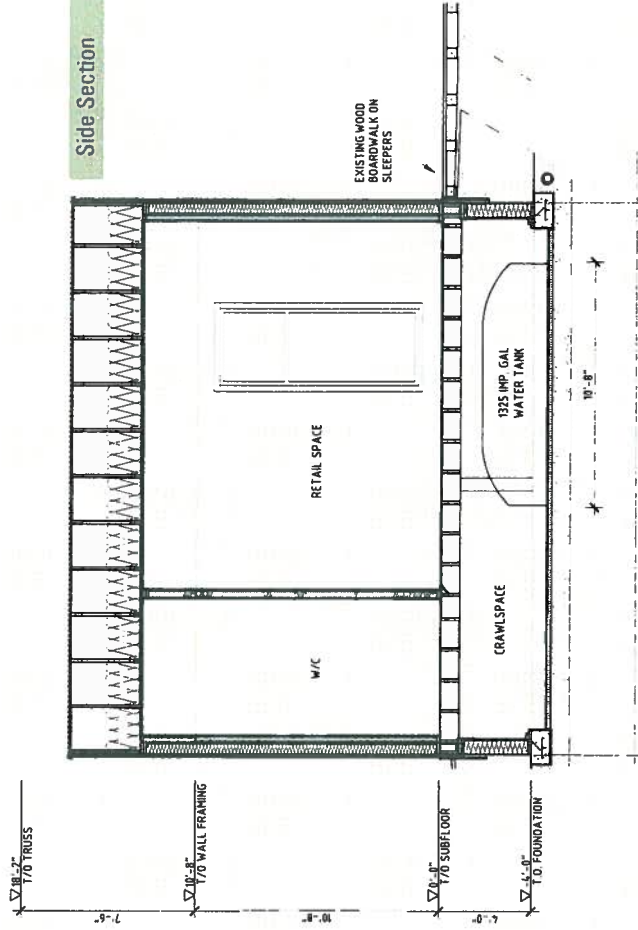
Front Section



Rear Elevation



Side Section



BIRTHDAYS!!

MARCH:

Iziahi Shepherd James March 15th
Jock Jr. Shepherd James March 9th
Mierl Richard March 13th
Sheri Atlin March 26th
Malcolm Barrett - James March 15th
Melissa Barrett- James March 16th
Kenneth Baker March 31
Nina Bolton March 22nd
Seth Tevely March 25
Ted James March 28th
Audrey Miller March 28
Elizabeth Baker March 30th
Jim James March 31st
Robyn Smarch March 31

APRIL:

Russel Baker April 2
Terry-lynn Shinkel April 4
Erika Whelan April 5
Tommy Smith April 5
April Baker April 5
Roger Smith April 6
Cynthia James April 7
Adam Winters April 7
Heather Neumann April 8
Olivia Richard April 10
Maria Benoit April 13
Amy Smarch April 13
Sam Smith April 13
Justice Barrett April 18
Ann Marie Smith April 19
Oksana Baerg April 19
Zoey Chapman April 20
Jean Grant April 20
Tyrone Atlin April 27
Howard Johns April 28
Marleen Parson April 30
Lealand Baker April 30

MAY:

May Hume May 1st
Lenora (McGoo) Toews May 1
Kashies James May 2
Daisy Gatensby May 5
Jamie Baker May 6
Josie Baker May 10
David Gatensby May 11
Kayoni Dickson May 15
Donna Ward May 17
Beverly Sembsmoen May 17
Charlie James May 17
Gary Johnson May 17
James Baker May 18
Dale Benoit May 19
Pat James May 19
Megan Jenson May 24
Paul Richard May 25
Sherri Atlin May 26th
Rick Troyan May 28
Cory Thompson May 29
Jerry James May 30
Kenai Bryden May 31
Deborah Baerg May 31

JUNE:

Austin Smith June 5
Mark Duquette June 6
Slade Johnson June 10
Seqoya Bayne June 10
Kyle Cresswell June 16
Dawn Duquette June 19
Dustin Patterson Smith June 20
Bobby Ward June 21
Scott James June 21
Kamea Sembsmoen June 22
Natasha Smith June 23
Damon Bayne June 26
Ian Barrett June 28
Robin Lovelace-Smith June 28

Koodos!!

We recognize that we cannot acknowledge every positive achievement of our Citizens, but we would like to extend our Congratulations to everyone who is doing well and/or striving to do well for themselves, their family, and community. The following are submissions that the Communication Team received for this newsletter.

I would like to thank Leon Heart and the Highways crew for providing us a vehicle and helping out with the Air Brakes course. From all the staff at Capacity and the participants.

A big thank you goes out to Garth and Sammy for all the hard work you guys do!!
From all your female fans!!

Angie Low and her family would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone that supported Tanisha on her Educational Trip to New York City. With the support and donations she was able to go and we are all so very grateful!

Koodos to Leslie Grant for representing the Yukon in PEI for Yukon Senior Woman's Curling!!!!

A huge Thank you to Pat, Christina and all the volunteers that helped make this years Easter Egg Hunt a success! It was a great turnout and everyone had fun!!

Wishing Debbie and Mike a Happy Anniversary for June 30th! 12 Years!



Congratulations!

To Brad Hall, A huge congratulations From your whole family for graduating the Heavy Equipment Operators Course!

The Community would like to acknowledge Dale Neumann, Brad Hall and Andy Carvill for graduating from the Heavy Equipment Operators Course in BC ! You guys did a great job!!

A very happy anniversary to David & Marilyn Jensen for June 04th. 25 Years!!!

We would like to acknowledge Nadine and Ann Marie from Ya Dak Du Hidi on their upcoming graduation from the Advancement!

Koodos to Clint Smith for having a huge heart! Clint is a huge help to so many of our citizens. He always has a smile on his face and you can always expect a hello! We love you Clint!!

Koodos to Beverly James for all her hard work with sports programs for youth in our community!

Patrick James would like to thank CTFN for the Artists Grant.
The CTFN Lands Department would like to thank Angie Low for all her hard work and dedication to our team over this past year.

We would like to acknowledge Donna Geddes on her upcoming Graduation in May from the Culinary Arts Program!! Congratulations!





We would like to say good luck to Leslie Grant while she goes to Vancouver in April to curl in the Pacific Rim Tournament!

We would like to acknowledge CTFN Citizen Rick Troyan for starting his own unionized heating company, *True North Heating & Ventilation*. Ph: 332-HEAT

Congratulations to Wesley Barrett on his upcoming graduation in First Nation Governance Public Administration Program.

Lyndsay Amato would like to thank her mom, Anita Wetherall, Ruby & Bruce Simons, Trish James & Clayton Johns, as well as the staff of Ya Dak Du Hidi for taking the time to spend with her son Taylor Joe while Lyndsay attends Yukon College. I could not do what I am doing without your love and support.

Congratulations to Megan Jensen on completing her Grade 12! This is coming from all your extended Johns family. We are all so proud of you!!

Congratulations going out to Shirley Lord for completing her Heritage and Culture Certificate! You do us all proud Shirley!!

Nadine & Family would like to thank Grandpa Norman James and Lyndsay Amato for all his help with transportation

Koodos to Barbara Smith for working hard on continuing her education with Yukon College.

Beverly Sembsmoen sends intense appreciation to Darlajean Lindstrom and her husband Tony Nascimento for all that they do for the Lindstrom and Sembsmoen families on a weekly basis

Thank you to Ralph James for volunteering to make drum sticks for Ya Dak Du Hidi children

Appreciation goes out to Georgie-Ann Huebschwerlen for volunteering her time to give support to the staff of Ya Dak Du Hidi

Ya Dak Du Hidi would like to thank Director of Heritage, Lands & Resources, Bill Barrett for donating food from the Easter Egg Hunt to Ya Dak Du Hidi.

Congratulations to Leona Shepherd and Donna Johns for participating in a woman's retreat that was held in Nanaimo, BC.

For everyone who assisted with the recent Pursuit of Excellence, we would like to thank you for all your support!

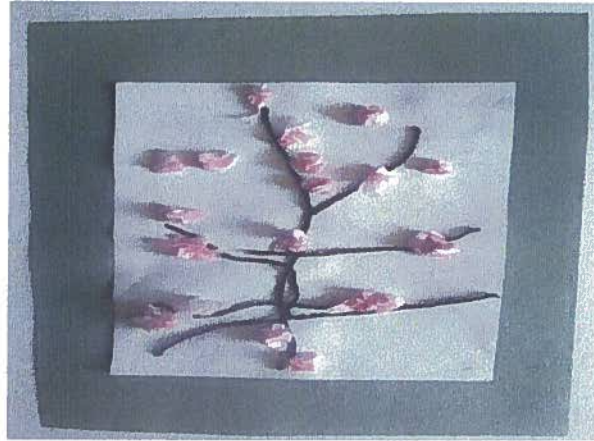
Many Koodos to Dwayne Johnson for setting and meeting his goals for the year. ^5 Dwayne.

Thanks and recognition to Wendy Dindia for her working so closely with C/TFN for the betterment of our children.

Appreciation and thanks to RCMP Rob Morin for his conscious efforts towards building and maintaining a great rapport within the Community.

ACTIVITY PAGE

Blossom Tree Collage



You will need:

Paper , Brown wool , Pink tissue paper, Glue

Instructions:

Rip up small pieces of tissue paper and scrunch into balls.

Paint a tree shape in glue on the paper.

Stick on pieces of wool to make the trunk and branches.

Stick on the tissue paper balls as blossom.

Spider Web Craft

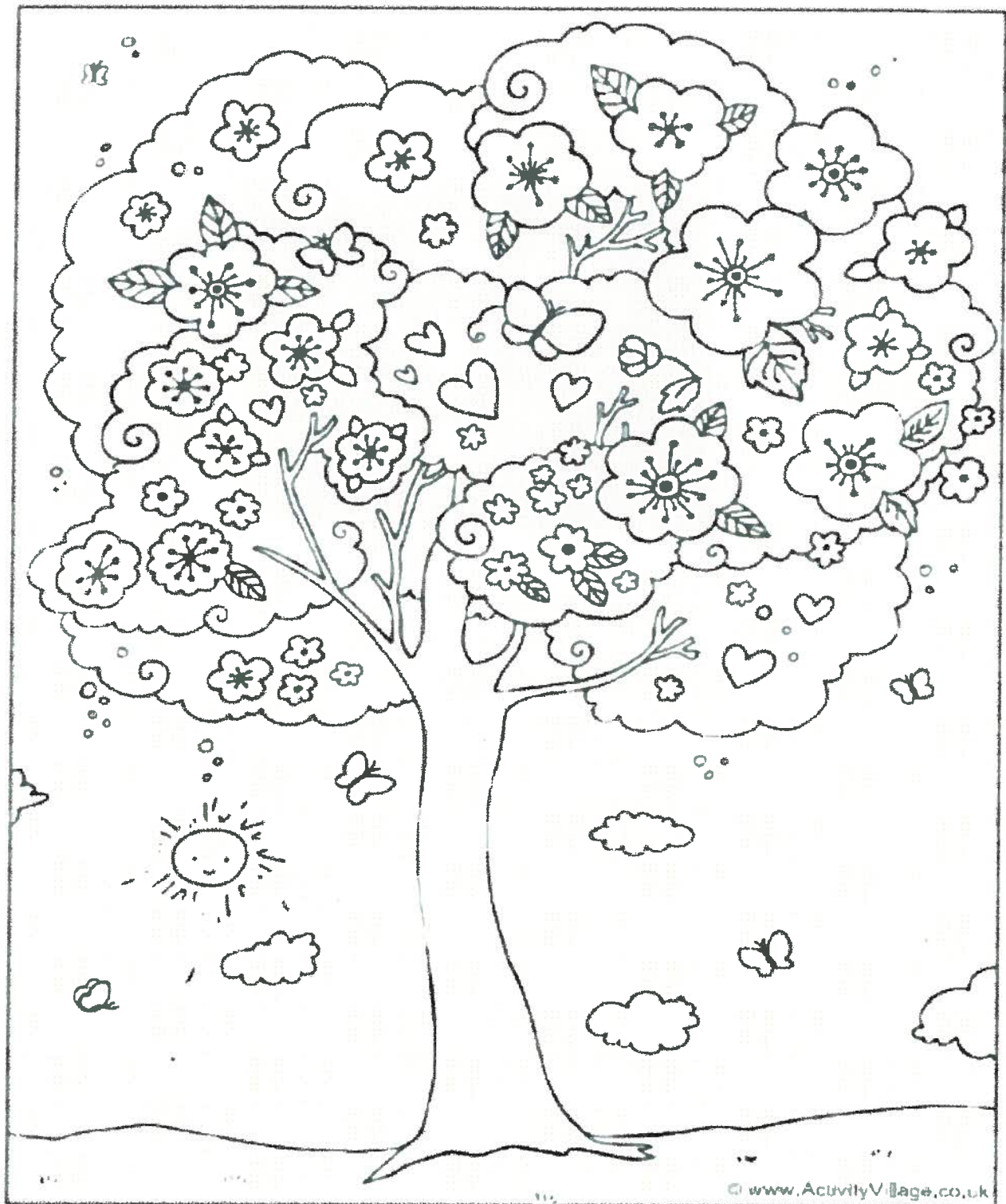
You will need:

paint, string or wool paper marker

Instructions:

- Dip string in paint (we usually put paint in a paper plate).
 - Splat string on the paper in random designs
 - Repeat to form your web
- Dip finger in paint and make a finger print on the paper (somewhere on the web)
 - Let dry
- Use markers to draw spider legs near your fingerprint

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*Please help us produce a more environmentally friendly newsletter,
join the e-mail list (send an email to Marie.Helm@ctfn.ca)*

Cooking Corner

Delicious and Easy Banana Bread or Muffins



Prep Time: 10 mins

Total Time: 1 hrs 10 mins

Yield: 1 loaf

Ingredients:

3 ripe bananas, mashed
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup melted butter or 1/2 cup margarine or 1/2 cup shortening
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups flour

Directions

- Mix mashed bananas and sugar.
- Add melted butter, salt and baking soda.
 - Mix well.
 - Add flour.
- Pour batter into well greased and floured loaf pan.
 - Smooth the top.
- Bake in 350 oven for 1 hour or until tester comes out clean.
 - Do not over bake.
 - For Muffins:.
- Put batter into 12 standard muffin cups/muffin tin.
 - Bake muffins at 375 for 10-15 minutes.



Banana Milkshake

Ingredients: ½ banana, 1 tsp vanilla, 1 cup milk, dash of cinnamon

Directions

1. In a blender combine banana, cinnamon, vanilla and milk
2. Blend until smooth and they enjoy!

Best Peanut Butter Cookies Ever



Prep Time: 5 Minutes

Cook Time: 10 Minutes

Ingredients:

2 cups peanut butter

2 cups white sugar

2 eggs

2teaspoons baking soda

1 pinch salt

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets.
- In a medium bowl, stir peanut butter and sugar together until smooth. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then stir in the baking soda, salt, and vanilla. Roll dough into 1 inch balls and place them 2 inches apart onto the prepared cookie sheets. Press a criss-cross into the top using the back of a fork.
- Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.



Strawberry Smoothie

Ingredients:

4 cups milk

1 10 oz pkg of frozen strawberries, partially thawed

2 cups strawberry yogurt

- In blender, combine 2 cups milk and strawberries until smooth and thick.
 - Add in yogurt and blend at low speed.
 - Stir in remaining 2 cups milk until blended.
 - Garnish with a few more fresh strawberries.

News from the Carcross Community Health Center

Hello from the Nurses and staff of the Carcross Health Centre. Hope you have all made it through the snowy season and are looking forward to a change. As another summer of adventures draws closer I would encourage you to make sure you are planning for your health and safety.

If you plan on spending time at camp remember to pack a first-aid kit and make sure everything inside is refilled, and not expired before you go. Also remember to bring enough of your regular medicine, plus anything for emergencies that you would like to have with you (something for pain, fevers, sun burns, bug bites, allergies, diarrhea, nausea & vomiting). Be prepared!

Recently the Nurses here have been working very hard to make sure that everyone in Carcross and Tagish areas that have a diagnosis of Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, or COPD gets their regular routine check-ups done. We are making our way through our list and are phoning and inviting people who are over-due to come in for their check-ups. If you are not sure if you have one of these conditions or know you do and have not had a check-up done in over 6 months please feel free to drop-in and see one of us.

Lastly we would like to welcome Nurse Anne Bragg. Anne is moving to Carcross early April to begin working with our team here. She will be working in our full-time float position which means that she will be here most times but if there is a need for a nurse in another health centre anywhere in the Yukon she could be asked to “float” there. Anne has been working in various Yukon communities for many years and will bring with her a vast amount of skill and experience. Please feel free to drop-in and welcome her yourself!

Be safe and have fun!

Carcross Health Centre is open Monday to Friday 8:30-11:30 & 1:30-4:30

Except for statutory holidays

Our telephone number is 821-4444

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RCMP Carcross Detachment routinely provides statistics to C/TFN Executive Council on their calls for service in the community. When they reported to the April 4th Executive Council meeting, it was noted that the number of calls for service have risen at an alarming rate with the return of off-sales to the community. The graph below shows that the number of calls for service, which are predominantly alcohol-related incidents, have risen about 100% from the previous two months (off-sales became available around March 1, 2013).

Please drink responsibly!

Incident	Jan/Feb 2013	March 2013
MV Collisions	3	1
MV Act	0	11
Impaired Reports	1	4
Liquor Act	0	4
Disturbance	2	4
Breach Probation	1	0
Breach Peace	4	4
Weapons	0	0
Harassment/Threats	1	5
Assaults	1	2
Thefts	1	1
Misc./Damage	0	2
Break and Enter	0	0
Total Calls	50	58

CTFN Spring Newsletter

YTG Highways & Public Works – Carcross

Spring Litter Campaign

Spring litter campaign will start in April and the applications for the 2013 season will be available on line after April 1, 2013 on the YTG website at www.gov.yk.ca .

Boat Launches in Carcross & Tagish

It has been requested by Environment Yukon that the boat launches in Carcross and Tagish not be maintained until the swans have moved on.

Happenings on South Klondike – Tagish – Atlin Roads

South Klondike # 2 – Expect road construction during the month of May, flag persons and equipment in both lanes with delays up to 30 minutes. Slow down for crews patching with pre-mix in various locations throughout the Spring/Summer season. Watch for fallen rock from Km 80 to BC border and along Tutshi Lake.

Tagish Road # 8 - Slow down for crews patching with pre-mix in various locations throughout the Spring/Summer season. Watch for persons and equipment clearing brush at various locations throughout.

Atlin Road # 7 – Expect road construction from Km 22 to Km 24.7 Snafu Bridge and Tarfu Bridge Km 30 to Km 33. Flag persons and equipment in both lanes with delays up to 30 minutes. Slow down for crews patching with pre-mix in various locations throughout the Spring/Summer season.

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

PLEASE WATCH FOR WILDLIFE ON THE ROADS!

ON BEHALF OF THE CARCROSS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CREW – WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY SPRING/SUMMER SEASON!

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Announcements



The Native Youth Sexual Health Network working with Blood Ties is offering Youth Worker Training for Rural Youth Workers and Youth Volunteers. This will be taking place in Whitehorse April 23rd and 24th 2013. This is available to anyone who works with youth ie: elders, justice workers, youth workers etc... Blood Ties will cover training fees, travel, accommodation and meals. For further information or to register please contact: Blood Ties by Tuesday April 16th 2013 @ ph-867-633-2437 or communityoutreach@klondikeer.com

Ha Kus Teyea Celebration



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

This Year the Celebration will be held on **July 26-28th 2013**

This is a substance free event and everyone is welcome to attend!

For further information, please contact:

Teslin Tlingit Council - Teslin Heritage Centre
Box 133 Teslin, Yukon Territory Y0A 1B0

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

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

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



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

The 2013 Summit is bringing together delegates from our 70 signatory Tribes & First Nation governments, friends & supporters from across North America and abroad, to take part in three full days of trainings, working sessions, speakers, and entertainment. The Summit is an opportunity to learn about the diverse watershed, make important decisions about Watershed protection, and ensure that our many efforts to preserve and protect the Yukon River and its tributaries are continuing strong.

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

If you have any questions or would like more information on our Summit, please contact us at (907) 258 2227

Isabelle Pringle Community Library



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

Hours:

Monday- Closed
Tuesday - 1-6:30 pm
Wednesday - 2:30-9:00 pm
Thursday – 2:30-8:00 pm
Friday – 2:30-8:00 pm

Phone/Fax: (867) 821-3801

Please visit us!

Carcross Grocery

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

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

Hours of operation are:

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

Sunday: 8:00 am -7:00 pm

Phone number is 821-3998

Please stop by and enjoy a coffee!

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



Carcross Trail Blazer Food Drive

Please help us by donating non-perishable foods that can be dropped off at CTFN., school, Ya Dak Du hidi, Local Store and if pick-up is needed call Ann-Marie Smith at 867-821-4024 or 821-4251 ext.

8239. The food will be distributed to the families that need it in our community. We will be driving house to house looking for donations over the course of the next 6 weeks.

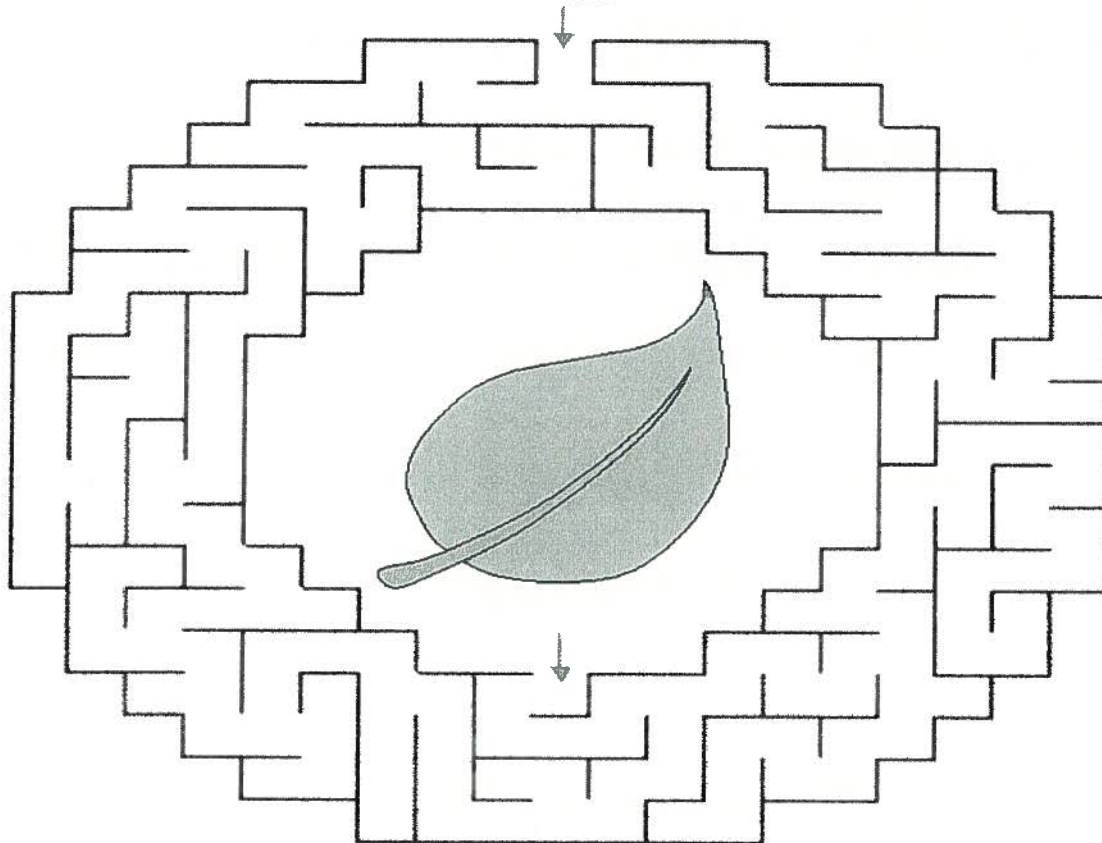
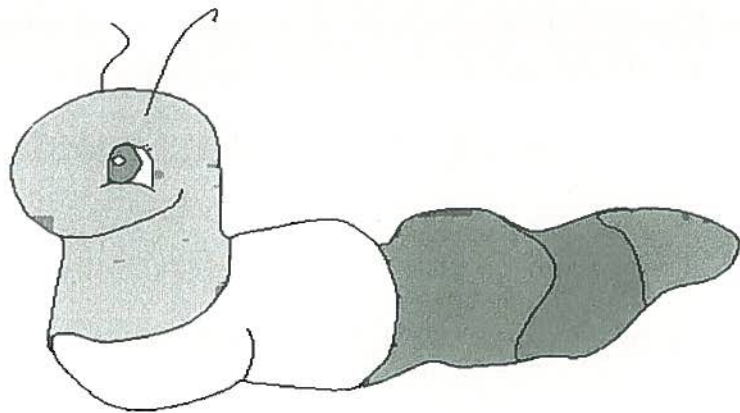
We thank you for your support and generosity.

For more information contact

Ann-Marie Smith

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Help the
caterpillar
find her
favorite leaf.



Bottle Drive Saturdays

Please help us to raise money to send a deserving individual(s) to

attend the Pursuit Of Excellent Seminars by donating any

bottles or cans that you may not want.

We will be driving house to house looking for donations over the

course of the next 6 weeks.

We thank you for your support and generosity

For for information contact

Tyler Bryden 867-821-2943



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- ✓ **WHAT:** A residential program conducted over a 3-day period, in a camp setting
- ✓ **WHERE:** Alexandra Neighbourhood House
2916 McBride Ave, Surrey, BC
- ✓ **WHEN:** June 29th – July 1st 2013
- ✓ **TUITION:** \$495 plus food, lodging (\$160) & Tax
- ✓ **AUDITING:** Participants can “audit” the adult Pursuit of Excellence at any time at no additional cost

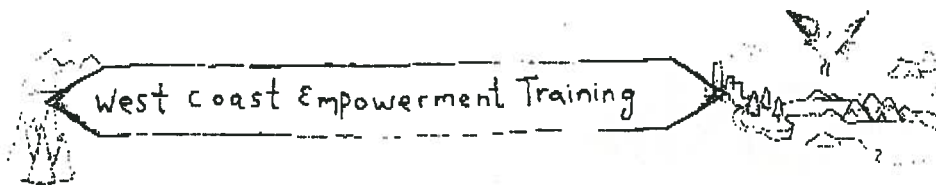


FOR REGISTRATION & INFO CONTACT:
Excellence Seminars International
1.800.399.8081



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www.ExcellenceSeminars.com



Whitehorse, YK
Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre
2BBoys Facilitator Training:
May 6, 7, 2013
Girl Power Facilitator Training:
May 7, 8, 2013

Why wait for problems to develop youths' lives? 2BBoys and Girl Power Facilitator Training are 1.5 day workshops that will prepare participants to launch a pre-adolescent girl and boy's group in your community. The trainings are designed for community leaders, educators, social workers, counsellors, youth workers, CHR's, wellness workers, recreation workers, elders and others who support girls' growth and development.

Attend both, or attend one! Men and women welcome in both trainings: Girl Power and 2BBoys are designed for all girls and boys; the training is First Nation focused; all are welcome!

Girl Power assists girls to:

- Believe in themselves
- Broaden their definition of beauty
- Stay true to their values and perceptions
- Improve their interpersonal and relating skills with friends

2BBoys & Girl Power helps youth AVOID:

- Depression/Anxiety
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Street life and violence
- Suicide

Location: Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre
Artists Studio

2BBoys: May 6: 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 pm
 May 7: 8:45 am – Noon

Girl Power: May 7: 1 pm - 4:00 p.m.
 May 8: 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 pm

2BBoys assists boys to:

- Increase their social connections
- Begin to identify and express emotions
- Be in nature
- Find healthy ways to express anger

You will learn:

- To design an effective group format
- Explore ways to make your group culturally relevant
- Principles of communication
- Effective Facilitation Skills

Presenters: Sherry Bezanson, BSW, M.Ed, RCC
 Jeffrey More, BA, DKATI
 Nicole Werstuijk, Dip BA
 250-514-1570
www.wcet.ca
 Download registration under Training Forms!
 Fax Registration to: 250-245-8134

Combined (both trainings) Early Bird \$850.00 + GST If paid by March 27, 2013
After March 27: \$950.00 + GST
Girl Power Early Bird \$475.00 + GST; 2BBoys Early Bird \$475.00 +GST
After March 27: \$495.00 + GST

- "2 BBoys program has opened up a door for our youth and I highly recommend this course to all Aboriginal Communities". Dwayne Lawrence, Mental Health and Youth programs worker, Okanagan Indian Band.
- "What an amazing training experience! Our precious daughters need to know that the blood of a beautiful nation runs through them and that they are beautiful and wonderfully made. They need to know that they can live and walk, dream and run, believe and soar and that they CAN fulfill the destiny that is before them. This training awoke us to see the obstacles that our girls go through and how we need to provide them with a sense of belonging, guidance and assurance that they are gifts from the Creator and they will grow up to be beautiful successful women in the future. Thank you for the bringing this to Treaty Four Territory! Meegwetch! Thank you!" Vera C. Tourangeau -Treaty Four Student Success Program, 2010.



Partnering with
Carcross/Tagish
First Nation

GARDENING PROJECT

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

FOR FOOD SECURITY

WANT TO GROW FOOD?

This is a full-time food growing and wild
harvesting program for approximately 16
weeks beginning April 2, 2013

You will learn to plant a garden, compost, build garden
boxes, grow in a greenhouse, cook and preserve food.

Cost: \$854 plus book (\$27.00 + gst)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT KEVIN OR LESLIE AT 821-8800

Communications Team Evaluation

April 2013

We would like to thank you for taking the time to fill this survey out. It helps us to have your input as to how we are doing with our communications. It will only take a few minutes and we appreciate any feed back you may have.

1. Have you noticed an improvement in Communications from CTFN Government?

Yes No

Please comment:

2. What suggestions would you make for more two-way communications?

3. How would you prefer to receive information? (please circle the ones that apply)

Facebook Email Website Snail Mail Newsletter Moccasin Telegraph

4. On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate the following: (please circle the one that apply)

CTFN Facebook Page

1-very satisfied 2-somewhat satisfied 3-satisfied 4-poor 5-very poor

CTFN Website

1-very satisfied 2-somewhat satisfied 3-satisfied 4-poor 5-very poor

Newsletter

1-very satisfied 2-somewhat satisfied 3-satisfied 4-poor 5-very poor

Annual Report

1-very satisfied 2-somewhat satisfied 3-satisfied 4-poor 5-very poor

Lobby Screen

1-very satisfied 2-somewhat satisfied 3-satisfied 4-poor 5-very poor

If you choose to put your name on the survey, it will go into a draw that will be done June 21st, 2013.
The prize..... is a surprise!!

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

**IMPORTANT
FAMILY
INFORMATION
ENCLOSED**

Carcross/Tagish First Nation is currently working on two inter-connected projects that involve you, your ancestors, and your future descendents. We need your help to complete both of these very important projects. Both project relies heavy on you, our Citizens.

We are updating our Citizenship List and have found incomplete files, in some cases. For example, a birth certificate is required prior to getting a "Status Number" or a "Beneficiary Number". There is also a wrong understanding in our community in that it is our Governments responsibility to ensure that newborns and those that have gained status as a "Registered Status Indian" are registered as a Citizen of Carcross/Tagish First Nation. Our Government is doing what it can to ensure everyone is recorded a Citizen of Carcross/Tagish First Nation. However, it is a fact that the responsibility for ensuring C/TFN Citizens are recognized by our Government

It is important, for a variety of reasons, including the keeping of a historical record of all eligible Citizens, to ensure our Citizen records are accurate. This includes names, snail mail address, email address, contact phone number, date of birth, name of any other First Nation you are affiliated with, and known family tree are examples.

We encourage you to take the time to fill them, photocopy them for family members to complete and submit and send the information to our Citizenship Office (formerly called 'the Database/Registry/Enrollment Office'). A copy of a birth certificate is required in all circumstances. If you need to obtain a birth certificate, you must get it from the province/state you were born in.

We are including in this mailout a number a documents:

- (1) Carcross/Tagish First Nation Application for Citizenship Form
- (2) Carcross/Tagish First Nation Citizenship Record of Death
- (3) Aboriginal Affairs Information on The Indian Registry
- (4) Aboriginal Affairs Information on New Legislative Changes to the Indian Act as a result of the McIvor v. Canada court decision.
- (5) Aboriginal Affairs Application for Registration of an Adult Under the Indian Act
- (6) Aboriginal Affairs Application for Registration of Child Under the Indian Act

To get birth certificates and death certificates in YUKON, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site <http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/vitalstats.php> or Vital Statistics

Main Office

Vital Statistics
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon
Y1A 2C6

Walk-in and Courier

4th Floor-204 Lambert St.
Whitehorse, Yukon
Y1A 3T2

Phone:

867-667-5207

Toll Free in Yukon only:

1-800-661-0408 ext. 5207

Fax:

867-393-6486

Email:

Vital.Statistics@gov.yk.ca

To get birth certificates and death certificates in BRITISH COLUMBIA, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site <http://www.vs.gov.bc.ca/forms/index.html>

To get birth certificates and death certificates in ALBERTA, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site <http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/785.cfm>

To get birth certificates and death certificates in SASKATCHEWAN, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site <https://www.isc.ca/vitalstats/Pages/default.aspx>

To get birth certificates and death certificates in MANITOBA, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site <http://vitalstats.gov.mb.ca/CertificateApps.html>

To get birth certificates and death certificates in ONTARIO, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site <http://www.ontario.ca/government/birth-certificates>

To get birth certificates and death certificates in QUEBEC, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site http://www4.gouv.qc.ca/EN/Portail/Citoyens/Evenements/DevenirParent/Pages/certif_acte_civil_naisn.aspx#

To get birth certificates and death certificates in NEW BRUNSWICK, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site <https://www.pxw1.snb.ca/snb7001/E/1000/CSS-FOL-35-5246E.pdf>

To get birth certificates and death certificates in NOVA SCOTIA, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site <http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/access/vitalstats/birth-certificate.asp>

To get birth certificates and death certificates in PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site <http://www.gov.pe.ca/health/index.php3?number=1020358&lang=E>

To get birth certificates and death certificates in NEWFOUNDLAND & LABADOUR, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site http://www.servicenl.gov.nl.ca/birth/birth_certificate/

To get birth certificates and death certificates in NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site www.vitalcertificates.ca/northwest-territories

To get birth certificates and death certificates in NUNAVUT, information on fees and contact information can be obtained by going to their web site <http://www.gov.nu.ca/en/birth.aspx>

CARCROSS/TAGISH FIRST NATION



Citizenship Office

Box 130 Carcross, Yukon, Y0B1B0

Phone: (867) 821-4251 ext. 8206

Fax: (867) 821-4802



Enrollment Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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

Maiden Name _____

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

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

Gender: Male or Female
(Circle One)

Adopted: Yes or No
(Circle One)

Birthdate: _____
(Day/Month/Year)

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

Citizenship (Passport): _____
(Country of Citizenship)

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

FAMILY INFORMATION

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

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

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

Mother's Name:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Father's Name:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Legal Guardian (other than parent): _____

Guardian's Mailing Address: _____

(Street Address or Box Number)

(City)

(Territory/Prov.)

(Postal Code)

**Relationship & Reason for
Filing on behalf of Applicant:** _____

ANCESTOR INFORMATION

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

Yes or No
(Circle One)

If yes, where? _____

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

Name of Ancestor: _____

Relation to you: _____

**Residence
in/before 1940:** _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

(Applicant's Signature)

(Phone Number)

(Date)

Family Tree

Family Tree

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graph TD; Applicant[Applicant Name: _____] --- Mother[Mother: _____  
Origin: _____]; Applicant --- Father[Father: _____  
Origin: _____]; Mother --- Grandmother1[Grandmother: _____  
Origin: _____]; Mother --- Grandfather1[Grandfather: _____  
Origin: _____]; Father --- Grandmother2[Grandmother: _____  
Origin: _____]; Father --- Grandfather2[Grandfather: _____  
Origin: _____]; Grandmother1 --- GreatGrandmother1[Great Grandmother: _____  
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Origin: _____];
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The diagram is a family tree starting from an 'Applicant Name' box at the top. It branches into 'Mother' and 'Father' boxes. Each of these branches into 'Grandmother' and 'Grandfather' boxes. Each of these four branches into 'Great Grandmother' and 'Great Grandfather' boxes. Each box contains a label for the relationship and a line for the name, with a second line for 'Origin'.

CARCROSS/TAGISH FIRST NATION



Citizenship Office

Box 130 Carcross, Yukon, Y0B1B0

Phone: (867) 821-4251 ext. 8206

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Deceased Form

Deceased Name:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Maiden Name

Birthdate:

(Day/Month/Year)

Birth Place:

(City and Territory/Prov.)

**Indian Status # or
Beneficiary #:**

(Please provide the number)

Date of Death:

(Day/Month/Year)

Place of Death:

(City and Territory/Prov.)

Mother's Name:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Father's Name:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Signature of person verifying info.)

(Phone Number)

(Date)



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The Indian Register

January 2011

The Indian Register is the official record identifying all Registered Indians in Canada. Registered Indians are people who are registered with the federal government as Indians, according to the terms of the *Indian Act*. Registered Indians are also known as Status Indians. Status Indians have certain rights and benefits that are not available to Non-Status Indians or Métis people. These may include on-reserve housing benefits, education and exemption from federal, provincial and territorial taxes in specific situations.

The Indian Register contains the names of all Status Indians. It also has information such as dates of birth, death, marriage and divorce, as well as records of persons transferring from one band (or First Nation community) to another. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) is responsible for maintaining the Register (see the following section called "The Indian Registrar").

The Register's beginnings

As early as 1850, the colonial government in British North America began to keep and maintain records to identify individual Indians and the bands to which they belonged. These records helped agents of the Crown to determine which people were eligible for treaty and interest benefits under specific treaties.

Between 1850 and 1951, government agents continued to maintain lists of the names of Indians who were members of a band. In 1951, changes to the *Indian Act* included a change to create an Indian Register.

The Indian Register brought together all of the existing records of persons who were recognized by the federal government as members of an Indian band. It served as the main record of the people registered as Indians under the *Indian Act*.

The main requirement a person needs in order to be included in the Indian Register is evidence of descent from persons whom the Canadian government recognized as members of an Indian band in Canada. However, other terms in the *Indian Act* may also be factors in determining whether a person is a Status Indian.

Loss and restoration of Indian status

In 1985, the federal government changed the *Indian Act* by passing Bill C-31. These changes ended various forms of discrimination that had been ongoing since the 1860s. Many people over the decades had lost their Indian status because of unfair terms in the *Indian Act*. Since the passing of Bill C-31, the names of more than 100,000 people who lost their status as a result of these terms have been added to the Register.

Before Bill C-31, there were several ways a person could lose his or her Indian status under the terms of the *Indian Act* then in place. These included:

- Marriage to a non-Indian—if a registered Indian woman married a non-Indian, she automatically lost her Indian status. She was no longer considered to be an Indian within the meaning of the *Indian Act*; neither were any of her children if they were born after her marriage.

- Enfranchisement—before April 17, 1985, a person could apply to give up their Indian status for various reasons including the right to vote in a federal election. Until 1960, the only way Indians could vote in federal elections was to give up their Indian status.
- Foreign residence—an Indian who lived outside of Canada for more than five years lost his or her Indian status.

Bill C-31 allowed people in these situations to apply to have their status restored or to be registered for the first time and to have their names entered in the Indian Register. Bill C-31 also enabled people in the following categories to apply to be registered:

- Persons removed from the Indian Register because of a protest based on non-Indian paternity.
- Children of people whose status was restored may be eligible to register for the first time, if one parent is registered or entitled to be registered under Section 6(1) of the *Indian Act*. Children are also eligible to register for the first time if both of their parents are registered or entitled to be registered under Section 6 of the *Indian Act*.

The Indian Registrar

Under the *Indian Act*, the Indian Registrar—an employee of AANDC—is responsible for maintaining the Indian Register. The Registrar is the sole authority for determining which names will be added, deleted or omitted from the Register. In order to determine who is entitled to be registered as a Status Indian, the Registrar must be able to confirm that the person is descended from people who were recognized as members of an Indian band. The *Indian Act* defines the categories of people who are eligible for registration as Indians.

Protests

It is possible to protest either a removal, omission or an addition of a name to the Indian Register. Protests must be submitted to the Registrar in writing within three years from the date of the Registrar's decision. The Registrar then reviews the protest, along with the original file and any new documentation, to determine if the original decision was correct. Once the Registrar has made a decision on the protest, the affected person is notified. If the person concerned disagrees with the Registrar's decision, he or she can take the matter to court.

For more information, contact the Office of the Indian Registrar at 819-953-0960.

This general information is provided as a brief overview only. The terms of the *Indian Act*, its regulations, other federal statutes and their interpretation by the courts take precedence over the content of this information sheet.

Publications and Public Enquiries
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H4
Telephone: 819-997-0380

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How Do the New Legislative Changes to the Indian Act Affect Me?

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What is the history of the McIvor decision?

The *Indian Act* defines eligibility for Indian registration (i.e. status). The Indian Register is the official record identifying all status Indians in Canada.

Over the years, there have been many changes to the rules for deciding who is eligible for registration. Important changes were made to Canada's *Indian Act* on June 28, 1985, when Parliament passed Bill C-31, An Act to Amend the *Indian Act*. This brought the *Indian Act* into line with the provisions of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and was guided by three principles: removal of discrimination against women; restoring status and membership rights; and increasing control of Indian bands over their own membership.

In April 2009 the Court of Appeal for British Columbia ruled in the case of *McIvor v. Canada* that the *Indian Act* discriminates between men and women with respect to registration as an Indian. In its ruling, the Court gave Parliament one year, until April 6, 2010, to amend the provisions of the *Indian Act* that were found to be unconstitutional. In order to comply with the Court of Appeal's decision, in March 2010 the Government of Canada introduced legislative amendments to certain registration provisions of the *Indian Act*.

What are the legislative amendments?

The amendments deal specifically with certain registration provisions of the *Indian Act*. In a nutshell, the amendments ensure that eligible grand-children of women who lost status as a result of marrying non-Indian men will become entitled to registration (Indian status) in accordance with the *Indian Act*. The amendments do not extend to other situations.

As a result of the amendments, who will be eligible for first-time registration under the *Indian Act* to respond to McIvor decision?

You should consult the web site of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for the specific eligibility criteria. Generally speaking, the key criteria to be newly entitled to registration are:

1. Did your grandmother lose her Indian status as a result of marrying a non-Indian?
2. Is one of your parents registered, or entitled to be registered, under sub-section 6(2) of the *Indian Act*?
3. Were you, or your siblings, born on or after September 4, 1951?

In general, if you can answer yes to all three of the above questions, you may be newly entitled to registration based on the proposed Indian Act amendments; however, the Department recommends individuals wait until amendments to the *Indian Act* have taken effect before applying.

If you are the registered Indian parent of a minor child that fits the above scenario, you may apply on their behalf. Your entitlement to Indian registration will be automatically amended from 6(2) to 6(1) to allow for the registration of your child. No application for this amendment is required as it will be done at the time of your child's registration.

For more information on the criteria please call 1-800-567-9604.

How do these amendments affect band membership?

For those being registered for the first time, there are two scenarios that govern band membership. For bands whose membership is determined by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada in accordance with section 11 of the *Indian Act*, applicants will be added to the band list at the time of registration. For bands who determine their own membership in accordance with section 10 of the *Indian Act*, applicants would be directed to the band with which they are affiliated to apply for membership. This does not affect their entitlement to registration under the *Indian Act*.

For persons already registered who are being amended to sub-section 6(1) of the *Indian Act*, if you are affiliated with a section 11 band there will be no change to your band membership. If you are currently a member of a section 10 band who determines their own membership, you will not lose membership unless the membership rules of your band are amended to that effect.

Do the amendments address the Subsection 6(2)/Second Generation Cut-Off?

The amendments to the *Indian Act* will only extend registration to eligible grandchildren of women who lost status as a result of their marriage to a non-Indian man before April 17, 1985. Other cases will not become eligible as a result of this amendment.

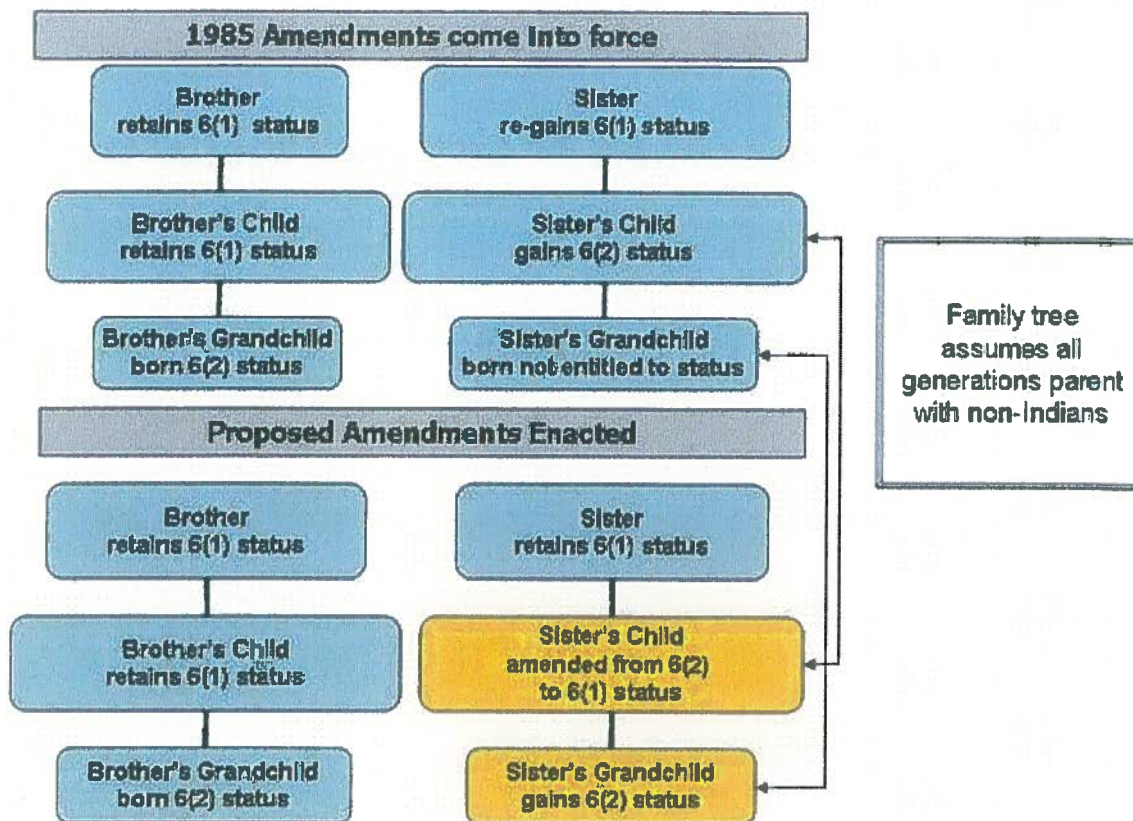
Could I lose my Indian status as a result of the amendments?

No one will lose Indian status. In fact, approximately 45,000 individuals will become newly entitled to Indian registration as a result of this legislation.

Contact information

Phone: (toll-free) 1-800-567-9604

The family tree of a brother and a sister where the sister has lost status as a result of her marriage prior to April 17, 1985



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Application For Registration of an Adult Under the Indian Act

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Guidelines for Completion of Application

PROTECTED WHEN COMPLETED

The information you provide on this document is collected under the authority of the *Indian Act* for the purpose of registration under that *Act* and will be stored in personal information bank number INA/P-PU-110. Personal information that you provide is protected under the provisions of the *Privacy Act*

Adults wishing to register under the *Indian Act* should complete the following form to the extent possible using these guidelines.

If you fall into one of the following categories, you are entitled to be registered under the *Act*.

1. Persons entitled to be registered prior to April 17, 1985.
2. Women who lost status through marriage to a man who was not a status Indian (s.12(1)(b)).
3. Children of women referred to in 1 who were enfranchised upon their mother's marriage (s.109(2)).
4. Children whose mother and whose father's mother did not have status under the *Act* before their marriage, who lost status at age 21 (s.12(1)(a)(iv) - referred to commonly as the double-mother rule).
5. Illegitimate children of women with status under the *Act* whose registration was successfully protested on the ground that their father was a man who did not have status under the *Act*.
6. Persons enfranchised upon application by the head of the household (s.109(1) or its

predecessor section).

7. Children of persons listed in 1 to 6 above.

8. Illegitimate daughters of status Indian men and women without status, born before April 17, 1985.

PART A

Applications are to be completed by persons 18 or over. Parents or guardians applying on behalf of minor child or mentally incompetent persons are to use the form APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF CHILDREN UNDER THE *INDIAN ACT* 83-044AE

PART B

If you are from categories 2 to 6, you should include the former band number if known and the name of the former band.

If you were never registered, your LONG FORM BIRTH REGISTRATION on which your parents's names are indicated is required.

PART C

If you do not know your band number or the numbers of your parents, leave it blank. It is important however to name the band with which each person is affiliated.

PART D

You should refer to the categories listed above for the wording. Details such as dates of marriage, enfranchisement order or protest should be included, if known. Indicate surname by which you are to be registered.

Application For Registration of an Adult *Under the Indian Act*

Please communicate with me in:

☐ English ☐ French

- A. I request that I _____ if eligible, be registered in the Indian Register and, if applicable, that my name be entered in a Band List, as provided under the *Indian Act*.

Signature _____

Date (YYYYMMDD) _____

If more space is required, enter additional information on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form.

B. Family Name of Applicant _____

Given Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone No. (Daytime) _____

Date of Birth (YYYYMMDD) _____

Band No. _____

Band Name _____

C. Family Name of Father _____

Given Name(s) _____

Date of Birth (YYYYMMDD) _____

Band No. _____

Band Name _____

Family Name of Mother of Child _____

Given Name(s) _____

Date of Birth (YYYYMMDD) _____

Band No. _____

Band Name _____

Family Name of Paternal Grandfather _____

Given Name(s) _____

Family Name of Paternal Grandmother _____

Given Name(s) _____

Family Name of Maternal Grandfather _____

Given Name(s) _____

Family Name of Maternal Grandmother _____

Given Name(s) _____

D. Grounds for Registration

Note: If you have a child under the age of 18, and wish to have this child registered, please use the form: APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF CHILDREN UNDER THE *INDIAN ACT* 83-044AE.

Mail to:

The Registrar
Indian Registration and Band Lists
Registration, Revenues and Band Governance Branch
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4

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Persons wishing to register a child born before April 17, 1985 should complete the following form to the extent possible using these guidelines.

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2. Persons entitled to be registered prior to April 17, 1985.
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PART A

Applications are to be signed by both parents or guardians on behalf of minor child or mentally incompetent persons. If only one parent signs, attach a note explaining why the second signature is not available. Guardians must attach a copy of the Court Order granting guardianship. Persons 18 or over applying for themselves are to use the white form entitled APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF CHILDREN UNDER THE INDIAN ACT 83-044E

PART B

If the person on whose behalf you are applying is from categories 2 to 6, you should include the former band number if known and the name of the former band.

The LONG FORM BIRTH REGISTRATION for each child on which the parents' names are indicated is required.

PART C

If you do not know the band number of the parents, leave it blank. It is important however to name the band with which each person is affiliated.

PART D

You should refer to the categories listed above for the wording. Details such as dates of marriage, enfranchisement order or protest should be included, if known.

Application for Registration of Child *Under the Indian Act*

Please communicate with me in: ☐ English ☐ French

A.

We make this application as parents or guardians on behalf of the applicant who is under the age of 18 years or is mentally incompetent within the meaning of the *Indian Act*. We request that the applicant be registered in the Indian Register and, if applicable that his/her name be entered in a Band List, as provided under the *Indian Act*.

Signature of both Parents or Guardians

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

If more space is required, enter additional information on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form.

B.

Family Name of Parent/Guardian of Child

Given Name(s)

Mailing Address

Postal Code

Telephone No. (Daytime)

C. Information about Child

Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD)

Family Name

Given Name(s)

Family Name of Father of Child

Given Name(s)

Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD)

Band No. _____

Band Name _____

Maiden Name of Mother of Child _____

Given Name(s) _____

Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD) _____

Band No. _____

Band Name _____

Family Name of Paternal Grandfather of child _____

Given Name(s) _____

Family Name of Paternal Grandmother of
Child _____

Given Name(s) _____

Family Name of Maternal Grandfather of Child _____

Given Name(s) _____

Family Name of Maternal Grandmother of
Child _____

Given Name(s) _____

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2.0 ELIGIBILITY

In order to be considered eligible for Rental Housing a person must:

1. Be a C/TFN citizen/beneficiary or a parent with C/TFN dependents;
2. Be nineteen (19) years of age or older;
3. Be in good financial standing with the GC/TFN;
4. Be in good standing with the GC/TFN Housing Department;
5. Have been residing in the Yukon for a minimum of one consecutive year from date of application (exceptions, such as emergencies, as deemed appropriate by the C/TFN Housing Team).

2.1 APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Rental housing application packages will have a cover letter outlining what is needed for submission with the application for completion;
2. Only complete applications will be considered for the wait list;
3. All rental arrears including sanitation and work orders must be paid in full before rental application is accepted;
4. The application must include a cover letter, and two (2) rental references if there is a rental history;
5. Confirmation of employment or earnings in the form of a confirmation letter from employer, EI acceptance letter, Social Assistance, Disability confirmation (WCB), Pensions and all other forms of household income;
6. Applications can be mailed, emailed or hand delivered to GC/TFN Capital Projects Housing Department or GC/TFN Administration office;
7. Any GC/TFN staff member with access to the common drive can print a rental housing package;

8. When an application is received, the Housing Manager will review the package and if all required documents are completed and attached it will be submitted to the next Housing Team meeting for review and acceptance;
9. The Housing Manager will date stamp the application as verification it has been received and add the applicant's name to the eligibility list;
10. If approved, the application will be on file for the next available allocation and a letter will be sent stating it has been received, reviewed and accepted by the Housing Team for the next available allocation;
11. If the approved application is more than three (3) months old and there is an available unit, that applicant must confirm and update documentation (if required) before being accepted;
12. If allocated a unit, the applicant will be contacted first by phone based on the information submitted on application. If they accept the unit being offered they will be given a verbal estimated time of occupancy;
13. A letter of offer will only be given once a confirmed move in date is set by the Housing Manager;
14. If there is no contact within five (5) working days to accept or decline the unit being offered, it will be allocated to the next approved eligible applicant;
15. All incomplete applications will be mailed back to the applicant for additional information and only when completed will the application be processed for Housing Team review;
16. If the application is not approved, applicants will be sent a letter outlining why the application was not accepted by the Housing Team;
17. If required, assistance for completing applications will be provided by the Housing Manager or your Housing Team Representative.

BOX 130

PHONE (867) 821-4251 Ext: 8249

FAX (867) 821-4812



Social Housing	Rent to Own Program	Home Maintenance Program
<p>1. Program Description: Social housing provides affordable rental units for low-income households.</p> <p>2. Eligibility: Applicants must be low-income, have a stable income, and be a resident of the city.</p> <p>3. Application Process: Applicants must complete an application form, provide income verification, and undergo a background check.</p> <p>4. Program Benefits: Social housing provides a safe, stable, and affordable place to live, which can improve health and well-being.</p>	<p>1. Program Description: The Rent to Own Program allows tenants to rent a property with the option to purchase it at a later date.</p> <p>2. Eligibility: Applicants must be a resident of the city, have a stable income, and be at least 18 years old.</p> <p>3. Application Process: Applicants must complete an application form, provide income verification, and undergo a background check.</p> <p>4. Program Benefits: The Rent to Own Program provides a path to homeownership for low-income households.</p>	<p>1. Program Description: The Home Maintenance Program provides financial assistance for home repairs and maintenance.</p> <p>2. Eligibility: Applicants must be a resident of the city, have a stable income, and be at least 18 years old.</p> <p>3. Application Process: Applicants must complete an application form, provide income verification, and undergo a background check.</p> <p>4. Program Benefits: The Home Maintenance Program helps homeowners maintain their homes in good condition, which can improve health and well-being.</p>

Home Ownership Program Renovation Program

Heat Source: Wood ☒ Toyo Stove ☐ Wood/Oil Furnace ☐ Electric ☐

1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom Plus
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Carcross _____ Carcross Cut off _____ Land Selection _____ Other _____

Land Leased_____ (**Attach signed lease agreement**).

Last Name	First Name	Middle In.
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Street/ Box #	City/Town	Province – Postal Code
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Home Phone #	Cell #	Work #
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Single	Single Parent	Single Parent/With Custody
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Married/No Children Married W/Children Common Law

Common Law w/ Children	Elder
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* Number of children under age 19 still living at home or dependent children: _____

**** Please provide a detailed cover letter if applying for social housing.**

Renter/Social/Other Home Owner Live w/Parents/ Other

Clan Information if Applicable

CTFN Enrollment ID# _____

Do you owe any monies to GCTFN? _____ Amount owing: _____

Have you rented from GCTFN? _____

Are you currently living in social housing? _____ How long? _____

Would you like to move to another social housing unit? _____

Please explain the request for the move:

Do you currently own a house (DIA)? _____ How long? _____

Have you ever owned a (DIA) house? _____

When did you own this house? _____

Where is the location of this house? _____

Was this house willed to you? _____

Did this house ever have a RAPP grant applied to it? _____ If yes, when? _____

(Please provide copy of RRAP Grant).

Is this house habitable? _____

If no, please explain why:

Did you sign this house back over to GCTFN? _____ If yes, when? _____

Did you sign this house over to someone else? _____

Who was this house signed over to? When? _____

*****PLEASE PROVIDE COPY OF FINAL BILL OF SALE.**

*****PLEASE PROVIDE COPY OF SIGNED CERTIFICATE OF HOME OWNERSHIP.**

Financial Information

Current Employer _____ How Long _____

Retired _____ How Long _____

Income – Financial Support

	Applicant	Spouse
Gross Monthly Income from Employer	_____	_____
Child Tax Credit	_____	_____
Child/ Spouse Support	_____	_____
Pension Income	_____	_____
Investment/ Rental Income	_____	_____
Other (Provincial/GST Tax Credit, etc)	_____	_____
Social Assistance	_____	_____
Top Total	_____	_____

Financial Expenses – Fixed Expenses

Rent/Mortgage	_____	_____
Utilities (Include Heating)	_____	_____
Car Payment/ Transportation Cost	_____	_____
Insurance (Car, Home, Life)	_____	_____
Child Support/ Maintenance Enforcement (Alimony)	_____	_____
Loan Payment #1 (min. payment)	_____	_____
Loan Payment #2 (min. payment)	_____	_____
Credit Card #1(min. Payment)	_____	_____
Credit Card #2 (min payment)	_____	_____
Other Expense #1	_____	_____
Other Expense #2	_____	_____
Bottom Total	_____	_____

Bank Information – Please Attach Void Cheque

Down Payment Amount:\$_____ Loan Required\$_____

***** ONLY APPLICATIONS WITH ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE
CONSIDERED. PLEASE REFER TO PROGRAM POLICY FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION.**

