



CARCROSS/TAGISH FIRST NATION



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2014

This Fall/Winter season, as everyone is in holiday mode, preparing for the winter months ahead, we would like to welcome you to the early Winter Edition of the C/TFN Newsletter, brought to you by the Communications Team!

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Message from Executive Council

What a busy summer and fall season here in Carcross/Tagish First Nation!

We would like to thank everyone that was involved in our many summer events – including our Dahk Ka Celebration in July. Thank you to Teslin Tlingit Council and the Taku River Tlingit for their participation. We were pleased to see our Tlingit brothers and sisters join us from as far away as Juneau and Haines, Alaska. C/TFN was pleased to keep the baseball, tug of war and canoe trophies, though we are looking forward to a re-match soon! ☺

Negotiations on the Financial Transfer Agreement are progressing. We were happy to welcome our Negotiating Team to give an update to General Council on November 1st. A Negotiators Agreement has been signed – indicating that the parties will seek agreement from the people that they represent. C/TFN's General Council passed a resolution by consensus to sign off the current version of the FTA offer, once Canada has signed. Good work to our Negotiating Team – Danny Cresswell, Beverley Sembsmoen, Justin Ferbey, James Baker, Michelle Parsons, Matt Mehaffey, Jason Madden!

The C/TFN Government Offices will be closed for the holidays from December 22 through to January 2, 2015. We would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas!!

Governance Update

The Governance Department was pleased to welcome Cindy Allen as the Acting Implementation Official to fill in for the coming two years while Beverly is away recovering on medical leave.

The Communications Team has been hard at work, coordinating monthly meals, newsletters, and community events. They have been meeting monthly and have updated their terms of reference.

The FTA Negotiating Team has made some final preparations for signing off a new FTA. General Council has been called for the 1st of November to go over all the numbers and what the new deal means for CTFN.

We just managed to get our Citizenship list up over 1000 Citizens. We have been sitting around 980 Citizens, which classifies C/TFN as a medium First Nation (500-1000). Just this small push to get Citizens registered that have been our family for years will ensure that we are able to provide more programs and to put more resources into already existing programs. If you still have family that are not registered, please contact the Governance Department.

Cindy, James and I met with the Teslin Tlingit Council in October, exploring how their Administration of Justice Agreement is being implemented and if there is opportunity for partnership. Our intention is to explore their agreement for areas of working together in the long term on the Administration of Justice, as per our agreements. As well, at the same time, we will need to access their agreement to see where there may be overlap with the role/mandate of the Family Council/Act.

Of course, as you may have heard by now, the plans to implement the Family Act/Council are moving forward. In discussions with both Executive and General Council, there is a need to fully implement the Councils in a good way. As there is some role confusion between the Justice Council and the Family Council, we feel that implementing Family Council will produce answers to some questions that we have been facing in implementing our Constitution fully. As well, it gives us time to work with our Tlingit partners (Teslin Tlingit Council), as was approved as a priority item by the General Council.

The Elder's Council, as of October 2014, has begun to exercise its Clan-Based Structure, as per the priority set out by General Council. The Council is now turning its attention to a closure/healing ceremony for the Choutla Residential School, which they brought forward as a priority item for C/TFN Government. A plan was discussed at the October meeting and a plan will be drafted using that information for the December 10th meeting. Some Clans still require Elder's Council/Citizenship Committee Representatives as of the meeting that was held early October. All Elders are certainly encouraged and welcome to attend the meetings!

C/TFN Policy Development Update

Hello everyone. During the course of my short time here, I've fielded a few questions with regards to what policies are or what is their intent, or there has been misunderstanding as to why we have certain policies. Policies are living documents, they grow and change with the

people of this First Nation. Policies are different than Legislation, whereas Legislation is law which is enacted by a governing body, such as what was done by General Council enacting the C/TFN Finance Act in 1998. Policies are protocols and principles that provide guidance for C/TFN administration of programs and services. Policies outline methods that we use to achieve our direction as set by CTFN General Council. When our policies are created or amended by the Executive Council or our other governing boards and committees respectively, they are written and drafted while being mindful of our guiding documents including but not limited to the CTFN Constitution, the CTFN Family Act, as well as complying with requirements as interpreted under the Canada Labour Code, the Canadian Human Rights Act and the laws of general application.

Currently, one of the projects Derek our Policy Analyst has been working on with the various C/TFN Departments and under the direction of Executive Council is the revision of our C/TFN Personnel Policy, which is tentatively scheduled to be reviewed by Executive Council in November/December. These revisions will be quite significant and should help manage previous personnel concerns and issues that would arise while providing direction and consistency to users.

We are also working towards creating a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document for each of our policies. A quick reference guide with some of the most common questions we are asked with answers which will hopefully help C/TFN staff and Citizens navigate our policies and gain a better understanding of how policy may impact you and a given situation.

We also have certain jobs in our various departments without operational guidelines, such as our Canadian Prenatal and Nutrition Program (CPNP) and Home Support Worker positions. While these programs have been operating to date without guiding policies, it has been recognized that there is a need to create policies in these areas to provide workers and recipients services with certainty and consistency. We recognize this and hope to have these documents in place in the very near future.

Health and Wellness Update

We are already into our winter! A big welcome to our new Health & Wellness Director Shelley Cuthbert. She has fit in very nicely to our department getting to know everyone and into the swing of things.

Some important dates to remember this month are;

We will have a flu clinic at the Administration building on the dates below;

November 3rd 2:00-3:30 pm.
November 6th 10:30-12:00 pm.
November 13th 2:00-3:30 pm.
November 14th 10:30-12:00 pm.

November 20th National Addictions Awareness Week Health Fair (location to be announced soon)

The next intake for December Temporary Financial Assistance will be November 17-21st please see your outreach worker by November 21st.

We will be giving Christmas Hampers out again this year, please let an Outreach Worker know of any families or individuals who would benefit from this.

There will be a large box for food donations in the main administration building, capacity building, capital projects, the store, the school, the post office as well as the YTG building beginning in November, donations will be gratefully accepted. These will go to those receiving a Christmas Hamper.

Our Health & Wellness Outreach Workers are available for those Citizens who need help filling out forms, advocating for you, any number of things. Just drop by and ask and we will do our best to meet your needs.

Health and Wellness is excited to announce that Carcross is one of four communities that is taking part in a joint project that will enable communities to embed the online events calendars on their website so the public can easily view when and where health professionals will be visiting the communities as well as local social events. This online events calendar gives Yukon communities a quick view of the health and social events for each community. You can view community events as well as submit them for approval by visiting www.hss.gov.yk.ca/eventscalendar/

The CPNP Program and the Carcross/Tagish First Nation has welcomed 6 new babies into the community since the last newsletter! The Mom's and Babies are all healthy and thriving at home with their families and have wonderful support from their Dad's. So congratulations to all!

We have been doing lots of fun and informative things with Mom's and babies in the past little while. We did a first aid workshop with Yukon College to learn about what to do in an emergency with your little ones. We have had a talk with a wonderful representative from FASSY in regards to abstaining from toxic substances in pregnancies and breastfeeding. Our weekly lunches and cooking classes continue to be popular. Starting on October 22nd we will have a woman from the Yukon Literacy Centre coming out once a month to share information and do crafts with the mothers and babies. I encourage all mothers to come out to programming. It is a fun and informative time and CPNP is here to offer support in many ways to you and your growing little ones. Please remember there are rides available to all programs, child care is also available and if a community member or associate community member would like to come from Whitehorse there is travel supplementation available to get here.

I would like to say thank you to all of C/TFN for giving me the opportunity to be part of your ever growing and changing community. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the mom's and families in the program. I will miss you all. You are a strong and capable group of mother's and I have enjoyed your company. I look forward to seeing your families grow. As I

go on Maternity leave I appreciate all the support I have received from the staff here at C/TFN. I look forward to seeing you all in a year. Programming will continue throughout the year, as someone will be hired to fill in. Thanks again!

Kathleen Cranfield (CPNP Program)

UPDATE: Wendy Burgess has been hired to fill in for this position for one year. Welcome Wendy!

Elder's Breakfast

The Elder's Breakfast is still doing very well, it is held every Tuesday at the Haa Woosh Teen Yei Jineiyi Hit (Our Working Together House) across the bridge starting at 10:00am. All Elders and Seniors are welcome to come. Volunteers please meet there at 9:00am.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is now closed and won't open until the cold weather goes away in the Spring. Donations are still being accepted by Christina Barrett or you can just drop them off at the Thrift Shop. Everyone is welcome.

Sewing & Crafts Nights

Sewing & Crafts Night is still happening every Wednesday evening from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, upstairs at Capacity. Bring your own sewing & crafts or come to learn sewing & crafts. Everyone is welcome. There may be a small fee to help cover some of the costs.

A BIG, HUGE "THANK YOU" to all the people that have volunteered or donated, and are still volunteering and donating, for or to the programs mentioned above:

If you have any brilliant fundraiser ideas, please share them with me at 821-4251 ext. 8238.

The 'Elder's Heating Supplement' and 'Pioneer Utility Grant' Applications are available, please stop by Christina Barrett's office and she'll be happy to assist filling in the forms and mailing them out.

- If you are age sixty or older, living on C/TFN Settlement Land, you qualify for the Elder's Fuel Subsidy. This is a subsidy to assist with the cost of heating your home. You can find this policy in the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Elder's Policy #7-216 Heating Supplement.
- If you are a Yukon resident and are sixty-five years old or older, you may be eligible for the Pioneer Utility Grant through the Yukon Government. Please call 1-800-661-0408 ext. 5137 for more information and to see if you qualify or pick up an application from Christina Barrett.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Elders Support Coordinator, Christina Barrett at 821-4251 ext. 8238.

Last but not least we are still giving out wood contracts for 10-20 cords in eight foot lengths. Please see Roberta Shepherd for contracts. She can be reached at 821-4251 Ex 8232.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources Update

Land Interests Act and Regulations

Under Sec 13.3.1 of the C/TFN Self Government Agreement, C/TFN has the power to enact laws in relation to the use, management, administration,, control and protection of Settlement land; and

Under sec. 13.3.2 of the C/TFN Self Government Agreement, C/TFN has the power to enact laws in relation to the allocation or disposition of rights and interests in and to Settlement Land including expropriation by the C/TFN for C/TFN purposes.

As was previously stated in the March 2014 newsletter, “C/TFN acquired in partnership with First Nation Market Housing, the services of Woodward and Company to provide legal services to review and draft Settlement Land legislation, policy and procedures for the Carcross Tagish First Nation.”

At present, this Act and the Regulations have received approval from the Land Management Board and we are ready to schedule Community Consultation. The proposed dates for community consultation on draft legislation and regulations are expected to run concurrently with the C/TFN Land Titles Act consultation. We feel that it makes more sense to include both these draft acts in one community consultation meeting as opposed to holding two separate meetings. The community consultations are scheduled for both Carcross and Whitehorse and we will be providing notice well in advance of the meeting dates and locations.

The development and enactment of land legislation and regulation for C/TFN settlement land is a priority for the HLNR department and we have been focusing substantial time and effort to fulfilling this goal. The importance of having land and administration laws for our lands ensures that land and resources can be protected from unregulated activities. It also provides procedures to how, where and when development or land use can or cannot take place. The importance of having land laws not only protects land and resources but, it also provides certainty for those citizens

Stay tuned for brochures that explain these two draft Acts and the land management regime being proposed for our Settlement Land in more detail. We plan to schedule two meetings for community consultation, one in Whitehorse and one in Carcross, when both Acts are ready for that next critical step in the enactment process.



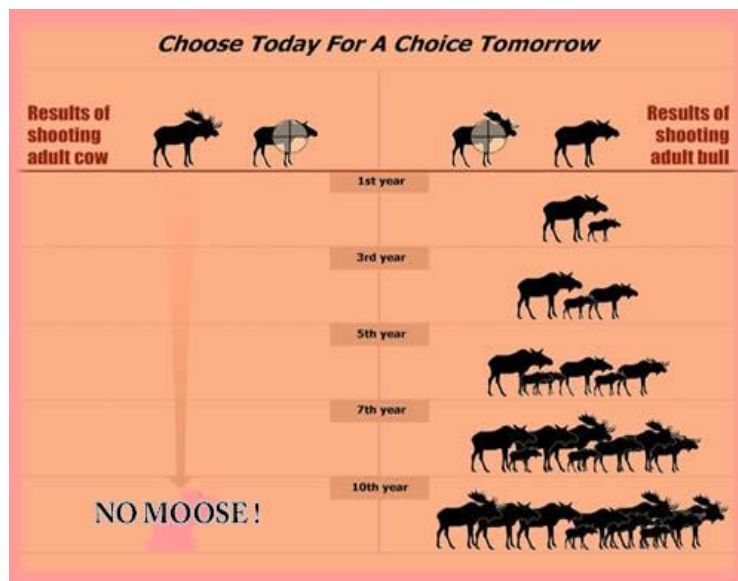
C/TFN – Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources department would like to thank all citizens who submitted their harvest data report to the office this year. Information we received included species, sex, approx. age, condition of animal, approx. location of the kill, as well as an estimated amount of time that was spent hunting. It is also very helpful if we receive additional information about tracks, animals, other hunters that were seen during your travels, and any other

notable details. This information is being collected and used to enhance CTFN knowledge about wildlife populations in the traditional territory and to assist us with our management goals and approaches. *Your observations are important and much needed!* To encourage CTFN citizens to fill out a harvest data report form to the HLNR office, we have purchased small gifts that are available after submission of this much needed information. You may report this information in person or by phone (867-821-4251 Ext.8216).

If you wish to hunt outside of your traditional territory, you must get permission from the First Nation in whose territory you would like to hunt. Likewise, any (FN) non-C/TFN citizens must apply to the C/TFN Land Management Board for approval to hunt in C/TFN traditional territory. A First Nation citizen may also choose to obtain a hunting license and tags and hunt under the general laws of application. The Carcross/Tagish First Nation Final Agreement only recognize C/TFN citizens; non-C/TFN citizens do not have the same rights within our traditional territory. This means that for many of us, our friends, relatives and/or spouses do not have the same harvesting rights as a C/TFN citizen and they may be charged if they are caught harvesting without written permission or a hunting license. We recognize that part of culture is sharing with others, but we have to be sure we are not abusing our rights or ignoring our responsibilities.

All Carcross/ Tagish First Nation citizens have their harvest rights protected under the C/TFN Final Agreement (Chapter 16). This right to harvest fish and wildlife also comes with responsibility of ensuring that you take only what you need and that you use all that you take.

It is very important to practice conservation while hunting and do not harvest cow moose.



Fire season is now over and we only have a short contract with fire smart now. The fire crew worked out side of the Yukon in NWT and down in BC. Philip James had a chance to Act as crew leader this summer, which has increased his knowledge of fire behavior and the duties of being a crew leader. I'd like to thank Conner Lee, who stepped in as a one of our fire crew members in a moment's notice. Conner grew up in the Tagish area. We are currently advertising for a fire crew leader and hoping we will get someone hired on to start next year in the end of April.

If you're interested in taking the fire crew member course, please let me know. All you require is a driver's license and must be extremely fit. You must be able to pass the national fitness test and maintain that ability. Yukon Government usually offers C/TFN at least 2 spots on the crew member course a year in early May.

This year's fire smart project is located on Montana Mountain as you go up on the left side. Feel free to grab this wood, for under the Fire Smart agreement all fuel wood 10cm in diameter or bigger shall be used by local residents.

Since the signing of our Land Claims Agreement, our department has been putting up signage that states the description of the parcel of land and that hunting and resource extraction requires a permit. Our Environmental Monitors have noticed increased pressures on our settlement lands including new trails stemming from unauthorized activity. More signage will be put up and then we will be trying to close these new trails down. Our Monitors will be patrolling these areas and will be educating non-C/TFN citizens of why they can't access these lands.

We had a staff retreat down by Deep Bay for a week. A net was set twice and the second time we caught 2 Chinook salmon, which was a shock to us. We will be going down there more often in the future, hopefully with a bigger newer boat to handle the water when it gets rough. We need to start documenting areas of interest for future BC land claims. If you are an elder or have any Traditional Knowledge stories of the Tagish Lake or Taku Arm, please let us know so it can be documented.

Montana Mountain Management Draft plan! Our Land Use Board is working with the Development Corporation on this draft plan. The plan is in draft form and is a working document. One of the things we need on Montana is more signage to increase education about respect for the mountain within CTFN's Traditional Territory and to stay on the designated trails. We also need signage to shut down the alpine trail use for recreational users from mid-September on due to Moose and Caribou rutting times. If you have any concerns about the Montana Mountain usage please go through your clan rep on the Land Use Board – we need your input!

Heritage News and Updates



The Tagish Nation Dancers during our National Aboriginal Day celebrations, June 21, 2014

Our summer celebrations began with a Sunrise ceremony at 0430 on June 21. Heritage has now come to look forward to being part of this special time together. We give special thanks to Shirley Lord for leading us in ceremony this year. We wish her well on her healing path.

July was a time of preparation and excited anticipation for Dakha Days and the raising of THE POLE! The forty-foot story pole project began in the spring of 2013 under the leadership of Keith Wolf Smarch. The team included Sheena Johns, Adam Winters, Kirk Pope and Aaron Smarch. On occasion, Channing Smarch could be seen helping out his grand-dad! A big congratulations to them all for bringing the pole to life and bringing such pride to the Inland Tlingit people! Here is how it all unfolded:



Keith and Aaron



Kirk Pope



Channing and grandpa Keith



Keith putting the final touches on the pole



Preparing the massive foundation for the pole



The pole is carried from the carving shed by ca. 80 people on July 28



In the early hours of July 29, the pole is being prepared to be raised



The crowd was huge as the pole went up! Incredible Tlingit pride!



The carvers dance with Wayne Price, honorary carver and advisor for the raising



A proud moment for father and son

The carvers have now begun a thirty-five foot pole, which will be part of a permanent art collection at the soon-to-be constructed Learning Center.

Tlingit Trail Marker

In late August the Ice Patch First Nations (C/TFN, CAFN, KDFN, TTC, TKC and KFN) and Yukon Government retreated to Rose Lake as part of the annual research for the Yukon Ice Patch and Site Inventory Project. This project contributes to the ongoing monitoring and study of receding ice patches in alpine areas of the Southern Lakes region. The Ice Patch project is located in an area that was well used by Art Johns' family, making him the primary resource for this project. Art lead team members to the south end of Rose Lake where he came upon a fallen Tlingit trail marker.



This is a significant find and the team decided it was important to the research and the community, that the trail marker be preserved. It was carefully brought out of the field and is currently being assessed by conservation specialists. Under the direction of the Elders Council, Land Management Board and Executive Council, we will be holding a special ceremony to honour this item and find.

Conrad Historic Site and Campground Update

C/TFN and YG will be striking a Steering Committee as we move forward on the Heritage Management Plan (HMP) for the Conrad Historic Site. The Committee will have equal positions representing the two governments and will serve as the advisors to the HMP, which will be started in the new fiscal year. This Committee will also be working alongside YG Parks as they begin development on the Conrad Campground, which will now work in conjunction with the HMP for the adjacent historic site. Please feel free to call the heritage office (821-4251 ext 8222) if you have any questions regarding this initiative.

Watch for upcoming cultural workshops and heritage activities over the winter months!

CTFN's Language Nest Update

Ldakát yeewhaan yak'úi yakyee – Good day everyone!!

Wow another summer gone so quickly and now time to be ready for Christmas – *Likoodzi áwé* (that's amazing)!! Since our last newsletter – we now have our children learning how to say simple introductions and how to say their names in Tlingít. We also just recently introduced 5 or 6 colors in Tlingít and they are picking it up very fast using TPR techniques!! Very proud and happy to share that alot the children know the parts belonging to Mr. Shák'unts aka Mr. Potatoe head in Tlingít and some children are able teach other kids to put him together in Tlingít !! We also have the older children sing Tlingít lullabies to the babies and they love to hear all the songs with big smiles upon their faces while trying to use our TPR methods and sing along with us as well – Super Cute to see !! ***We welcome all Parents and Grandparents with young babies and children to come and join in our Little Language nest to which we have given the name 'Ts'ats'ée kúdi "(Song Bird's Nest). The times are daily from Monday to Thursday 10am to 11am. Friday's are set aside for recording Tlingit Stories with our fluent Elder Winnie Atlin.***

Summer and Fall Language projects and workshops:

July 26 to August 4 – 10 day Tlingit Language Training with X'unei aka Lance Twitchell ! Our turnout was great! Som participants came from Alaska with small toddlers and alot were youth who came from TRTFN. One the highest #'s for participants was 33 near final weekend. Our youngest was 2 years old and our oldest being close to 90 years. We really want to encourage our youth from CTFN to participate in these awesome language training sessions; we missed seeing you all there!! We would love to hear any ideas on how to get our youth involved in becoming Tlingit speakers! All photos of this language workshop is was nicely shot by Collyn Bunn from Whitehorse. Gunalchéesh Collyn – Shtóo gaa haa dítée (we are grateful) xoxo :)



Above photo shows some our Alaskan Participants



Above photo is Daagé (Winnie Atlin), Gootsáteen (Bessie Jim) Behind Bessie Jim is Stanley James Sr. & Lance Twitchell is standing in the black tea shirt facing them !

No English – tell a story in Tlingit using cartoon pictures



From right to left - Louise Mason aka Parker, Mike Baerg, Deborah Baerg, Norman James, Art Johns, also in Photo – 1 youth from TRTFN and Lance Twitchell in front of Louise.

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Early September - Invite Letter from YNLC for Deborah Baerg to attend FN Language Instructor training – September 30, October 1 & 2 – Worked with other YFN language instructor trainees learning how to instruct a class learning a new FN language. Deborah - invited to sign up for free 3 year certificate program to become a FN Language Instructor @ YNLC.

Invite letters sent to Winnie Atlin, Bessie Jim, Deborah Baerg & Ruth Beattie for this fall Tlingit language in-service – Jeff Leer @ YNLC from October 6, 7 & 8th. Worked on listening to target sounds for t & t', l and barred l, g & gh. We also looked at meaning of old Tlingit names and tried to get the meaning from our fluent elder's; some were too old to translate. During this time Ruth Beattie and Deborah Baerg signed up for 3 year FN Instructor Training Certificate and will have 1st observation on October 16th in our language nest to see how we are utilizing our training to become FN language instructors.

Linda Harvey from YNLC came out Oct. 16 to do our LN observation for Ruth's and I's FN Language Instructor training – It was a Great Success!! She was very impressed with how good the children are picking up and speaking the language at very young ages!! She said our little language nest is doing very good job passing on the language here and she was very shocked to see the little ones speaking so clearly with how difficult it is to speak in Tlingit for adults. Linda shared her observations of how Ruth and I did in delivering our lesson plans and we both passed with flying colors! Linda promised to send out some photos she took and doing my best to upload a couple here for all to see!!



Oksana drumming and singing Itsy winsy Spider to our Language Nest group
Little Shyanna is in this photo helping Oksana

Below Photo – Ruth Beattie taking the Language Nest through Head & Shoulders all in Tlingít – Ruth did an AWESOME job and all the children & Staff were doing great in following along with her! :)



Capacity Development Update

EDUCATION (infant to high-school)

Staff:

Ann-Marie Smith, Supervisor Early Childhood Education

Ruby Simons, Early Childhood Education Programmer

Ruth Beattie, Early Childhood Education Worker (& Language Support)

Rosalie Gatensby, Early Childhood Education Worker

Delores Beattie, Early Childhood Education Worker Assistant

Hazel Ward, Elder in School

Robin Lord, Education Programs & Services Coordinator

Dave Welin, High-school Van Driver

Donna Ward, Education Support Worker

David Duquette, Youth Worker

Dina Delaronde, Education Manager

Adátx'i áa dultíni yé (Where children are watched and cared for) Early Childhood Education Centre

Hours 8:00 am. – 4:45 pm. Monday to Friday

Name Change of the Centre, the name change is to more accurately reflect what the centre is. Gunalchéesh to the Elders and Heritage's Language Program for all their guidance and support. Formal re-naming date to be determined.

New – Direction from Executive Council being implemented: To facilitate opportunities for C/TFN children to access services at the Centre, C/TFN has waived the fees for attendance (application process required, limited seats available). One of the many considerations in taking this direction is to address school readiness to learn. School readiness is a measure of how prepared a child is to succeed in school, cognitively, socially and emotionally. Toward this end the Centre staff are paying particular attention to programming in the different age stages for children in their Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, Social and Moral Development.

***Reminder to parents and guardians to please bring in correspondence regarding their Child Care Subsidy applications from Child Care Services.**

The Language Nest Program continues Monday to Friday 10:00 am. - 11:00 am. at the Centre: Language Nest staff and team Deborah Baerg Coordinator; Winnie Atlin, Bessie Jim and Ruth Beattie. Parents and families are encouraged to attend the language sessions and also participate with the children and staff anytime anytime during the day in their programming.

The Centre will also be scheduling and hosting lunch and learn sessions for parents and families with the Child Development Centre. **First session November 06** – other session notices and letters to parents to follow.

Program Themes and Dates	
<u>October</u>	6-13 Thanksgiving (Centre closed October 13) 14-17 Fall/Trees 20-31 Halloween
<u>November</u>	3-14 Dinosaurs and Remembrance Day (Centre Closed November 11) 17-21 Opposites 24-28 Seasons, Weather and songs
<u>December</u>	1-5 Snow/Winter and Songs 8-19 Festivities and 11 Christmas Concert and Dinner with the School, Rec Board and C/TFN
Centre Closed December 22 Reopened on January 05 ***	

Ghùch Tlà Community School (K-9)

44 Registered Students

We would like to welcome Sean McDougall to the teaching staff. Sean is a recent graduate from the YNTEP Program and CTFN member and we look forward to working together.

The school has purchased school supplies (excluding personal items such as backpacks and indoor shoes) this year for all students. This was done to eliminate unneeded items and hopefully to be less stressful and cost effective for parents especially those with multiple students. We would appreciate your feedback and hearing how this is working.

Culture Camps:

September 18-19 the Kindergarten to Grade 3 students had their camp down below Skookies Camp site. The camp was facilitated by Harold Gatensby and Colleen James, and attended by the teachers: Cindy Freeman, Marg Blewitt and Principal Larry Kiesling, our Elder in School Hazel Ward and our Youth Worker David Duquette. The students participated in circles, went on hikes, plant and medicine identification, picking berries, setting nets and cleaning of fish, learned the importance of camp responsibilities e.g., packing water and the benefits for all.

October 1-3 Grades 4-9 students overnight camping at Harold and Colleen's camp site Nares Lake Wilderness Camp situated on the beautiful shores of Nares Mountain. The camp was hosted and facilitated again by Harold and Colleen, attended by teachers: Sean McDougall, Rob Dobson, Danielle Smarch, Maryanne Whelan and Principal Larry Kiesling and our Youth Worker David Duquette. Students participated in Circles, hikes (including the walk in and out

of camp), plant and medicine identification, picking berries, setting nets, cleaning and cutting fish, cooking/clean up, and learned about grouse hunting, etc.

First Hunt to be scheduled in late January or early February in partnership with the Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources Department. Spring Culture Camp May 11-22 at Skookies Camp.

C/TFN Curriculum support in classrooms supported by our Director, Geraldine James: Grades 1-3 Friday mornings 9:15-10:00; Grades 4-6 schedule to follow; Thursday afternoons work/lesson plan and schedule to follow. We are also looking for volunteers who be willing to assist in the classrooms, please contact Robin Lord or David Duquette at extension 8229.

Our Director, Geraldine James continues supporting the Monday morning welcoming circles. Parents, family and other community members are welcome to attend this opportunity to support students in practicing common values and virtues.

September Virtue: *WISDOM* highlights – guardian of choices, finding the right path at the right moment, clarity of thought and deeper understanding, use best judgment, maturity and patience, consider carefully, deeper knowing.

October Virtue: *KINDNESS* highlights – showing you care; doing something good to make life better for others; being thoughtful about people's needs; showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or in need of help.

November Virtue: *RESPECT* highlights – show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy; treating others with dignity and honouring the rules of our family, school and nation; respect of self and others; reverence for the earth and all living things.

December Virtue: *GENEROSITY* highlights – giving to others; share what we have; also allow others to give to us; giving cheerfully without expecting anything in return; every gift is doubly blessed, giving joy to the giver and receiver.

Breakfast is served starting at 8:30 in the morning Menu and volunteers are:

Mondays- Waffles/bacon prepared and served by CTFN

Tuesdays- Cereal/toast served by School council

Wednesday- French Toast/chicken bacon served by RCMP

Thursday- Breakfast tacos served by Mrs. Baker

Friday- Smoothie or Grilled cheese by Community Health Care

Important Dates:

November 11th Remembrance Day, no school

November 27th Report cards will be going home to parents followed by Student led conferences held the 28th.

December 11th Christmas concert, Dinner and Santa, collaborating parties are GTCS, C/TFN, Rec. Board

Christmas break is from December 22nd to January 2, school resumes January 5th 2015.

After School:
Recreation Board Activities at the School
Mondays Sport night 6-7pm
Wednesdays Judo 6-7pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays Pottery 3:30 to 4:30

Gunalchéesh to:

Principal and teachers: Larry Kiesling, Venise Beaudoin, Louise Baker, Marlene Smith, Maryann Whelan, Cindy Freeman, Nancy Maides, Sean McDougall, Danielle Smarch, Rob Dobson, Norman James, Ken Blewett,
Marg Blewett, Georgie-Ann Huebschwerlen and Bev James (substitute teacher) and Lisa (custodian); Bus Drivers: Dave Welin and Denis Bouchard

and

School Council: Eileen Wally, Chair; Ruby Simons, Treasurer; Leona Shepherd, member; Donnie Smith, member; Charlotte Hadden, member; Danny Cresswell, member; James Kawchuk, member

for their on-going dedication and support for the education of our students.

WHITEHORSE HIGH-SCHOOLS

FH. Collins Secondary High School

There are 21 students attending FH Collins this year. These students range from grade 8 to grade 12.

Important Dates -FH Collins

October 24 - Three Way Conference School Closed

November 11 - Remembrance Day School Closed

December 19 - Last Day of Classes before Christmas Holiday

December 22-January 2 - Christmas Holiday - School Closed

January 5 - Classes Start

Our Education Support Worker is supporting one of our grade 12 FH Collins student (female) attending "Cool Tools" @ the Yukon College. Cool Tools is a 12 week after school trades and mining exploration program. This innovative program is a partnership between Yukon Women in Trades and Technology (funded primarily by Advanced Education & the Women's Directorate) Yukon College, Skills Canada Yukon and Northern Safety Networking.

Vanier Catholic Secondary School

There are 2 students @ Vanier School, these students are in grade 11 & 12.

Our ESW checks in with Vanier twice a month to touch base with the counselors and administrators.

There is one grad on the graduating list for this year.

Important dates to remember Vanier

Monday, November 10th—Newsletters and Report Cards Mailed

Tuesday, November 11th—Remembrance Day—(NO SCHOOL)

Tuesday, November 25th—School Science Fair
Wednesday, November 26th—Northern Lights College Thursday November 27th—Career,
Volunteer Expo
Friday November 28th—Yukon Women Exploring Trade
Monday December 22 – January 2/15 – Christmas Break

Porter Creek Secondary School

There are 7 students @ PCSS ranging from grade 8 – 12. We partner with other ESW's (Evelyn Troy and Jennifer Chambers) on-site ESW's in PCSS. One of these ESW's will contact our ESW Donna Ward when any of our students needs immediate assistance, Donna does check ins with PCSS at least twice a month.

Important dates to remember Porter Creek

November 10-Remembrance Day (No School)
November 12-School Counsel Mtg. @ 6:30 pm
November 19-School Growth Planning 9 – 3pm
November 26-Cultural food day
December 10-School Counsel Mtg @ 6:30
December 22 – Jan. 2/15-Christmas Holidays

Individual Learning Center (ILC)
Currently has 3 students.

High-school Van Schedule

October

Fridays Pick up at Gadzoosdaa at 6:00 pm.

October 17 – October 24 – October 31

Sundays Pick up at Montana's Services 7:00 pm.

October 19 – October 26

November

Fridays Pick up at Gadzoosdaa at 6:00 pm.

November 7 – November 14 – November 21 – November 28

Sundays Pick up at Montana's Services 7:00 pm.

November 9 – November 16 – November 23 – November 30

December

Fridays Pick up at Gadzoosdaa at 6:00 pm.

December 5 – December 12 Parents are responsible for Christmas Break Pick up December 19

Sundays Pick up at Montana's Services 7:00 pm.

December 7 – December 14 Parents are responsible for Return to school drop off January 4

Congratulations to last years graduates on their Student Achievement Awards (Awards held on October 16)

Katlin Ward Allen Tlingit 11 Award

Devon Janes Tlingit 12 Award

Amber Wally Bernie Hinderks Award

(Most outstanding Automotive 12 student across all disciplines)

YOUTH PROGRAM

Engaging children and youth in identifying and participating in events, learning sessions/workshops and sports, recreation and cultural activities:

We are pleased to introduce David Duquette as our Youth Worker. David is a proud C/TFN member, a Tagish Nation Dancer and the son of Carol and Mark Duquette and the grandson of Mable and John Baker. He started in Mid-August and has been keeping very busy and a welcome addition to the C/TFN team.

Highlights So far:

Youth participation to the “Our Voices” youth gathering in Brooks Brook outside of Teslin,
“Fun Day” with Adátx'i áa dult'ini yé Centre children and community,
Daily participation at Ghùch Tlâ Community School,
Culture Camps (K-3 and 4-9)
Youth planning sessions September and October.

What's Coming up:

We are hoping to have a second Youth Worker in place in November. We are looking forward to the Youth Art Enrichment Program which will be November 4th-8th in Dawson City that 6 of our students will be attending. As well as our Youth Worker who will also be participating in Professional Development. We are also looking at other learning sessions and workshops such as: RespectEd's “Beyond the hurt” a peer harassment and bullying prevention for youth (this winter) and Excellence Series Seminars Youth Pursuit of Excellence (Spring or Summer), also workshops on respect and being safe from the BYTE (Bringing Youth Toward Equality) Program. We are also waiting on confirmation for some small proposals to host various activities and music lessons.

We are also developing a transition program with Ghùch Tlâ Community School, our Education Support Worker in Whitehorse and FH Collins for our grade 9 students who will be entering grade 10 next school year. We are hoping to take students in to audit different classes (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) to witness first-hand what the expectations and conditions of the school will be. First sessions to begin in January.

Planing is in progress for Winter Programing which will include: 2 Drum Making workshops, Movie Nights, Games Nights, Craft Nights, Bake Sales, trips to the Canada Games Centre, Skating and Sliding parties just name a few... If you have any ideas for activities or programs, please let us know!

We will be starting some larger fund raising projects to go towards attending next year's Dreamcatcher Conference.

EETO Report

Hello Everyone!

I am excited to be back with C/TFN as your new Education/Employment & Training Officer! I

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am looking forward to working with everyone in the Post Sec. and ASETS programs. As of right now there are currently 18 students enrolled in the Post Secondary Program and 16 students enrolled in the ASETS Program. I am wishing each student success in their education journey!

Listed below are the Application Deadlines:

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
Fall	May 15
Winter	November 15
Summer	March 15

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by phone (867)821-4251 EXT.8257 or by email at sheena.johns@ctfn.ca

Looking forward to what the future has to bring!

Career Management Report

Good Day! It has been three months since I started my employment with CTFN as Career Manager and I've enjoyed every minute of it. CTFN has been very supportive in assisting me navigate this new role which is similar to an employment central resource service.

Education Advisory Committee

The EAC has met on a number of occasions since the last newsletter. The committee has identified areas within the Post Secondary and Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASET) that will be taken forward in the coming months for amendments. The committee is very supportive to students during application review and consideration processes. The committee would like to encourage all of you to continue with your studies and know we are doing our best to assist you during this time. Student applications and deadlines are posted on the CTFN website. Your EAC members are available to you. Please feel free to contact your representative at any time. We are interested in hearing about your experiences while in school. If you are interested, we would like to post your education story on our website. Please contact Sheena or myself regarding your stories.

Projects and Training

We've supported a number of professional development projects and training as follows:

- Drivers License study group is scheduled for every Friday at 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. We would like to support you in either achieving your learners or increase your license designation to a class 4 and so on. CTFN is working with interested people to coordinate testing appointments and fees.
- Capacity is a member of the steering committee for the Log Homes project. We have been successful in coordinating Standard 1st Aid and Possession Acquisition License certification for this project. We are also pleased to let you know that we've partnered with the TE crew for training opportunities as with citizens.
- Resume and cover letters – if you need a resume and cover letter, please stop by and make an appointment. We're here to assist you.
- Summer Students 2014 – CTFN hired five summer students. These students were from Ghùch Tlà Community School, FH Collins and a Post Secondary who attended

Yukon College. The students were engaged in personal planning and were able to choose the department they wanted to work in. Dustin Patterson worked with Heritage Lands and Natural Resources. Natasha Benoit Peters worked in Capacity, Suezanna James was at the Adátx'i aa dułtini ye Early Child Education Centre. Jasmine Gatensby worked with Governance, and Fleurissa Smith worked in Infrastructure's Finance Department. Based on the evaluations the students, one student really enjoyed going out on the land with the Monitors. Another student noted that the Youth Gathering at Brooks Brooks and Dahk Ka Days were highlights for their summer employment with CTFN.

Transitional Employment

We are sad to see Roberta Auston leave the TE Manager position and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. The TE program is shifting back to its origins that encompasses the theory of change and medicine wheel planning. We've had preliminary discussions with Management Board (Mbrd) regarding the program expanding to training within CTFN departments, preparation for academic studies and wellness.

In 2014 the TE program was extended to an eight month period if required. This allows the client and staff time to explore career pathway gaps, life skills, work experience on the land, in the offices and other personal goals such as achieving drivers licenses. The program also establishes folks with enough hours to apply for EI at the end of the program, but the goal is to work, but the goal is to work towards full time employment.

In the coming months, Jerry James, our TE Supervisor and I will be working with Temporary Financial Assistance clients who are in the program to establish clear goals and transition indicators to successfully move through each of the three phases of TE program. These three phases are based on the Theory of Change, career planning and self exploration.

I'd like to congratulate Jerry and the crew for their hard work and dedication to supporting each other and the departments through wood cutting, garden maintenance, watering the garden on weekends, assisting with Elders Breakfast, setting net for the Elders, and being out in the community eager to complete the numerous tasks and requests.

Garden Program

The garden crew and the TE crew met at the end of the season to evaluate the Garden Program and make recommendations for continuation of the program. Recommendations of the meeting were:

- weekend watering needed
- 2 supervisors for garden crew
- strategy for bad weather eg; video studies, webinars, cooking classes, coaching students etc.
- need a gazebo on site
- strategy to increase interest in gardening for you
- drivers licences
- reliable workers, "the garden depends on you"
- other departments of CTFN involved in garden
- distribution of produce: Marketing plan

- cooking classes
- community camp involved in garden programming
- medicines and preparation of medicines
- composting
- starter building for seedlings

The garden hired youth summer students who worked with Seki and the Transitional Employment Crew. We'd like to thank Tenisha Low Bayne, Ryan Wiebe Jules, Dakota Johns, and Vince James for their hard work and participation in the program. The garden program is heavy work and we acknowledge your commitment and efforts during the summer.

Seki has been instrumental in coordinating and supervising the garden program. The TE crew and students expressed their joy of working with someone who is so knowledgeable about gardening and food security. Thank you Seki for your hard work and dedication:)

The ultimate objective is to have year round gardening.

Transportation to and from Whitehorse for Work

We've budgeted dollars this year to provide transportation from Whitehorse to Carcross for work. Once citizens have confirmed employment in Whitehorse we will start commuting for work. We're here to assist you in making the connections with potential employers. Citizens are welcome to use the public employment computer located in the EETO office, or access the fax machine for submitting your resumes or by telephone. Please contact Dina or myself for scheduling purposes.

Yukon College

Yukon Colleges President Dr. Karen Barnes recently visited CTFN and the Campus Committee to announce the exciting news that Yukon College is now a university with our own degree programs. The news release states:

"Yukon College is developing its first made-in-Yukon degree and post-graduate certificate. Beginning in 2017, the college will offer a three-year Bachelor of Policy Studies in Indigenous Governance and a one-year post-graduate certificate in Climate Change and Public Policy."

"Today we are pleased to mark a major milestone in the North by announcing the first degree and post-degree certificate offered by Yukon College," Minister of Education Elaine Taylor said. "By enabling more Yukon students to remain at home and continue their education, and by creating niche programs that attract more students from around the world, these advancements will develop and retain knowledge in the North, as well as bring new dollars to the territory."

The college currently co-delivers three degrees through partnerships with the University of Regina and the University of Alberta. The degrees are Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Conservation Sciences, Bachelor of Social Work and Bachelor of Education. In 2014, 22 students graduated with these partner degrees.

"Leading with our strengths, our first degree and post-degree certificate programs will focus on subject areas that are unique to Yukon. In building these two made-in-Yukon programs, we will call upon the expertise of Yukon's First Nations, as well as over 10 years of experience"

within Yukon College's Northern Climate Exchange, housed within the Yukon Research Centre," Yukon College Board of Governors Chair Paul Flaherty said."

Dr Karen Barnes assured all of us at the meeting that the community campuses and college "feel" will not change. They are actively responding to the requests of Yukoners, particularly, Yukon First Nations, as they respond to our self government needs.

We've also been working with Yukon College staff to confirm the Carcross Community Campus Annual Plan. We are excited to announce that the Portfolio Development Program has been given approval by Mbrd. If you are interested in the program, please contact or stop by Capacity.

We have several students in pathways to success programming, which was previously referred to as upgrading. We encourage all of you to keep working hard towards your goals. Undertaking upgrading to increase your academic levels for employability are steps you are taking towards creating a career that works for you.

Keep up the good work everyone!

President's Advisory Committee First Nations Initiatives

As the new CTFN representative on PACFNI, I attended their quarterly meeting in October 2014. It was great to learn about the exciting programs and services offered in other communities, as with the amazing initiatives within Yukon College departments. Michelle Parsons has been recently appointed to a steering committee that will explore First Nations specific programming towards degree development. We will hear more about their work in the coming months. It is great to have Michelle sit on the committee because her knowledge and expertise in First Nations Governance and implementation will definitely benefit all Yukon First Nations coursework offerings.

Until the next newsletter issue, please feel free to stop by the office or call me at ex #8206 or email at corinne.carvill@ctfn.ca

Department of Finance & Infrastructure Update

As one of twenty-two Self-Governing First Nations out of a possible six hundred and thirty seven in Canada, Carcross/Tagish First Nation leads the way in developing self- government programs to directly help their citizens.

The Department of Finance and Infrastructure is working hard to support those programs and citizen needs.

Finance & Human Resources

C/TFN Finance staff work closely with the staff of the other departments of the Government of Carcross/Tagish First Nation: Governance, Wellness, Capacity, Infrastructure and Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources to manage the financial tracking of activities, to provide budgeting support and

purchasing of supplies as requested. Finance also supports other departments during the hiring and training process for new staff. Over the next few months, Finance staff will be working with all of the departments' staff to prepare the 2015/2016 Estimates.

Our new Acting Finance Manager, Lynda Dickson, is known to many of you. Lynda assumed the responsibilities of this position in October and will be working with the Finance staff to expand training plans to further build capacity within the department. This month all of the Finance staff will begin to receive additional Accpacc Training.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure is responsible for maintaining, operating and new construction of all Carcross/Tagish First Nation assets. This includes, roads, water, septic, commercial and residential properties owned by the Government of Carcross/Tagish First Nation.

This year was an exciting year for Infrastructure which took on a major capacity development initiative known to many now as the "Tiny Houses Project". Over the summer and into the fall the fourteen graduates of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Carpentry Apprenticeship program have continued to complete required construction projects including a number of major renovations of members' homes. The Department received a number of letters of appreciation from homeowners describing the quality of the work and the dedication of the C/TFN crews. Infrastructure continues to look for ways to increase the availability of skilled labour in Carcross and to support local employment.

Over the coming months Carcross citizens will be able to observe the apprentices as they complete a major renovation project to convert an existing structure into a new office building for the Carcross/Tagish Management Corporation which will be located next to Montana Services. The site will also be used to construct additional single housing units over the winter.

Planning has also begun for a second in-take of carpentry apprentices for a new 2015/2016 Tiny Houses Carpentry Apprenticeship Program. If you are interested in participating or learning more about this program please leave your name and contact information with the Main Reception (1-867-821-4251 or mainreception@ctfn.ca).

Capital Projects Updates:

Tiny House Project:

The Tiny houses are in there permanent location with exteriors completed. The construction quality of these three units is excellent and something to be proud of for those who worked on them. Power, septic, and interior finishes should be complete by December and ready to live in. Hats off to the apprentices and their instructors, and GC/TFN for helping to open doors for them. We hope to see the apprentices become journeypersons and be part of future projects that will move the Carcross/ Tagish First Nation forward in its endeavours.

CMHC RRAP Grant:

If you are interested in putting an application in for a RRAP Grant the come in an fill out an

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application. These are available at the Capital Projects front desk. As part of the application, a Capital Projects representative will come to your home to perform an assessment of what types of renovations your house needs. Please note that CMHC typically announces funding for the grants around May of each year with CTFN normally eligible for two grants. This is based on year to year funding from CMHC is not guaranteed from year to year.

Housing:

If you require rental housing please ensure that make sure you get your application in. Applications are available at the Capital Projects Office and the GC/TFN Administration Building Front Desk. Housing Team meets on the last Friday of each month to discuss all housing matters.

If you have any suggestions for changes in the housing policy or for general improvements in service please let us know, it's our goal to always improve the service provided.

Municipal Services:

The sander and plow is ready for another winter and our drivers will do their best to keep the roads safe to drive on. Please be patient when there are heavy snow falls as it does present a heavy workload for the drivers. Priority is given to roads, elders, and gc/tfn rental units.

Water and Septic services are available and ready as always.

Please let us know if you see streetlights that are not working and we will make sure they are fixed.

Staff:

Our current staff list is as follows:

Mike Baerg	Senior Manager of Infrastructure
John Jensen	O&M Manager
Tyler Bryden	Building Supervisor
Vacant	Assistant Housing/ Assets Manager
Rozlyn James	Administrative Assistant
Dave Welin	Maintenance Service Person
Tod Smarch	Carpenter
Karen Hall	Custodian/Supervisor
Richard Hall	Custodian
Ken Baker	Custodian
Dave Huebschwerlen	Vacuum Truck Driver
Gordon Wally	Water Operator
Micheal Smarch	Municipal Truck Driver
Clifford Johns	Snow Removal
Marlene Parsons	Auxiliary Custodian
Bernice Moore	Auxiliary Custodian

We always welcome questions, comments and suggestions to improve our operation so come in at any time to visit us!

Important Contacts:

Housing Matters: 867-821-4251 ext 8255

Pump outs: 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 pump out outside of regular working hours, the following septic service providers available are:

Northwest Vacuum Service 867-667-7854

Sunset Septic Service 867-6687365

Tamarack Septic Services 867-333-0207

This service cost is billed to the caller and is not reimbursable by Capital Projects.

Here are a few winter maintenance tips:

- Squeaky floor? Try Roz's trick... leave some constarch on the squeaky area for a few hours... squeak should be gone. Will not work on carpeted surfaces.
- Inspect your door weather stripping and replace and worn pieces...will save you money in heating costs
- Make sure your water room heat and crawlspace heaters are on.
- Keep entrances, oil/sewer/water accesses clear... it will keep the people happy who provide service to you and make their job a lot easier.

The Log Cabins Project: Skills for Building, Skills for Life

An exciting new project is underway up at Skookies Culture Camp. Nine members of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation are building three log cabins for Elders to stay in when they visit Skookies. The cabins are designed for seasonal use, and each cabin has a somewhat different design. This is an important step in revitalizing Skookies Culture Camp, which is a place that is owned by the community and is there for the community.

But that's only one part of it. What's different is that everyone who is involved has a role in running the project. Decisions are made by everyone together. The group works as a self-sufficient crew. Everyone supports each other to get the work done, without conflict or competition. There are daily group meetings on important ways that we can better our life skills and strengthen our team. Everyone also has the opportunity to speak with one of the two Counselors that is participating in the project if and when they need to. Community members are always welcome to come up to Skookies to visit the crew and see what they are doing.

The Log Cabin Builders are: Tyrone Atlin (a.k.a. T-Bone), John Baker, Ed Hall, Garrick James, Kashies James, Ernest Richard, Shane Schinkel, Robert Smith, and Bruce Wilcox. Others involved with the project include Vern Davies (Instructor), Mike Birkett (Counsellor), Jan Forde (Counsellor), Leslie Grant (Outreach Worker), Eileen Wally (Outreach Worker), Liz Baker (Outreach Worker), Corinne Carvill (Career Manager), Nelson Lepine (Director of Infrastructure), Mike Baerg (A/ Senior Manager of Infrastructure), Patricia James (Human Resources), Tanya James (Human Resources), Thomas Shepherd (Project Organizer).

Yukon College, Carcross Campus News

Hello everyone. We would like to let you know that we are working with Capacity on an Essential Skills program called Portfolio Development. It will be 12 weeks long and full time. The purpose of the program is to help people create a portfolio of their workplace skills, which they then can use when applying for a job.

It will be a creative process and sounds like a lot of fun. Please call or stop by to register.

Please be on the lookout for posters announcing our next Open House, coming soon. We are also recruiting students for Spanish lessons and First Aid.

If you'd like to do some career exploration or get some career counselling, just make an appointment with us and we will be sure to accommodate you.

Our number is 821-8800.

Gisela and Leslie (Instructor/Coordinators)

Health Center Update

Hello Everyone,

It is amazing how fast time flies! Another summer has passed and everyone is busy with fall harvest and winter preparations. At the health centre we are hoping and planning for a healthy fall and winter. To prepare for the flu season I would like to remind everyone to get their flu shots this year. Getting your shot will not only help protect you but your family and friends as well as our communities most vulnerable; the elders and infants. Do your part... get the shot! We will be offering flu clinics around our community as listed below. Also starting Monday Nov 3, 2014 flu shots will be available at the health centre daily Mondays – Thursdays 8:00am – 4:00pm (excluding lunch form 12:00pm – 1:00pm)

Flu Clinics

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
CTFN main admin building	Nov 3	2-3:30pm
Tagish Community Hall	Nov 5	2-4pm
CTFN main admin building	Nov 6	10:30am – 12pm
Tagish Community Hall	Nov 12	2-4
CTFN main admin building	Nov 13	2-3:30pm
CTFN main admin building	Nov 14	10:30am – 12pm
Tagish Community Hall	Nov 19	2-4pm

For more information, check us out on Facebook or at www.ctfn.ca!!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to introduce a new member of our nursing team at the Carcross Health Centre. We have noticed a dramatic increase in the number of patients we see on a regular basis as well after-hours on an emergency basis. In order meet our communities increasing medical needs we now have a third nurse who is moving to Carcross with her husband. Gail has taken on the position of a Yukon float nurse based in Carcross for a two year term. Gail may be called on to work in any of the other Yukon communities when needed but will hopefully be spending a significant amount of time nursing in Carcross. I will let Gail tell you about herself in her own words.

Be well and stay safe!

The Carcross Health Centre team

Brook Davis

Brook Davis – Primary Health Care Nurse-in Charge

Tatum Arts – Primary Health Care Nurse (Half Time)

Laura Sly – Primary Health Care Nurse (Half Time)

Gail Peekeekoot – Primary Health Care Nurse (Float – 2 year term)

Charlotte Estrada-Bayne - Clerk

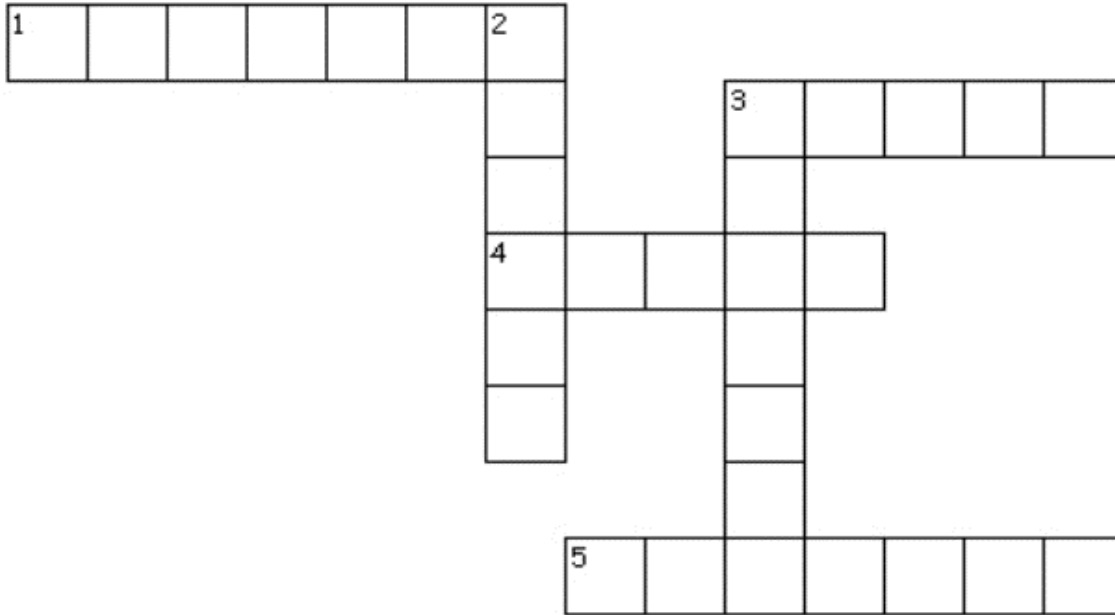
(Introduction from Gail)

Two and a half years ago, I answered the call of the Yukon and came up to work with Community Nursing wherever they needed me. This was a really good choice in a long and satisfying nursing career. I've met so many interesting people and seen so much beautiful country! Now my husband Ed and I are happy to call Carcross home for the next two years. We have been married for 40 years, have two sons, and are grandparents. Ed is a musician, carver, and artist from the Ahtakakoop Cree First Nation. I am a singer and am certified as a Celebrant. As a nurse I am very interested in the well-being of people, families, and communities and I see the whole person – physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. I look forward to meeting you.

Gail & Ed Peekeekoot



Winter Crossword

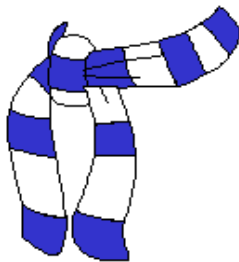


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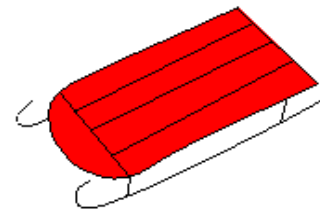


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Q. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A. Frosted Flakes!

Q. What do snowmen eat for lunch ?
A. Icebergers !

What am I Winter Riddles...

I'm usually made of colored yarn,
By someone who is knittin'.
Unless one's lost I come in pairs.
Of course I am a _____!!!

Can you find the words???

Some fun Snacks to have with the kids!

BREAKFAST PIZZA

Ingredients:

English muffin halves, grated cheese, cooked sausage or crumbled bacon

- Sprinkle cheese onto muffin half.
- Top with meat.
- Heat in toaster oven or at 350 in oven until cheese melts

WARM APPLE ORANGE PUNCH

1 gallon (4 qt.) apple cider

About a cup of orange juice

Orange slices a nice touch...

2- 4 cinnamon sticks

1 Place all ingredients in large saucepan. Cook on low heat 20 min. or until heated through, stirring occasionally. (Do not boil.)

2. Can also be made in crock pot...

3. Remove cinnamon sticks and serve warm. Float orange slices...

Great for the Holidays and winter Days!

RICE KRISPY SNOWMAN

3 tablespoons butter

1 package (10 ounces) marshmallows (about 40)

6 cups crispy rice cereal

You can decorate with ANYTHING-the Treats in photo uses:



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5 round red peppermint candies
8 red jelly beans
10 semisweet chocolate chips
25 miniature semisweet chocolate chips
1 fruit roll-up, cut into 3/4-inch strips
15 red-hot cinnamon candies and 10 pretzel sticks

1. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper and coat with nonstick cooking spray.
 2. Melt the butter in a soup pot over low heat. Add the marshmallows and stir until melted. Remove from the heat and add the cereal; stir until completely coated.
 3. Using a 3/4-cup measure of the mixture for each, form five balls and place on the baking sheet. Using a 1/3-cup measure for each, form five more balls. Place the smaller balls on top of the larger ones, forming snowmen. Decorate with the candies, chips, and pretzels as shown.
 4. Serve, or cover loosely with plastic wrap until ready to serve.
- TIP:** Coat your hands with nonstick cooking spray or butter to keep the marshmallow mixture from sticking to them when forming the cereal balls.

But of course.....nothing beats veggies and dip! Or fruit salad and yogurt dip!

Just cut up the vegetables or fruit (the kids can help with this) and pick your favorite dressing or yogurt to dip with! Both fun and healthy :)

Beef Vegetable Soup Slow Cooker Recipe

Moose meat would make an excellent substitute for the beef

Makes: 4 servings

Ingredients

1 pound boneless beef chuck roast, trimmed and cut into bite-size pieces
3 medium carrots, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
2 small potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 medium onion, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1 bay leaf
2 14-1/2-ounce cans diced tomatoes
1 cup water
1/2 cup loose-pack frozen peas
Fresh parsley sprigs (optional)

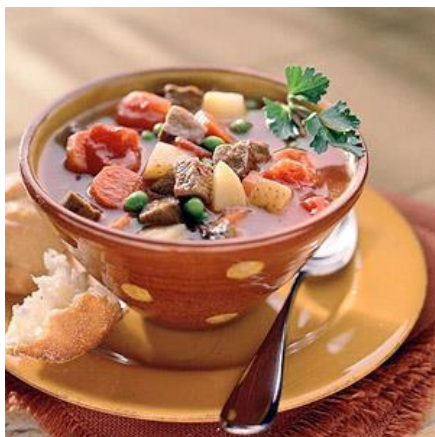
Directions

1. In a 3-1/2- or 4-quart slow cooker, combine beef chuck pieces, sliced carrots, cubed potatoes, and chopped onion. Sprinkle with salt and thyme. Add bay leaf, tomatoes with their juices, and water. Stir until all ingredients are combined.

2. Cover; cook on low-heat setting for 8 to 10 hours or on high-heat setting for 4 to 5 hours.

3. Remove and discard bay leaf. Stir in peas and garnish with parsley if desired.

Nutrition facts per serving: 269 calories, 28g protein, 29g carbohydrate, 4g fat (1g saturated), 4g fiber



Food Bank Raffle

Help support a great cause and you could win this original painting by local artist Violet Gatensby!!



From November – December 15, 2014 any non-perishable food donation made with a value of 10\$ will get you a ticket for the raffle.

You will need to produce your donation and a receipt (of at least \$10) to the Main Administration office to be entered into the raffle.

There will be a large box for food donations in the main administration building, capacity building, capital projects, the store, the school, the post office as well as the YTG building.

For more information, check us out on Facebook or at www.ctfn.ca!!


C/TFN Government Offices will be closed
for the Christmas Holiday Season from:

December 22 through January 2

MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Submissions from Citizens:
Daisy Hall's Birthday on October 10

From Facebook:

- [James Bobbi](#) Yeah happy birthday too Bobbi James Diane Johns daisy hall Richard Atlin for October 10 th on October 8 happy birthday too savanna James and on October 15 th a happy sweet 16 th to Santana James thanks Michelle
- [MaryAnn Whelan](#) A big thankyou to Colleen and Harold for hosting and organizing fall culture camp for Ghuch Tla School and to Robin and David for their help with the food and helping with the supervision and to Dave Welin for running our gear to and from Colleen and Harold's camp it was a blast and the students all had fun and also thanks to Bev James for all her help and everyone else ONCE AGAIN THANKYOU .
- [Tracy Adax Ayamdagoot Camilleri](#) Happy Birthday to 'Cookie' Annie Austin
- [Karyn Atlin](#) Happy Birthday to Jordan Atlin October 15th and Cory Atlin November 6th
- [Maria Benoit](#) Happy Birthday to Louise Baker for Oct 31st, "WOOOOoooooh"
October 15 at 8:15pm · [Like](#) · [1](#)
-  [Sandra Johnson](#) Yes Louise Baker, Happy Birthday. Lots of love n hugs.

Submission from Allan Ogilvie

Jun.27.2012, Kim and I meet Carcross for the first time, at the end of our White Pass Train ride from Skagway, which was a shore excursion from our Alaska cruise, and are met with such a heart-warming welcome!! This starts the beginning and our life turning event with our wonderful new found family. I promised to return with as many family members as I could.

Thank you so much!



Jul.4.2014, me and Keith, the making of our new totem.



Jul.29.2013, Billy McCoy (Tla'kwshaan) at the center of Carcross Commons.



Jul.4.2014, Hammond cabin on March Lake, with Marge, Billy McCoy, Kim George, Josephine Holloway, Raven and Shyanne (daughters of Denise Block), Allan Ogilvie, and Marge's dog (Foxy).



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Our Story

by

Allan Ogilvie, Doreen McLeod, Billy McCoy, Denise Block

Our grandmother Bertha Good, as I understand, ran away from Carcross in the mid 1940's with her 3 very young daughters (Lesley, Edna, Carol) and leaving behind her 2 sons (Clyde Barrett, Brian Barrett) who were adopted out to Roy Barrett. Lesley is my mother and Doreen is my sister. Edna is Billy's mother. Carol is Denise's mother. Our grandmother Bertha ended up in Vancouver, changed her last name and denounced her culture and heritage, never to speak of it. Me and my sister and my cousins grew up in mainstream society, not knowing anything about our culture and heritage. I feel like the long lost tribe that have found our way home. It is such a heart-warming and gratifying experience to be welcomed home, and to reunite with family that we are meeting for the first time, after all these years, and to learn so much about our history, our culture, our heritage, and our land. It is so hard to comprehend the enormous devastation that the church and our government has done to the aboriginal people, and the effect that will last for generations! This past Potlatch (Oct.11.2014) is our first ever, and to be involved as the hosting clan (Dakl'aweidi), and to be given our Tlingit names to carry forward, was such an honor and so enlightening. Gunalcheesh, Gunalcheesh (Thank-You).

Coming to the Yukon and Carcross and attending the Potlatch is myself and my wife (Kim George), my sister Doreen MacLeod, who brought 2 (Richard and Angel) of her 6 children, my cousin Billy McCoy and his wife Teresa and 1 (Rachel) of their 2 children, and my cousin Denise Block who brought her 2 children (Raven and Shyann). It is my hopes that my children and my other cousins and their children will want follow our lead and our quest to reunite with our past culture and heritage.

Tlingit Dakl'aweidi Names given to us at Potlatch (Oct 11 2014)

Allan Ogilvie (Gooch Ooxu), Doreen MacLeod (Kaayaa aal), Billy McCoy (Tla'kwshaan), Denise Block (Aage).