



**CARCROSS/TAGISH FIRST NATION**



## *FALL NEWSLETTER 2013*

Welcome to the Fall/Harvest Edition of the C/TFN Newsletter, brought to you by the Communications Team! We hope you and your family have had a successful and productive harvest season and are almost ready for the winter season.

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Arrival of C/TFN Citizens at Ha Kus Teyea Inland Tlingit Celebration (July 2013)

## **HA KUS TEYEA CELEBRATION 2013**

The members of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation would like to thank Teslin Tlingit Council for inviting us to be a part of this very important gathering; we once again had a very good turnout.

We would also like to thank all the C/TFN members who volunteered their time and worked hard to make the C/TFN day a success!

First off we would like to thank the Staff and Members who did the following:

Khà Shâde Héni – Danny Cresswell for assisting in coordinating this event while in Teslin, also for ordering the canoe and organizing the canoe launch, ceremony and practice.

The Hunters – Keith Wolfe-Smarch and Adam Winters went out for sheep a few days prior to the celebration, they brought home 3 sheep for us to serve at the celebration.

The Youth Workers – Malcolm Barrett-James and Izaia Shepherd James volunteered for 4 days, they assisted in the ordering and shopping for the dinner, they helped the hunters clean, hang, and cut up the sheep. Also they assisted in the preparation of the dinner and cooked, served and assisted in the clean-up – Thank you Malcolm and Izaia – You worked very hard with NO complaints you both made us proud. They also attended to C/TFN Elders at the campsite.

Thank you to Derek Grose and Tiana Smarch for shopping for dinner.

The Heritage and Natural Resources Staff Sheena Johns, and Keith Wolfe-Smarch for painting the Salmon on the canoe, what a beautiful job, well done!! The canoe was launched a few days before the celebration.

The CTFN Members from British Columbia – Allan Olgivie, Kim George, William McCoy and Wife Theresa McCoy, Doreen McCloud and Denise Block. It was nice to have the opportunity to meet more of our Members and see them come back to the Community. They joined us in the Canoe Launching Ceremony where Winnie Atlin blessed the canoe and also came out to the Ha Kus Teyea Celebration to help prepare the meal on Thursday and helped serve on Friday. They have not experienced any cultural activities with their own people before and had a great time. We received a few phone calls from them since and they expressed how happy they were to finally visit the Community they are from and thanked everyone in Carcross for everything.

## Pictures from the Inland Celebration (Ha Kus Teyea)



Dhakka Kwan Dancers



C/TFN's Traditional Tlingit Canoe (T'a- King Salmon)



Calvin, Sean & Marilyn



Blake



Donna's truck all loaded up with dinner groceries



Alan, Darla, Shirley

Yak'ei yakyee! (Good Day!)

Governance would like to welcome everyone to the fall edition of the C/TFN Newsletter!

We have been hard at work throughout the summer and look forward to providing updates on important activities. First, we are pleased to have a full-time permanent Policy Analyst! Derek Grose (the son of Darlene Johns and Erik Baker) has joined the Governance Team after having been successful in the competition for this position. We are sad to see Gavin leave again, but we're sure he'll be back at a later date again!

### **Executive Council Update**

The Executive Council has a packed agenda coming up over the next few months as they will be planning to have full-day meetings with each of the departments. Also, Executive Council will be looking forward to setting up the next meeting with the Taku River Tlingits and the Teslin Tlingit Council, and calling a General Council meeting. A retreat took place over the summer months with Management Board to confirm work plans/next steps on our priorities for the coming year.

### **FTA Update**

We are still in mediation with the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada on the renewal of our Financial Transfer Agreement. Khà Shâde Hénì Cresswell attended various meetings in Ottawa with the Minister and the Minister's Office staff to keep our issue in the forefront. Well, I'm happy to report that it worked!! We were told recently that the Minister has finally given his staff direction to work with C/TFN to resolve the issue of fairness and equality that we have been raising for several years now. This means that the upcoming mediation session should be quite a change of pace, as solutions become the focus, finally. I look forward to providing more information as it becomes available.

### **General Council Update**

A General Council will be called this month to review the work of the Trusts, the Carcross Tagish Management Corporation, as well as to review the 2012-2013 financial audit and to review an updated Finance Policy. Again, in order to increase communication, we will be making the packages available to all Citizens, when they are ready. We are hoping that the Clans will meet to have full discussions about the agenda items so that everyone's voice is heard.

### **Policy Update**

We are moving right along with the policy revisions, of course guided by our various Clan-Based Committees. With the help of the Housing Team and the Education Advisory Committee, the Housing (Rentals) Policy and the Capacity Development Policy were both successfully reviewed, revised and approved. Both can now be found on the website. We are working with the First Nation Market Housing Fund to put together a fullsome draft Renovation Program Policy as well. Further, the Finance Policy and Lands Act are being worked on further for approval by General Council.

### **Youth Council**

After contacting all of the Clan Representatives on Youth Council early this fall to plan for a meeting and discussions on food security for the future, Governance realized that there needs

to be a revised list of Youth council representatives. Out of the 10 that were contacted, only one confirmed that they were interested in filling this role for their Clan. Please let your Clan leader know if you are interested in working with the Youth Council.

### **Justice Council**

Governance is putting together a plan for how to carry out the Constitutional Review this fiscal year. We were thinking that it would make sense to have the Justice Council lead the review of the constitution, as that will likely form the basis for some of their decisions in the future. We are also brainstorming some ideas for training.

Unfortunately, this is another area where there is not a full list of Clan Representatives for the Council. We are really hoping to start this project with participation from all clans, with inclusion of the alternates so that everyone is on the same page and to ensure we are all paddling in the same direction. We are requesting the Clans who don't have representatives and alternates identified to identify them so that we can get this important work underway.

### **Community Meals**

As per the request received around Community Meals -these will be held the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. We are hoping that lots of Citizens come out and hopefully we'll need to find a bigger space in the future, but for now these Community Meals will be in the Main Administration Building. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Donna Geddes know. Gunalcheesh!

### **Yukon First Nation Statistical Agency (YFNSA)**

Governance team is coordinating work between our Departments and the YFNSA so that we can learn how to do and keep track of our statistics. For example, a meeting has taken place with the Governance Office to look at how our Citizenship Database can be used to help us make predictions about our Citizenship in the future by looking at birth and death rates, ages of the Citizenship, etc. This should be exciting work! They have also agreed to help us with a census, perhaps one that isn't so lengthy (we realized that some of the information that has been asked in previous C/TFN census' is information that the Government already holds for many of its Citizens). So, we're learning how to be more efficient in this process and collect the information that we need.

Michelle Parsons  
Senior Government Official

A big thank you from the Lindstrom/Sembsmoen family for all the love n support Bev has received during her illness. The love, the encouragement and the prayers is what has sustained her during the most difficult times.

We are forever grateful for the kindness & generosity.

Pictures from the Elder`s Train Ride (August 1, 2013) and the Canoe Launch



**C/TFN Communications Team will again host a Halloween Party on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Main Administration Building from 1:00-4:30.**

**We hope to make this event as successful as it was last year!**

**We have invited the school and the kids at Ya Dak Du Hidi, so put on your scariest faces and come out!!**



The Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources Department would like to remind everyone during Harvest season:

- Please be wary of the moose cow and calf that have been spotted in the community of Carcross.
- Please report your harvest and hunting activities to the Department.
- There is a dog-fixing program, as this was identified as a Community Priority coming out of General Council. With a growing number of dog incidents, please keep an eye on your dogs and tie them up for the safety of all in the community.
- Please do not start any new development on the C/TFN Traditional Territory without first obtaining permission from the Land Use Team.

## *Language Nest update September 2013*

Yak'ei Yakye! (Good day!) So far we are still moving ahead with our Language Nest at the Carcross Daycare, we have lost some of the children who have since moved on to school now but have recieved some new little ones to teach Tlingit language to :)

Since our last update for C/TFN's newsletter back in June 2013 – 2 of our staff working in the language nest have gone out to Chase BC for some really awesome training; where they learned about teaching a native language using a technique called Total Physical Response TPR – also known as teaching through movement! We have since incorporated a lot of this type of teaching for our language nest and it really has our elder Winnie having a good laugh watching us delivering the language in a way that is all new to her but we are all having a great time and having lots of laughs ourselves LOL! And since we began incorporating TPR style of teaching in our language nest it really has the children a lot more interested in learning and I have since noticed my own daughter at home repeating the little Tlingit lullaby songs we sing as well as using the little basic commands we use with TPR!

Also in August our language team attended Xh'unei /Lance Twitchell's two week Tlingit Immersion – spending our 1<sup>st</sup> week in Whitehorse and then onto Teslin for our 2<sup>nd</sup> week which also included Teslin's In-land celebration know as "Ha Kus teyea"! Atlein Gunalcheesh to Xh'unei who gave his summer off to come and teach us and share all his great knowledge about our Tlingit Language! Xh'unei/Lance explained how very important it is now for our people to pick up the language with only a few fluent speakers left here in the Carcross area.

In wanting to further my studies in the Tlingit language I have recently signed up for Lance Twitchell's Xh'unei on-line Tlingit course out of Juneau Alaska and I would like to extend the invitation for others to join me – Classes are from 6:30-8:30pm Tuesday and Thursday evenings from now until December 2013. There seems to be a a greater # of others attending so we are in the works of getting more office space set up for this to happen!

So far we have had 1 parent come and see us in action in our 1hr Tlingit language session with auntie Winnie and the language nest is really hoping that more parents will come and join us for the 1 hr session that happens daily from Monday - Friday 10am to 11am with our Tlingit Elder Winnie Atlin! We are always open to try new ways of delivering the language to the little ones in the daycare – so if you have some great ideas please call CTFN's Language Nest Coordinator Deborah Baerg @ 867 8214251-ext. 8207 or email [deborah.baerg@ctfn.ca](mailto:deborah.baerg@ctfn.ca)!

Déi áwé (That's All)  
Aatlein Gunalchéesh ! (A Very Big Thank you!)



Farthest Right Bessie Jim, she is holding Oksana Baerg, Sitting down is Tlingit Elder Winnie Altin with Channing Smarch in front of her, behind them standing is Deborah Baerg holding Tanner Boucher and Farthest Left is Tiffany Hall and standing in front of her is Jayden Johnson :) So Very Proud of all our Awesome little Tlingit Speakers in the Language Nest XOXO!



**WELCOME!!**

**All Parents with newborn babies and  
toddlers or expectant mothers**

**Please feel free to come by and join  
our Language Nest at C/TFN's**

**Daycare**

**From 10am – 11am Daily Monday to  
Friday**

**With our Fluent Tlingit Elder Mrs.  
Winnie Atlin!!**

For more information please contact  
Language Nest Coordinator  
Deborah Baerg 821-2451 ext. 8207  
deborah.baerg@ctfn.ca

## **A few words from our Education Programs & Service Coordinator**

Hello everyone!

So far everything has been good and I am enjoying taking over for Robin while she is away.

I've already helped the school on a few outings and planned the First Hunt. Two grade 9 boys (the 3<sup>rd</sup> was sick) went out with Charlie James, Keith Smarch, Aaron Smarch and Adam Winters and set up camp at 10 mile. Although they were unsuccessful with getting a moose, they did learn some survival skills. We might plan another quick weekend outing for the boys with Keith so they can still have a feast.

Another event I am planning is a fall culture camp for the school. It's going to be full of culture and fun activities for everyone. Setting a net, making bow/arrows and setting snares are just a few things I have planned so far. I am even working on getting Les Johns to come out for some archery!

Some of the students are willing to learn and start up a stick gambling team; I am all for this but I do not know all the rules. Anybody willing to teach and coach?!?!?! It sounds like a lot of fun and maybe they can eventually enter in the tournaments and win big money!!

If anyone would like to volunteer for these events please let me know! The more the merrier!

Sheena Johns  
EPSC

## **Education Employment & Training Officer Update**

We would like to welcome Lenora Toews to the Capacity Development Department, Lenora is the Education Employment & Training Trainee/Assistant. Lenora is learning extremely fast and we enjoy having her in the office.

We have been working on the Suppliers List and we update it regularly so please let us know if you would like to be added to this. There will be a lot of contractors seeking our citizens for employment within the late fall season and early spring.

We are working on partnering with Yukon Mine Training Association to deliver more programs and training opportunities within our community and may possibly be sending a few more citizens to the Interior Heavy Equipment Operator School within the next year. There will be many Information Sessions coming up on these programs, please try to attend so you can learn more about the different training opportunities and funding options available.

Anyone interested in taking short courses for the Oil & Gas Industry should get in touch with myself or Lenora or stop into the office. Some upcoming courses will be WHMIS, Transportation of Dangerous Goods, H2S Alive, Rigging & Hoisting and Chainsaw. The Oil & Gas training is only offered twice a year, in October and April, so please do not miss out if your tickets have expired. Also if there is any interest in Traffic Control Persons or First Aid courses please get in touch with our office.

Canadian Training Resources is offering an Advanced Skills for Administrative Assistants in Whitehorse this October and we will be sending approximately 8 citizens to this course to achieve and

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For more information, check us out on Facebook or at [www.ctfn.ca](http://www.ctfn.ca)!!

advance their office skills. There will be many courses similar to this one as well as Excel, Microsoft Office and such being held over the winter months so please watch for postings and advertising if you require any of these courses.

Yukon College is offering an Outdoor Power Equipment Maintenance Program which will run for 15 weeks. They will be bringing a trailer and instructor to the community and students will learn to fix skidoos, quads, chainsaws, etc. We already have many citizens enrolled in the course.

Once again I would like to thank our Education Advisory Committee for their hard work and dedication to our students. Currently we are funding approximately 8 Continuing Students in Post-Secondary Programs and 5 new students beginning their first year. Most of our students are attending Yukon College both here in Carcross and some in Whitehorse. We have 1 student attending Simon Fraser University, 1 student attending Red Deer College, 1 student attending the University of Saskatchewan, 1 attending Northwest Community College in Terrace, 1 student attending the University of Manitoba and 1 student attending Pacific Rim College in Victoria, BC.

Erika Whelan  
Education Employment & Training Officer/Manager



Pictures from the Capacity Department Staff Retreat at Tanya's Camp



Pictures taken from Culture Camp this summer at Skookies Camp

## **Heritage Lands and Natural Resources Report**

I am glad to update you on the activities of the Heritage Lands and Natural Resources (HLNR) over the past months. I hope that everyone had a good summer and a productive harvest as we enter into fall and the coming winter. First off, I would like to inform you that I will be Acting/Director in the absence of Bill Barrett Jr., who is on medical leave. I would also like to introduce Natasha Ayoub to the Department. Natasha is the Environmental Ecological Manager for the Natural Resource branch. She will head-up a number of ongoing and new projects. Natasha will be the CTFN representative on the Tagish Local Area Planning process which is in the initial development stage. The Carcross Local Area Planning process is at the approval phase and anticipated to be presented to Executive Council and YG Cabinet later this fall.

### **Land Registry Process**

Another major project that C/TFN HLNR Department has been involved with is the development of a land registry system. Lenders and mortgagees have stated that a land registry system must be established to register leasehold interests for parcels of Category A and B Settlement Lands. However, if a portion of Settlement Land is registered in the existing Yukon Land Titles Office, aboriginal rights relating to that portion of Settlement Land will cease under section 5.10 of the Umbrella Final Agreement. Therefore, Yukon First Nations wish to work collectively to develop a land registry system that will not affect aboriginal claims, rights, titles and interests. This land registry system will provide the certainty and assurances lenders require to provide financing for home ownership and new construction on Settlement Land.

This registry system will allow First Nation citizens and others with Settlement Land leasehold interests to approach lenders for mortgages. It will promote prudent administration and management of Yukon First Nations' Settlement Lands and provide the certainty and assurances required by lenders and mortgagees with respect to leasehold interests on Settlement Land and, in particular, will:

- define the legal and/or beneficial interests of a party holding a leasehold title;
- identify the rights included in or excluded from the leasehold interest;
- create marketable leasehold titles;
- provide certainty of registration;
- provide certainty as to the priority of instruments secured against the leasehold title; and
- meet the requirements of Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), lenders and mortgagees.

The effective date for the operation of this land registry system is tentatively set for Spring 2014.

Eleven First Nations signed the Memorandum Of Understanding and established a Land Titles Committee that is mandated to guide and oversee the development of land titles law and the design of an electronic land registry system. Important for the success of a registry system for CTFN is having properly trained individuals that will be responsible for heading up the CTFN Registry and Land Titles Office. As such, we are seeking interested and committed individuals to take the training. The training will take place 3 times a month from November 2013 to March 2014. For further information, please contact the CTFN Capacity Development Office.

Other important planning initiatives include the Kusawa Park planning process, the BC Government to

Government shared decision making process regarding land and resources management on our BC traditional lands, the Yukon Regional Land Use Planning process, the Tagish Local Area Planning process and planning and zoning initiatives for CTFN lands. Of course there are the day-to-day commitments to ensuring our land and resource interests are protected.

Gunalchise, Frank James  
A/Director, Heritage Lands and Natural Resources

As everyone would expect, the fall season is a busy time for the Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources department. Our Environmental Monitoring Program is running well thanks to all the hard work of Angie Low, Charlie James, Patrick James, Miles Johnson, Wesley Barrett and of course our Youth Environmental Monitor, Kevin Welan. Our monitors are “our eyes and ears” on the land and are an important part in helping C/TFN manage its natural resources. HLNR is currently gathering harvest data information and respectfully requests all C/TFN hunters to volunteer information pertaining to their hunting in 2013 (successful hunt or not!) Any information you are willing to provide to us will be much appreciated. Forms are available upstairs in the Administrative Building- spread the word!

HLNR has been involved with First Hunt and two culture camps. These land-based cultural activities have involved moose and sheep hunting, setting fish nets, setting rabbit snares, camping, drumming and of course, enjoying bannock and tea around the campfire. We have had a lot of fun working with the kids of the community! Thanks to all who made these events happen.

With so much going on, staying organized and informed is important. Much thanks goes out to our Administrative support, Pat Hiebert – the lands department would be *lost* without you!

### **Heritage Mini-Update**

It has been a full summer for the Heritage part of the Heritage Lands and Natural Resources Department. Our carving team, Keith Wolf Smarch, Aaron Smarch, Adam Winters and Sheena Johns were busy finalizing the design and beginning the carving process on the forty-foot story pole for the Carcross Commons project. Keith and Sheena were also called upon to create and paint the salmon design on the Tlingit canoe in preparation for the Hà Kus Teyea celebration held in Teslin at the end of July.



**Sheena and Jayden at the canoe launching  
(with Tyler Bryden and Clayton Johns)**

The carving shed also welcomed many visitors throughout the summer, sharing Tlingit history and tradition through their art.

In early August, heritage partnered with Health and Wellness' Youth and Elder Coordinator, Christina Barrett in hosting a "Culture Camp". This was held over four days in early August where we invited all members of the community to join us out at Skookies Camp for a wide variety of activities. We were grateful for the help and teaching of the Elders as we set and pulled the fish net each day, learned how to cut (and skin!) fish, ate fabulous food, took part in the skinning of a sheep head, learned design and traditional art, made lip balm and salve, ate more fabulous food, made bows and arrows, practiced our language skills, picked soap berries and listened to stories around the fire. It is our hope to make this an annual event that will become bigger and bigger over these next few years.

C/TFN Heritage continues to have a voice at the Chapter 13 'heritage manual' table. We are also part of the group that is now developing heritage legislation for all 14 Yukon First Nations. More than ever we appreciate the support and input from members as we also work to further develop local programming.

We wish everyone a safe and productive harvest season!

***Yak'ei yee xwsateení.***

**News from Skoehoeteen and the Adult Language Program**

Yak'ei yakyee, Wáa sá i yatee?

*It's good to see you all.*

Good day, how are you?

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Wonderful fall colors are starting to show.



We started out just sending "Phrases of the Week" to the staff through internal email and because of some great suggestions an audio was added to help with pronunciation.

Each week I visit different departments when they can take a little time from their busy schedule and we

have language session. We laugh and have fun while learning.

There is also a language session every Tuesday night at the main CTFN Admin building at 7pm, we share stories and culture as well as play some games in Tlingit.

Practice the language and it will become second nature.

There are a few different Llingit (pronounced hlin kit) dictionaries. To list a few:

Tlingit Verb Dictionary (Story / Nash)

Tlingit – English Alphabet (Lance Twitchell)

Dictionary of Tlingit (Keri Edwards)

There are a number of good resources available on the web. One great site to visit is found at

<http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/>. There are materials that you can listen to online or purchase.

#### Hints and tips:

- After learning the word, like for 'cup' – every time you see one, say it to yourself.
- Learn the language with someone and always practice.
- Listen to language CDs for about ½ hour to an hour every day, it will help you with pronunciations and it may help you with sentence building.
- Organize a group that can meet once or twice a week and speak only the language.

There is also a site on Facebook called *Lingit word of the day* where you could post questions.

If you have any suggestions getting more people interested on coming out the language sessions you can contact me at 867-821-4251 ex: 8268 or email me at [skoehoeteen.matthies@ctfn.ca](mailto:skoehoeteen.matthies@ctfn.ca) with your questions and I will try to help, I am available most afternoons.

Aaa.

Ch'a yéi gugénk' áwé a kaax shukaylis'úx

haa tlagu kwáanx'i aadéi s kunoogu yé.

— Kichnáalx

Yes.

We have uncovered only a tiny portion  
of the way our ancient people used to do things.

— George Davis

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS UPDATE

### CPNP UPDATE:

Well, where did the summer go? It seems to have flown by as I bundle up in my jacket and head out the door each morning into the crisp morning air. I have learned so much about the Yukon and the outdoors in these last few months, especially these last two months as the wonderful community garden (and all that great food!) was harvested. I have learned and taught canning and jam making, gone berry picking twice with my CPNP moms and friends, and even made frantic calls to almost everyone in town looking for pickling salt when I realized that I bought “spice” and not “salt!” Woops!

We had a really fun afternoon berry picking in the pouring rain down at Fraser in August. A special thank you goes out to **Frank James** and his Monitors, **Angie Low**, **Pat James** and **Charlie James**! They came down with the guns to make sure the bears didn't get us! Angie also saved us from taking a wrong turn on the way back and avoiding a huge fall down the side of a cliff! Thanks Angie!

**Skookum Jim Friendship Centre** came out to Carcross in July with all of their moms and babies, and

we had a great afternoon at the old daycare, talking and laughing together!

The **Child Development Centre** came out and gave a talk to the moms and dads at our Health Centre/CPNP lunch in September. It was really nice to see the moms engaging in the question and answer period and the CDC got some great new ideas on how they can help parents in Carcross in the future.

### **Grandparents Day Luncheon:**

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon for our annual **grandparents day** celebration was held at the old daycare on Monday, September 9th, 2013. We had 21 people come out for the lunch and everyone enjoyed themselves.

We had draws for door prizes, and the winners were:

3 gift baskets (**Roberta Shepherd, Louise Johns, Richard Atlin, Jr.**)

Gift cards for Sunspun (Extra Foods/Superstore)

(**Winnie Atlin** - \$25, **Anne Wally** - \$50, **Elaine Ash** - \$50 and **Leslie Grant** won the grand prize of a \$100 gift card!). **Larry Barrett** won the third set of draws and his prize was 2 loaves of fresh homemade banana nut bread, which was baked by Nadine Peters, who coordinated the event along with her fellow Health and Wellness colleagues. A very very special thank you goes out to **Louise Johns**, who stayed until every plate and pot were washed and every crumb swept from the floors. **THANK YOU LOUISE!!!**

### **Preserving the Harvest – Canning and food preservation workshop**

CPNP had a great time with **Donna Geddes and Marie Helm** in the month of September, during our CPNP luncheon. We made fruit leathers and freezer jams, and dehydrated apple slices with cinnamon!

Dehydrating is an excellent way to preserve all types of different foods. For more info, you can visit the website, [www.excalibur.com](http://www.excalibur.com).

### **Upcoming Events:**

Some upcoming events for CPNP are **Fish Filleting Lessons**, taught by **Elizabeth Baker** and **Eileen Wally**, **Beet Canning Workshop and making Cabbage Rolls!** We will host a **Halloween Party** at the old daycare on Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup> and I will also be working with our Transitional Employment Manager, **Roberta Auston**, to host a **budgeting workshop** for both TE clients and CPNP moms and dads which will be held on **Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**.

### **Kids in the Kitchen:**

**After School Cooking Program!** The Health and Wellness Dept. at C/TFN has applied for funding through RPAY (Recreation and Parks Association of Yukon) to start an after school cooking class with the kids. This should be starting by the first week of November. Led by Nadine Peters, it will be held on Mondays at the Ghuch Tla School from 330pm-430pm. The age for the class is from 6-12 years old. Please keep your eyes open for the sign up sheets and posters which will provide more detailed information once we have the funding secured and the planning done.

### **Pace Car Program – let's drive slower for the sake of our kids!**

C/TFN applied for and received a \$1500 grant from **Parachute Canada** to launch a program which is called **Pace Car**. Carcross is the only community in the North to be the recipient of this grant, so it's a great opportunity to show the rest of Canada that Carcross rocks! The program is pretty simple. Community members sign a pledge that they will drive the posted speed limit whenever they are driving in the community, and they will be courteous and respectful to pedestrians and other drivers. A window decal will show that you are a “pace car” and by driving slower, you will also slow down the cars that are behind you. The result will be a reduction in the number of vehicles that speed through town, especially through the stretch of road directly in front of the Ya Dak Du Hidi daycare. As we all know, speeding through that stretch of highway has been an ongoing issue for some time.

**National Family Week is October 7-13, 2013.** So it's a time to get out there and celebrate all things “family” and have fun together!

### **CPNP/Ya Dak Du Hidi Waffle Breakfast! - Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

On **Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**, join CPNP and Ya Dak Du Hidi for a delicious homemade waffle breakfast! **The event will be held at the Ya Dak Du Hidi daycare and the cost is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for elders and children.** We will have waffles and fresh fruit, coffee, tea, and water. The price includes waffle/fruit plate and a beverage. This will be a fundraiser for the Ya Dak Du Hidi annual Christmas party and gifts for the daycare kids this Christmas. Everyone in town is invited. Keep your eyes open for the posters!

### **November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Universal Children's Day (Celebrated in Canada as National Child Day)**

As parent or caregiver, we play a vital role in the healthy development of your child. It is important for us to understand children's rights and to help educate our children about their rights so that they grow up to reach their full potential. **All children have rights and they must be respected without discrimination.** When decisions are made that affect the lives of children, it's very important to think about what is best for the child. Governments should protect children from harm, and help children live and grow to be the best they can be. **Children have the right to give their opinions in all matters that affect them and to have their voices heard, and their views should always be taken seriously and they should have more say as they grow older.**

### **Sisters in Spirit:**

October 4<sup>th</sup> is a day when we honour the lives of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls and support families who have been tragically touched by the loss of a loved one to violence. More than 125 SIS (Sisters in Spirit) vigils are registered from coast to coast to coast on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.



**TFA Schedule:** The last day for client intake for Nov TFA is Oct 28

### **National Addictions Awareness Week - November 18–24, 2013**

Every November, organizations across Canada mark **National Addictions Awareness Week**.

**National Addictions Awareness Week** plays an important role in highlighting issues and solutions to help address alcohol- and drug-related harm. Substance abuse costs Canadian taxpayers more than \$40 billion a year. It is a leading cause or a significant contributor to diseases such as cancer, HIV/AIDS, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Both substance use and misuse are widespread. According to the *Canadian Alcohol and Drug Use Monitoring Survey 2011*:

- 1 in 10 Canadians use illicit drugs
- 1 in 5 are high-risk drinkers
- 1 in 5 has used a psychoactive pharmaceutical in the past year

**National Addictions Awareness Week** is an opportunity for Canada to talk about the complex problem of substance abuse and bring forward solutions for change.

### **C/TFN Health Fair:**

To coincide with NAAW (National Addictions Awareness Week), the Health and Wellness Department will host a **Health Fair** at Ghuch Tla school from **10am-3pm on Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**.

As this is **National Child Day**, CPNP will be in attendance as well.

### **Community Recognition Dinner**

**Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 (5-7 p.m.)**

At Ghuch Tla school. If you have names of people you would like to give recognition to for this achievement, addiction-free lifestyles, volunteerism, etc. Please let us know as we can acknowledge them at the dinner.

### **Report from the Transitional Employment Manager; Roberta Auston *Carcross Community Garden Project, 2013***

With many hands, the garden project was highly successful. The Transitional Employment Supervisor and Crew Workers were extremely helpful in completing the resurrection of the greenhouses by placing the poly, building garden boxes inside and fixing up the fencing around the front garden plot. With some additional funds we were able to hire 3 very hard working garden people.

Seki Wedge as the Garden Coordinator, Melissa Barrett-James and Navarro Jim put on a spectacular effort to ensure that the vegetables received a bounty of sunshine, water and healthy living soil. The plants had no choice but to show up and in great bounty.

A huge thank you to the Carcross Campus of Yukon College. The students from the Food Security Program introduced many starters for the gardens and helped in the afternoons to plant and till, toil, weed, seed and feed. As a result we benefited by all the wonderful help.

I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THE GARDEN PROJECT WAS SIMILAR TO A PERFECT STORM; EVERYTHING THAT WAS NEEDED FOR A BUMPER HARVEST CAME INTO PLACE. Hoop-de-rah; hope it happens again next year.

Thanks to the Lands Dept. for lending us their hand tools, thanks to the Capital Dept. for the use of the water tanks and thanks to all who helped in whatever method they had. We are grateful for all the words of encouragement.

***Transitional Employment Crew:***

I'd like to extend a huge welcome to Jerry James as the Crew Supervisor and thank Andy Carville for being the past TE Crew Supervisor.

***Bird Viewing Sites:***

Further work has been done to extend the pathway to the end of C/TFN settlement lands. 2 bird viewing sites will be put into place before the end of the season. The TE Crew have also made some benches stationed into the ground along the pathway and picnic tables will be made for additional seating during the warmer months.

***Pursuit of Excellence:***

This fall the usual program of the Excellence Seminars International has been canceled and programming is scheduled to begin again in January. If you put your name forward to the Transitional Employment Manager, we will keep you updated when the program will begin again. **(867) 821-4251 ext. 8236.**

**Free Flu Shot Clinics:**

The Carcross Health Centre will host two free FREE flu shot clinics at the C/TFN Administrative building this October. The first one will be on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 from 10am-11:45a.m.

A second FREE flu shot clinic will be held at the C/TFN Administrative building on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3pm. Flu shots are open to everyone from age 6 months and older.

### ***Food Canning and Preservation:***

Several citizens were able to participate in a training of trainers for food processing and preservation. C/TFN will include food preservation into the CPNP program and continue to plan for future workshops on canning food for storage.



### **MEDICAL TRAVEL:**

C/TFN will provide its citizens within our traditional territory medical travel from the communities to attend pre-approved medical appointments in Whitehorse. Some other appointments – optical, dental, etc., may be considered if they coincide with other medical trips. We require at least a weeks' notice to arrange for a driver and vehicle (we have only one vehicle to meet these requirements).

Trips to Whitehorse are scheduled for medical transportation are only for this purpose and not to do other business or shopping. Also no pets are allowed in the vehicles, due to allergies and other medical complications. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

## **Ya Dak Du Hidi Update**

The children had a very busy summer filling their time with water play activities, such as swimming lessons, beach days, picnic lunches, going out on field trips to Skookies culture camp, Rotary Park, Teslin Tlingit Celebrations, Kookatsoon Campground, and berry picking.

We have two school-aged children who are now in school full-time and one child that has started K-4 part-time this year. Our attendance has increased, and keeping us very busy! We have five new children that have joined us this past few months. We have two new staff auxiliaries, Amy Smarch and Tiffany Hall.

The YDDH staff are continuing with their courses at the Carcross Campus. By taking Early Childhood Education courses, we are learning very important tools to provide effective learning and growing experiences for children and babies. It is vital to have the understanding and knowledge of how children develop through-out their childhood years. We have weekly themes, and right now we are teaching the children about Hunting Season.

The Language Nest is ongoing on a daily basis, with Elder Winnie Atlin, Bessie James, Deborah Baerg, and Ruth Beattie. The children are learning to count from 1-20, animals, songs and much much more!

YDDH new hours are, Monday to Thursday, 8:15-4:30. Fridays 8:15-3pm. From 3:00-4:30, staff are working on programming, and staff meetings and washing toys!

821-4251 ext 8239 Daycare cell 332-1716



Much love,  
Ya Dak Du Hidi staff.

## **Greetings from the department of Infrastructure and Finance!**

### **Finance Department:**

**We hope that you all have your freezers fill with the fall hunts and are ready for the deep freeze.**

**Finance has gone through some staffing changes. Hamid has moved on and is now in Saskatchewan, we wish him all the best.**

**We have hired Marilyn Kamangiriria, as our Finance Manager, who has replaced Hamid and will be running the finance team. Marilyn will be taking a couple of months to get her bearings and we are confident she will, so welcome Marilyn.**

- The Finance department has completed the audit and we are happy to say it went better than last year, we were also able to reduce the cost in producing the audit. There was a delay, but it was due to outside influences, C/TFN work was complete, thanks to Hamid upon his exit from C/TFN.
- I would also like to thanks PriceWaterHouseCooper for their services. We have had numerous conversations on how to streamline processes, to help reduce audit cost. We feel more confident that this will continually happen in the future.

### **Community House:**

The community House is proceeding, not as quickly as we would like, but it's moving forward. We have applied to agencies for funds to look at Geo-thermo heating types system and won't know this till August or September.

Well, unfortunately the Federal department we applied to, said all the funds were spent for this year.

This maybe the last time I report to you on this project, until we have something more positive. I'm really sounding like a stuck record in reporting bad news.

Ryan Leefs office supports this project and keeps telling us he is working to possible funding sources, but we have never been contacted by his office...We are not sure, if he really wants to help the southern lakes area....

### **Subdivision:**

The subdivision has been completed to final grade, street signs are in. We will be looking for street names and have them produced and installed by next summer. We will be setting up a contest for this in the near future, so keep an eye out for it.

We work hard negotiating with Northwestel on the telecommunications system and we are happy to say, the agreement is signed off. Northwestel will proceed with the work, based on that agreement.

On behalf of the Department of Infrastructure and Finance, I want to thank all the staff who have made it possible for us to reach milestones, that we never thought possible 10 years ago.

Nelson Lepine  
Director of Infrastructure and Finance

### **CAPITAL UPDATE**

Capital Projects has kept busy as it always does this summer. Highlights for the season include:

Completion of four major rental housing renovations:

Elders Emergency repairs which include the following:

- Replacement of failed septic system for Shirley Beattie at her home on Waterfront Drive
- Roof replacement for Mary Ann Roy at her home on Bolivar Road
- Reinforcement of water room floor for Clifford Johns at his home on Waterfront Drive

\*\*\*Please note that elders repairs are done in the case of emergencies only where damage has occurred that would prevent the home owner from living in their home and that the homeowner is unable to fix on his/her own. This would include things like no water or sewer, major structural damage, no heat, etc.

\*\*\*Many thanks to Tyler Bryden, Sammy Smith and Tod Smarch for all their hard work!\*\*\*

Dave Welin had a busy summer on the potable water tank cleaning front. To date he has cleaned tanks for:

- 23 Elders
- 39 Rental Units
- 5 Community Buildings
- 10 Yukon Housing Units
- 7 C/TFN Homeowners

Good work Dave!

\*\*\*Please note that homeowners in the Carcross and Tagish area can have their tanks cleaned and disinfected for a cost of \$175.00 per tank. This is based on availability for Capital to do the work. Tank cleaning is finished for the season but if you would like your tank cleaned next year, please be sure to call early in the season to get your name on the list.

Planning for a small subdivision above the Waterfront Drive. A public meeting will be held before Christmas to show the plans for the subdivision and get feedback from citizens.

Successful spring cleanup done with approximately 17 loads of waste hauled to the Carcross dump!

The housing team is almost done their work on the Renovation Policy. It is hoped that the Policy will be ready and approved for C/TFN citizens to begin accessing next Spring.

I would like to take this time to congratulate all Capital Staff for their efforts this summer. Some of them go unnoticed for the work they do, but everyone notices when the work is not done!

Special thanks to:

John Jensen	O&M Manager
Tyler Bryden	Building Supervisor
Amanda Benoit	Assistant Housing/ Assets Manager
Dave Welin	Maintenance Service Person
Tod Smarch	Carpenter
Sam Smith	Carpenter Helper
Karen Hall	Custodian/Supervisor
Richard Hall	Custodian
Ken Baker	Custodian
Roberta James	Auxiliary Custodian
Dave Huebschwerlen	Vacuum Truck Driver
Gordon Wally	Water Operator
Micheal Smarch	Municipal Truck Driver

Congratulations to Capital's newest addition, Rozlyn James who is its new Administrative Assistant. Rozlyn has proven to be a real asset to the department and it is a pleasure to have her on board at Capital.

Infrastructure has made some internal staff shuffles to accommodate for this time. Please note the following changes effective to December 6, 2013

Marie Helm	Housing Manager
Karen Hall	Administration Building Front Desk Reception
Richard Hall	Custodian Supervisor
Ken Baker	Custodian (Full Time)
Nicole Welin	Daycare Custodian

### **Important Contacts:**

Housing Matters: 867-821-4251 ext 8249  
Pumpouts: 867-821-4251 ext 8251  
Tagish Water Delivery: 867-399-3813  
CTFN Toll Free: 1-855-686-4251

**Note:** CTFN does not provide after hours or weekend service. If you require a pumpout outside of regular working hours, Buchanan General Contracting offers pumpout services and can be contacted at 821-2953. This service cost is billed to the caller and is not reimbursable

by Capital Projects.

Here are a few fall maintenance tips:

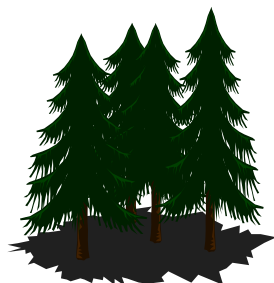
- Check the seals on all your exterior doors for tightness... door that have air leaks let in lots of cold air and cause high heating costs in the winter months
- Clean up your yard and put away anything you might need in the winter months ... it's a lot harder to find things when they're covered with snow!
- Check your dryer vents... clothes driers and vents clogged with lint cause fires and increase the time needed to dry your clothes.

The snow is almost here so good luck in your winter preparations!

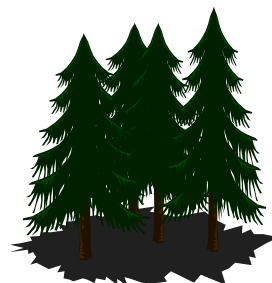


Mike Smarch unloading chemical storage building





**CARCROSS HEALTH CENTRE**  
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- Phone (867) 821-4444 Fax (867) 821-3909



Hello from the Carcross Health Centre. As we settle into another fall we have just a few reminders for you. First our Flu Vaccination Campaign will begin very shortly. As of Oct 21<sup>st</sup> the flu vaccine will be available to every Yukoner over the age of 6 months for free. Please feel free to come see us at one of the listed clinics below for your 2013 flu shot or drop-in at the Health Centre in between 8am -11:30 and 1pm – 4:00pm Monday through Thursdays. Also take this opportunity to make sure you are up to date for your other immunizations. Adults don't forget to ask about your whooping cough vaccine. Whooping cough has been in the Yukon for some time now and most adults have never had a vaccine for this. Also check your tetanus!

You might also be receiving a phone call from one of the nurses in the next few months as we continue to go through everyone's charts making sure they are up to date for all of their routine investigations recommended for their age and chronic conditions.

Flu Shot Clinics!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Oct 23	10:45am – 11:45am	CTFN Main Entrance
Oct 23	2:00pm – 3:30pm	Tagish Community Hall
Oct 29	1:30pm – 3:00pm	CTFN Main Entrance
Oct 30	2:00pm – 3:30pm	Tagish Community Hall

Others To Be Announced in Carcross... Keep your eyes open for posters!

## **YTG Highways & Public Works – Carcross**

### **Fall/Christmas Season**

The winter season is coming upon us, so please be aware of slippery and snowing conditions on our highways. When the snow starts flying we will be out there with equipment plowing and sanding. Please reduce speeds and allow yourself enough time to get to your destination safely.

### **Speed Signs in Carcross**

The speed signs that we placed in both the South and north bound lanes have been working really well. We have received positive feedback from the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Daycare Center and RCMP. The traffic has significantly reduced their speed while travelling through the community. Thank you to all for your support. School is back in session, so please watch for children crossing the roads and highways.

### **Happenings on South Klondike – Tagish – Atlin Roads**

- **South Klondike # 2** – The Rip & Reshape and BST Crews have finished in both the Carcross and Fraser sections for the season. The highway turned out excellent in both sections. Thank You to all for your patience while this was getting completed. We have been working on filling holes and replacing signs where needed. Watch for persons and equipment working and obey the reduce speed signs.
- **Tagish Road # 8** – Slow down for crews patching with pre-mix in various locations throughout the fall season. Watch for persons and equipment clearing brush at various locations throughout.
- **Atlin Road # 7** – Expect BST Crew 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 fall 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 FALL & CHRISTMAS SEASON!**

**DRIVE SAFE – DRIVE SOBER**

## **RCMP UPDATE**

We have come to the end of another busy summer here in Carcross. Officers at Carcross Detachment were kept occupied handling all types of calls this season. We saw a dramatic increase in call volume, with total calls for service up by over 70% over the previous summer. Some of this was due to increased traffic enforcement by Carcross officers and our Divisional Traffic Services unit. However, there was also an unfortunate increase in alcohol related offences this year. This contributed to a rise in a number of offence types, from assaults to disturbance calls. Hopefully we will start to see a decline in these numbers as behavior related to these types of calls affect us all and greatly impacts the health of our community as a whole.

Our bicycle helmet positive ticketing program met with moderate success this year. Thanks to the Matthew Watson General store for their participation in this initiative. We will try to push the message of bicycle safety more next year.

Our detachment will continue to help coordinate the operation and maintenance of the outdoor skating rink this coming winter. Many repairs were made to the facility during the off-season. Thank you to the Carcross recreation board for their assistance with this. Thanks also to Jerry Dunham for doing such a fabulous job on the repair work. A special thank-you to Nadine Peters for her hard work securing funding for the project. Nadine was also instrumental in obtaining funds for a "zamboni" which will, hopefully, significantly improve the ice surface.

The biggest news at Carcross Detachment is a change in personnel which will take place this fall. I will be leaving as detachment commander as I have been transferred to the division's relief unit which is responsible for providing temporary officers for detachments which are shorthanded. It is with mixed feelings that I am moving on. Carcross was my seventh posting in my twenty years as a member of the RCMP, and it has been, by far, my favorite post. I feel honored and privileged to have served the people in this area over the past three-and-a-half years. Although my replacement has not "officially" been named at the time of this writing, there are some "rumors" circulating. There was community consultation/participation in the selection of a new corporal for Carcross. I am confident that the successful candidate will receive the same support and cooperation that I have received during my tenure here. Thanks to all for making my time here so enjoyable. I will likely be gone by the first part of December but I'm sure you will see me around from time to time for many years to come.

Gunalcheesh!

Rob Morin  
Detachment Commander  
Carcross RCMP

## **Recipe Corner - Scary Ghostly Strawberries!!!**

### **Ingredients**

30 fresh strawberries  
8 ounces white baking chocolate, chopped  
1 teaspoon vegetable shortening  
1/8 teaspoon almond extract  
1/4 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips

### **Directions**

Wash strawberries and gently pat with paper towels until completely dry.

In a microwave-safe bowl, melt white chocolate and shortening at 50% power; stir until smooth.

Stir in almond extract.

Dip strawberries in chocolate mixture;

Place on a waxed paper-lined baking sheet, allowing excess chocolate to form the ghosts' tails.

Immediately press chocolate chips into coating for eyes. Freeze 5 minutes.

In microwave, melt remaining chocolate chips; stir until smooth.

Dip a toothpick into melted chocolate and draw a mouth on each ghost.

**Refrigerate leftovers. Yield: 2-1/2 dozen.**



Listen for Community Announcements from our very own Lyndsay Amato on CHON FM every Saturday night from 6:15-6:30.

If you have announcement you would like her to share with her listeners, please let us know at Governance and we will pass the message along.

Or, for those that are friends with her on Facebook, announcements could be passed along this way as well.

### **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!**

### **Southern Lakes AA Meetings**

Wednesday Evening at the Isabelle Pringle Library (AKA: "Light Walker's Group")	Friday afternoon at the Carcross Health Center (AKA: "Yukon Unity Group")	Monday Evening at the Bishop's Cabin at end of California Beach Road (AKA: "Light
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## HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST



To Enter: Just drop off the colored photo at the C/TFN Main Administration Building on or before the HALLOWEEN PARTY on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded by age group at the party (under 5; 5-10 yrs; 11-16 yrs).