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Chief Taylor's Update

Drin hqzo, citizens! I hope everyone is having a great summer.

At the time of writing this report, TH is in court, defending the integrity of our Final Agreement and the Final Recommended Peel River Watershed Plan. We did everything

we could to respect the wishes of our citizens and protect the Peel. The fight is now with our lawyer and Judge Veale.

Leadership from Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Na-Cho Nyak Dun, and the Tetlin Gwich'in, as well as Elders, citizens and the general public have kept two court rooms full for the proceedings. It is a wonderful expression of support for the Peel.

Being in the courts is not our preferred option—we hoped we could resolve any differences during the planning process mandated by

our agreement. Regardless, I hope to have positive news to share in future.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate all of our recent graduates—Aboriginal Head Start, high school, college and university. These young people are the lifeblood and future of our nation. I commend you all for taking steps to better yourself through education. Your achievements bring honour and pride to your First Nation.

May the Creator bless you with a bountiful summer and fall.

Mähsi cho!

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Crafting Wisdom Larger Life Lessons

A new exhibition on what Northern Athabaskan beadwork can tell us about surviving life.

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H.R. & Community Training

Human Resources & Community Training

The spring and early-summer seasons once again brought a hiring frenzy to the Human Resources and Community Training Department. While it would appear we're still a year away from more fluid Brewery Creek and Coffee Creek mining opportunities, there have been some hires and hopefully a few others by the time this article reaches you. Lots of forward planning is taking place between the government, mining companies and contractors to get prepared, with additional training and employment strategies to address TH citizen hires.

We're pleased with the kickoff of the Moosehide Gathering Service Role opportunities and hope this effort helps the event be even more successful through managing service roles. Many thanks to everyone who's stepping up to the plate on this one.

All of us in HRCT want to thank Nancy-Jane Taylor for her hard work over the past year and wish her the very best with her further education and work plans. We look forward to seeing her back.

Once again, everyone looking for work opportunities is urged to watch the TH website, job boards and Facebook page to ensure no opportunities are missed.

Staff Training and Development

Activity levels in Staff Training & Development are high. The following is just a sampling of the variety of training that's been supported: Computer Training Basics; First Nations Leadership Training; Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training; Exhibit Design & Installation Course; Healing Together with Land & Culture: Gathering of Wisdom Conference; First Nation Financial Management Conference; Intensive Sound Technician Course; Privacy Act Training (Heritage); Indian Registry Administrator Training; Principles of Health & Safety Management/Leadership for Safety Excellence; Restorative Justice Facilitator Training Part 2; and Comprehensive Records Management.

Upcoming, we have Internet Technology through Grande Prairie Regional College online; English 050; Information Access & Protection of Privacy Foundations; Writing Bookkeeping Level 1; Bear Aware; Canadian Network of Asset Managers Conference; Rigging & Hoisting; Confined Space Awareness; TDG/WHMIS; First Nations Information Session; Understanding Trauma & PTSD Workshop; Boat Safety; Practical Boat Safety with Raven Rescue; Wilderness First Aid; ATV Safety; Food Safe; and Incident Command training (CS100/200).

In addition to the regular Staff Training and Development programming, we've been ensuring all areas are taking advantage of the capacity-building resources made available through the TH agreement with the First Nations Market Housing Fund. Apart from the support programs already accomplished, we're working towards training in Records Management; Land Registry; Asset & Property Management Database; Microsoft Office Suite; Project Management, Time Management and Supervisory Skills; and a variety of other training and policy needs.

Payroll & Benefits

Payroll & Benefits recently attended three hours of Disability Management Training, recognizing a continued emphasis on the health benefits of timely return to work for injured or disabled employees and the legal duty to accommodate. Training on "the crucial conversations" supervisors need to have with employees was recommended and "the duty to inquire" was emphasized.

We've continued the flow of financial planning information to employees through the use of some Sun Life resources, namely "Stress Test Your Debt" and "Developing a Money-Management System". We'll also be sharing the Money-up Sunlife Pension website game information with participating employees.

The Employer's Annual Hazardous Occurrence Report

(EAHOR) has been submitted to HRSD. Having the ROE's available listing the total hours worked was a big help this year, along with the Incident Binder.

Remember: The TH Health & Safety committee has a mandate to ensure we continue with a safe and healthy work environment. It is important for staff to appreciate the importance of this committee's work and ensure we all play an active role in ensuring the safety of all to the very best of our ability. We all have a duty to care!

Employment & Training

While there have been ongoing training and education programs over the fall, winter and spring, we're looking forward to increased seasonal job creation opportunities and on-the-land programming training that spring and summer work requirements require.

We had committed our annual job-creation funding before the end of May. These funds provide qualified citizens with an opportunity to gain on-the-job experience and skills.

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Employment and Training



Apart from the typical seasonal demands there are a number of new and continuing efforts in the works:

- Environmental Technician Certificate Program program – VUI / YC partnership to address mining partners needs (spring/summer 2015)
- Home Support Worker program – Basic skills development program (spring 2014)
- Work Opportunities – career goal assessment for participants to assist H&S success with this program
- Planning 10 RSS classes – present education and training funding support information offered at TH and throughout the community (spring 2014)
- Present résumé session at the Youth Centre starting April 2014

Please drop in or make an appointment so we can help with your career and education goals.

As usual, the summer is bringing lots of change around the Employment & Training office. Students have been transitioning from school to summer, keeping our department busy and exciting.

Congratulations to our hard-working students who completed another year of studies. The Education Trust is proud to announce that \$10,000 (supported by ERS, Kaminak, Golden Predator and Holland America) was handed to twelve post-secondary students who achieved a 2.67 GPA (B-) or higher.

Many of our students proudly walked across the stage to receive their degree or diploma at their graduation ceremony this

spring. These students should be commended for their hard work and perseverance in order to complete their studies. Best of luck to those citizens who are now embarking on a new career!

I'd like to extend special congratulations to our three local citizens who completed the Pre-Employment Welding program that took place over the winter in Dawson. A special ceremony was held in the TH Hall, where students were congratulated by their instructors, Chief & Council, Yukon College Administrators, Dawson City's Mayor and local MLA, as well as a host of family, friends and staff.

Spring was full of activity, with citizens stopping by for help with

updating their resumes and creating cover letters to apply for jobs. Many citizens also registered in Safety Week at the College, where they obtained several tickets including First Aid, TDG, WHMIS, H2S Alive and more.

During the last week of classes, I had a chance to speak to the Grade 10 students at RSS about scholarships, grants and other funding available for post-secondary studies. At the same time, information on summer jobs was also provided to all high school students looking to earn some cash this summer, while gaining new skills and experience.

Our Job Creation Program has been extremely popular again. We're providing funding for over 15 positions. These positions (both for youth and adults) are taking place at TH in Heritage, Health & Social, Public Works, Tr'inke Zho, Education, and Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre. We've also assisted citizens in obtaining positions at Parks Canada, Humane Society Dawson, Tr'ondëk Heavy Equipment and Dawson Daycare.

As always, our doors are open and we have a number of services available to assist citizens looking for employment or working towards education and training goals. If you require assistance or would like to learn about the services we provide, please feel free to call or stop by to speak with someone.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer!

**POST-SECONDARY FINAL FUNDING DEADLINE
FOR UPCOMING FALL SEMESTER**

JULY 15, 2014

**For an application, contact Melissa at 867-993-7100 ext. 111
or melissa.atkinson@trondek.ca**

Late applications will not be accepted

Recipients of the TH Scholarship – May 2014

April Coulson *Bachelor of Nursing at University of British Columbia – 3rd year*

Shauna Kormendy *Bachelor of Social Work at Nicola Valley Institute of Tech – 4th year*

Bruce Warnsby *Juris Doctorate in Law at University of Victoria*

Dawn Coles *Health Care Assistant Certificate at Native Education College*

Jeffrey Bailey *Environmental Technology at Camosun College – 2nd year*

Teryne Taylor-Reid *Flight Attendant Certificate at Eton College*

Dylana Milobar *Bachelor of Communications at California State University – 1st year*

Madeline DeRepentigny *Culinary Arts Diploma at University of Alaska – 1st year*

Patricia McLeod *Bachelor of Nursing at University of British Columbia – 2nd year*

Darwyn Lynn *Business Administration Diploma at Yukon College – 1st year*

Kerry Barber *Bachelor of Fine Arts – Film, Video & Media at Emily Carr University*

Anne-Marie Van Bibber *Health Assistant Certificate at Camosun College*

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Salmon Update

It's been an intense season for the Chinook salmon, with the run being considered the worst in history. The pre-season outlook estimated the Canadian Origin Interim Escapement Management Fishery to be between, 32,000–61,000. This put the run in the Red Management Zone, which is a no-harvest zone.

Several meetings have taken place this year between Yukon First Nations, Alaskan fishers and fisheries management in Fairbanks. In addition, there have been meetings with Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and the Yukon Salmon-Sub Committee (YSSC).

Ongoing briefings with TH Council ensure they're kept updated on management efforts. YSSC and DFO are advising communities not to fish. After a meeting with TH Council, YSSC have been invited to meet with TH Citizens.

The post-season outlook for Chinook salmon continues to be poor, and DFO and YSSC do not anticipate meeting the minimum border escapement target of 42,500 salmon. The run has been below average for the past seven years. During that time, five years have failed to reach minimum Border Escapement targets. The salmon is declining and not turning around.

Based on the recent Chinook salmon management in Alaska and the state of the below average Chinook salmon run, TH Council

passed a resolution for a full closure on Chinook salmon until escapement targets are met. These efforts are aimed at preserving the run to allow salmon to get to their spawning grounds so we can see returns on their eggs in the next life cycle.

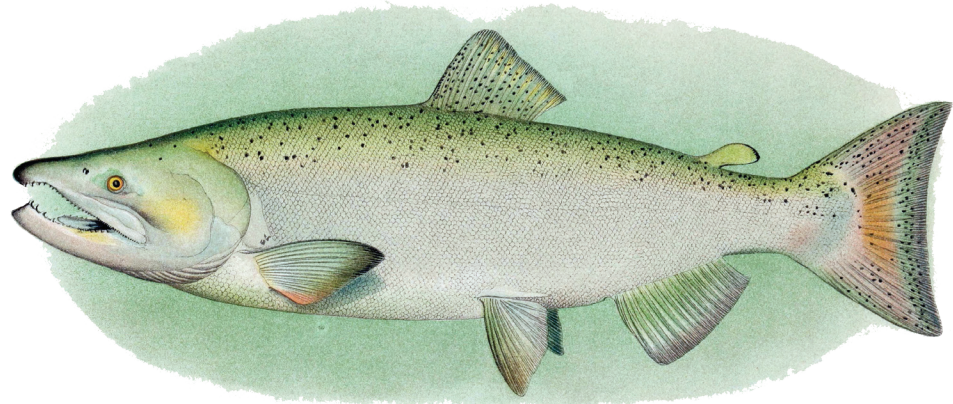
The Alaska Department and Fish and Game (ADF&G) have implemented a strict Yukon River fishers management regime to preserve and protect the Chinook salmon; they are not allowing anybody to keep Chinook salmon. Fishers in Alaska are required to use live-catch dip-nets and live-catch fish wheels, as well as 4" mesh nets to harvest other fish, such as sheefish (Inconnu), whitefish and summer chum. Several Yukon First Nations are also implementing a Chinook salmon closure.

Many managers and individuals are stating that the Chinook salmon are in a crisis and possibly at a point of no return. The life cycle of the

Yukon River Chinook salmon is 7–8 years. In the 1990s, the Chinook salmon Canadian Origin portion was estimated at 150,000. Now, it's estimated at 32,000–61,000. It will take one or two life cycles of no fishing to increase the Canadian Origin portion of the run, as well as to identify other ways to halt the decline.

The preseason forecast for the fall chum run is estimated to be average to above average. This year's Canadian Origin population is estimated between 70,000–104,000 chum. The Total Allowable Catch in Yukon is 33,154–49,920. More and more people are relying on chum salmon as an alternate to Chinook salmon.

Due to the Chinook salmon closure, TH Fish and Wildlife will not be fishing Chinook salmon this year. In order to meet some of the salmon food requirements, we will be focusing on early chum.





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Fish and Wildlife

I'd like to outline a few things to let citizens know what my role as the Fish and Wildlife (F&W) steward entails.

As the F&W steward, it's my responsibility to protect our fish and wildlife and the land and waters that surrounds us all. I assist the Department of Environment Conservation Officers in day-to-day matters, take advice from citizens and listen to locals around town. It's very important to be engaged with all aspects of our community to have a better understanding of what's going on out on the land and on the river.

I also get to take to the air and conduct wildlife surveys, which has its highs and lows. I'm not big on flying and would rather be on the ground; however, once in the air, I take interest in seeing what few people rarely get to see: a bird's-eye view of our traditional territory, which is beautiful. Most surveys are focused on moose or caribou, but any animal encountered is recorded. I've been lucky to see packs of wolves, up to 16 at a time; many lynx, one with her young; numerous birds and none more fascinating than the snowy owl.

Many of you that hunt will encounter me in the early to late stages of winter, gathering harvest data. This information is important as the F&W department deals with matters regarding our harvesting rights. I'm thankful for the stories people share and how open people have been with me during this learning curve.

It's also one of my responsibilities to respond to nuisance wildlife, and so far have only had to respond to

one bothersome bear at Moosehide. There's nothing that raises the hair on my back more than walking around in the woods looking for a bear.

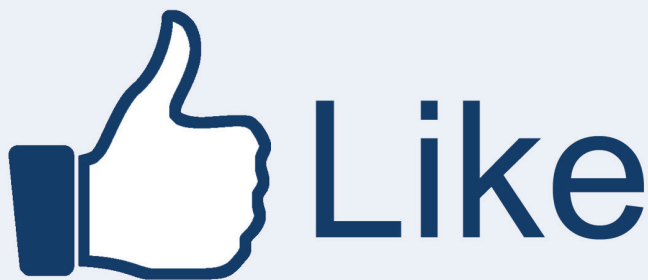
The biggest highlight of my job is working with our youth. I get several opportunities to work with them over the year, including First Fish, First Hunt, Spring Camp, the F&W Summer Students and many other functions held by TH. Working with our youth is important because I grew up here in Dawson and know the challenges they face.

I'm also involved with the Dawson District Renewable Resource Council, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Natural Resources Advisory Committee and have been working on the Dawson Land Use Planning.

In the new year, I'll be working on enforcement of the TH Fish and Wildlife Act, which will include:

- Investigation of wrongful or harmful acts committed within Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory
- Conducting searches
- Issuing tickets for offences occurred within the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory.

I'd like to let all citizens know I'm approachable and love to hear your stories or take advice on matters pertaining to our fish and wildlife. My door is always open. I can be reached at 993-7100 ext. 127 or, if you encounter a fish and wildlife matter that requires immediate attention, I can be reached on my cell at 993-3516.



**"Like" Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
Job Board on FACEBOOK to
receive regular updates on
Education, Employment, Training,
and Funding Deadlines!**



The Heritage Sites Crew in front of their handiwork (one of the new cabins out at the Land of Plenty). Great work, team!

Heritage Sites

by Alex Brook



Our Heritage Sites Youth Crews are up and running again. Spruce Gerberding, our Heritage Sites Maintenance Supervisor, currently has two lead hands and six workers hard at work out at Land of Plenty finishing off the cabins that were started last season. Our site caretakers, with help from the students in the Trades Exploration Course, managed to get six new cabins framed up, and now we're putting the finishing touches to them. The crew is finishing off the interiors: painting, putting on siding, adding decks and porch roofs, and building bunks. Already the site is looking pretty darn sharp, if I do say so myself.



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Paula Hassard , UNESCO Project (term)	993-2429



We have many of the same faces back from last year: Tanner Sidney, Jacob Elliot, Nathan Taylor, Sean Perry, Jared Lord and Alastair Findlay-Brook. Tyler Taylor, who's worked for us in past years, has rejoined the team. And joining us for the first time this year is Justice Barrett.

Once we have the cabins all shipshape we'll be moving the heritage sites crews to projects all over the traditional territory—from Forty Mile to Black City. If you happen upon them when you're out in the bush this summer, be sure to give them words of encouragement. They're doing a great job and deserve to be applauded for it.



The crew hard at work at Land of Plenty.

MOOSEHIDE TRAIL and Navigation

by Lee Whalen



We kicked off our second year of navigation research at the end of June with a hike to Moosehide on the Moosehide Trail. Though the day was rainy we enjoyed a leisurely hike. Elder Alex Brook imparted his wisdom of navigation with us, bringing our crew safely to their destination. And, as

always, we were warmly welcomed by Ronald and Julia with warm coffee and a snack—a very welcome addition and finale to our walk. Mähsi cho!

The reason for our short trip was twofold. We were visiting friends in Moosehide while being stewards of the land; in this case, maintaining and documenting a trail. There are many reasons for travelling, be they hunting, visiting, celebrating, necessity, or any other number of reasons. There are also many different ways to travel, whether walking, driving, boating or even travel within

dreams and story. It is our intention throughout our project to investigate areas of navigation, how people travelled, why people travelled, and how this looks on the landscape.

We would like to hear stories about travelling, whether old stories or new, to guide us through our project.

We look forward to moving the project ahead and gaining more information and stories about travelling the land.



WORLD HERITAGE PROJECT UPDATE

by Paula Hassard

We have much to celebrate! This year, the World Heritage working group and community members



looked at the themes, arguments and places that could qualify us for UNESCO status. We're continuing to hone these down and work with key stakeholders, such as Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and placer miners, to refine which sites are included

and the geographic area. Our economic research predicts the increase in tourism would be modest and sustainable, and the benefits outweigh the costs.

A World Heritage resolution to proceed with a Tr'ondëk-Klondike nomination will be put forward at the TH General Assembly in August. Please plan to attend.

TH Benefits from World Heritage Status

- Help fulfill the cultural and economic objectives of the TH Final Agreement
- Recognize and celebrate the shared past and continuing strength of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Dawson City and placer mining, and how these living traditions contribute to world heritage and culture
- Provide jobs and private business opportunities for TH citizens

- Increase visitors at Forty Mile, Tr'ochëk, Tombstone and Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre, helping pay for new heritage programs, research and conservation
- Protected areas stay protected
- TH would decide how much—and when—places are open to the public
- Management would be formalized to ensure protection and respect for privacy/property
- No new regulations
- TH and placer miners will be involved in determining the details of the buffer zones and geographic boundaries
- TH would continue leadership role for the project
- A legal opinion will be obtained to confirm there would be no impact on TH rights, prior to designation
- Help sustain local tourism industry and increase the well-being of all Dawsonites

News Flash: Survey Winner

The winner of the draw for the matted photograph *Confluence* was Lisa Perry. Congratulations, Lisa, and thanks to everyone who filled out their survey. Your input is important and appreciated!

World Heritage App

Check out the World Heritage articles and a new App, available free for a limited time, at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/publications>.

For more information, visit www.tkwhstatus.ca or feel welcome to drop by to see me at Madame Tremblay's.

Dänojà Zho



BEADWORK

... and so much more!

Kylie the Curator!

by Sue Parsons

Kylie Van Every is the newest guest curator at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) in Toronto.

In 2006, the ROM opened the Daphne Cockwell Gallery of Canada: First Peoples. The gallery was designed to provide for the rotation of collections from the ROM's anthropology section. The ROM is embarking on a rotation to the subarctic exhibition and, after discussions between the ROM's curator Ken Lister and the heritage department, they have agreed to use the D.A. Cameron Collection to showcase Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. Kylie will work with Ken Lister on the development of this exhibit over the next year with the implementation phase beginning later in 2015. Aside from Kylie's obvious connections to her culture and work at DZCC, her previous internship with the Canadian Museum of Civilization will provide expertise to draw from.

The D. A. Cameron collection consists of a number of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in artifacts collected in Dawson City during the first decade of the 1900s. Donald Alexander Cameron and his wife, Winifred Ethel Ireland Cameron, lived in Dawson between 1901–1907. Donald was a banker at the Bank of Commerce and a collector of ethnographic items.

There is a close connection between the D. A. Cameron collection and the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Collection. After they passed away, the Camerons' children donated the majority of their collection to the ROM. A pair of mitts, however, was given to their granddaughter, Christina. She played with

them as a child and occasionally wore them as an adult before deciding to donate them to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in in the hopes of encouraging a Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in collection.

Christina travelled from Ontario to

return the mitts in 2002. Sadly, we don't have a record of who made these mitts, so stop by the current *Crafting Wisdom* exhibit at DZCC and see if you can decipher who made them. The mitts are on exhibit this summer and remain an important part of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in permanent collection.

We're very excited to be embarking on this project with the ROM and hope to see additional facets added to the exhibit that will involve the community in various ways. We're very proud of Kylie and excited for the things she will learn along the way. Please do stay tuned for project updates and call-outs for advice should Kylie need community input on some of the decisions she'll make over the next year or so.

A mähsi cho goes out to Helene Dobrowolsky for connecting us with the ROM for this project. After a visit to Toronto this year, she let us know the ROM was revamping its exhibits and suggested we get involved.



HERITAGE'S NEWEST COMMITMENT

by Sue Parsons



Although we've been operating under the principles of the draft Collections Policy since 2002, we're happy to announce the policy is now fully endorsed by Chief and Council.

What the heck is a Collections Policy and why do we need one?

The Collections Policy gives direction and provides accountability for all activities relating to artifacts and archival material we gather, preserve and present. This includes the important treasures you donate to the collection for us to care for.

The policy defines what we collect and how we'll care for it. It directs us to collect items that will benefit Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and that we'll provide access to the things we collect. The policy also defines conditions under which we'll borrow from and lend to other organizations. Ultimately, we collect artifacts and archival material on behalf of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens, for the benefit of all Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens.



Alice Laursen's family with her collection.



Kids learning from the collection.

How does this Policy recognize Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in specific traditions?

The Collections Policy has a context statement at the beginning of the document. This helps introduce the policy within the context of a Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in culture and governance system. Although it may be brief, it is a start we can build on as we learn more about managing the collection within Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in traditions. Here is an excerpt from the policy:

Collections Policy Context Statement

"Keep fish camp tidy and clear, or fish won't come back." Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Da'ole booklet compiled by Jen Laliberte, 2012, Pg. 21

Caring for this world requires respect for natural resources, recognition of the accomplishments of ancestors and a modest view of one's place on earth. The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in values of stewardship, adaptation, respect and community are the guiding principles of this policy.

In keeping with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in core values, you keep your house clean, you take good care of your tools; you respect the animal that has provided those tools and clothing by taking good care of them. As well, there is a responsibility to pass along knowledge and traditions to ensure a healthy and strong community. We do this by gathering, safeguarding and providing access to artifacts and the knowledge associated with them so both are alive and healthy for

generations to come. Artifacts deserve and require our protection and respect. They are a medium connecting us to the past and belong to future generations.

"Treat all hunting/fishing gear with care, and don't mess around with other people's gear, step over it, or throw it down onto the ground." Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Da'ole booklet compiled by Jen Laliberte, 2012, pg 6.

Although long ago people could not imagine the role their artifacts would play in contemporary society, the values that govern their stewardship persist. As modern day stewards of artifacts, THHD is responsible for meeting these needs. We approach collections stewardship by combining the best Western conservation techniques with practices that reflect TH values. Like TH of all eras, we use the best technologies available in ways that are uniquely TH.

This is a first in a series of articles about the

Collections Policy. Stay tuned for more explorations of the components of this policy and what they mean for us as a growing, adapting community.

Museums are full of trusted evidence (collections) marking time and place that we use to tell stories to remind us of what has happened on Earth, and beyond. It reminds us of the way we live our lives (our cultures), and how millions of other species live their lives. More than ever, we will use that knowledge to be informed, and to nourish our sense of being. The evidence will remind us of what we like and need most, and help us to plan for those things more and better. The collected knowledge will also remind us of the worst we are capable of. If we are wise and strong the knowledge will be used to guard against our failures.

Excerpt from an essay titled "Authentic, Trusted, Accessible," by Mark Graham, Director of Research, Canadian Museum of Nature.



WELCOME ABOARD!

Hello, my name is Kalilah Olson. I am the new heritage assistant at Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in this summer. I will be assisting in a variety of summer heritage projects, including archaeological fieldwork, site documentation, research, special events, and programed activities at various heritage sites. I will be introduced to new skills and experiences, such as artifact identification, using a GPS, mapping, construction skills, and new outdoor learning skills. I am very excited to have this new learning opportunity and eager to expand my knowledge of T'rondek Hwëch'in heritage.

Thank you.

Mähsi cho

for making
National Aboriginal Day at DZCC a great success.
See you next year!



*Top: An Aboriginal Day Prayer Circle.
Top Right: A cupcake fundraiser for Moosehide Gathering..
Middle Right: Edward Roberts, winner of the 50/50. (Some Elders have all the luck!)
Bottom Right: Elder Percy Henry greets the crowd.
Bottom Middle: Ricky and Carmen help out with the fundraiser.
Bottom Left: Smudge and prayers, at Aboriginal Day.*



Our Summer Student Crew.

Dänojà Zho has three Robert Service School students working this summer. Be sure to stop in and say hello to Ryan Titus, Jamie Thomas and Sam Taylor. This crew will be busy with many things this summer, including assisting with cultural programs, providing hospitality to visitors and special events. If there was ever a way to get over stage fright and show your TH pride ... it's working at DZCC!



Some of the DZ staff hammed it up at Peabody's Photo Parlour. A good time fooling around in costumes is a real morale booster!



DZ staff took a day to sharpen their dry meat making skills. Mähsi cho to Allison Anderson who organized the day and had everything in place for a successful traditional activity. The meat is stashed in a secret location and is being served as part of our bannock program. Mähsi to Georgette for sharing the meat.



Heritage events at a glance

Date	Event	Contact
July 14-8	First Fish at Moosehide	Ryan 993-7127
July 24-27	Moosehide Gathering	Tyla 993-7159

THE TEACHER RETURNS TO SCHOOL:



Although Erika was out and about when this newsletter was assembled, she did want to share with you a number of things of note.

The swift-water rescue and boat operating training course kept her on the water, in the sun, and acquiring useful skills concerning the river. Erika recommends this course for every boat operator. "I had fun. learned a lot and never thought I'd find myself floating down the Yukon River in a dry suit," says Erika. The course took a fabulous break at Moosehide for lunch, which is an added bonus to any day.

Tombstone Fridays are happening each week this summer. It's an opportunity for Elders to get into that great beauty and visit, harvest, and enjoy the scenery. On lucky June 13, Erika drove a lively group to the Tombstone Centre for stew

and bannock. The group went up the Goldensides Mountain trailhead to take down a bear aware sign since the bear had moved on. The group also harvested wild rhubarb. If you'd like to join the next Tombstone Friday or learn more about it, don't hesitate to give Elders' Support Worker Chris Clarke a call at 993-7151.

This July, Erika is heading off to training in Chase, B.C., at Chief Atahm School. The Total Physical Response (TPR) storytelling training will equip Erika with a new tool in her toolbox for teaching Hän Language. Imagine, if you will, making up a song in Hän, singing it back to a group and everyone performing the actions of the song! What fun. An example would be a Hän version of Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes. TPR storytelling helps teach by connecting the learner through multiple senses, like sound, sight, creativity and actions. Erika is looking forward to teaching Hän to kiddies and adults alike with this method.



Welcome to all our summer staff!

Heritage office

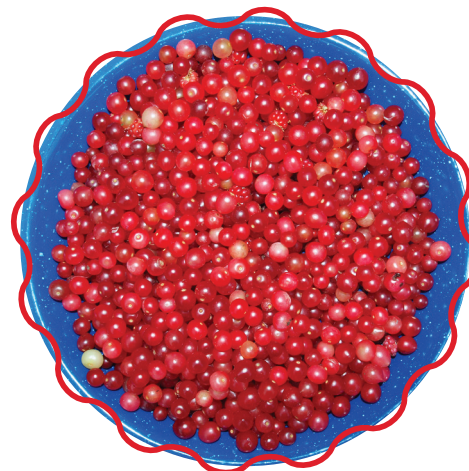
Kalilah Olson

Heritage Sites

Spruce Gerberding returns along with Tanner Sidney, Jacob Elliot, Nathan Taylor, Sean Perry, Jared Lord, Alastair Findlay-Brook; Tyler Taylor, Justice Barrett

DZCC

Allison Anderson, Nicole Cook, Fran Morberg-Green, Tish Lindgren, Ryan Titus, Jamie Thomas and Sam Taylor



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Natural Resources

The land titles system is nearing completion.

Under Section 5.10 of the Final Agreement, a First Nation that registers its “equivalent to fee simple” title in the Yukon Land Titles Office loses all Aboriginal rights and title on that land. Like other self-governing First Nations in the Yukon, TH wanted its citizens and others to have access to mortgages on Settlement Land, but was not willing to give up rights negotiated in the Final Agreement.

The solution was to create an independent system for Settlement Land. In June 2013, Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in and six other Yukon First Nations agreed to develop a common Land Titles Act and electronic land registry. Working with CYFN, the First Nations hired the creator of Nunavut’s system, Louis Arki, to design an Act and

registry that supports Settlement Land mortgage lending without sacrificing rights and title. A year later, the system is almost complete and staff members from the seven First Nations have received training on using it.

The Act and registry are important steps, but there’s still work to do before TH can grant leases on Settlement Land. The land grant system under the Land and Resources Act has never worked properly, and amendments are needed to fix these problems and make existing TH law compatible with the new Land Titles Act. Natural Resources will consult citizens about possible changes over the fall and winter. We hope to bring a reform package that includes the Land Titles Act and Land and Resources Act amendments to the General Assembly in early 2015.

Moosehide Gathering 2014

Thursday, July 24 – Sunday, July 27

The Opening Ceremony will be at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 24

The Closing Ceremony will be at noon on Sunday, July 27

Highlights

- ☼ **Music** – The Jerrycans, Diyet, Ed Peekeekoot, Bill Stevens, Boyd Benjamin & Kevin Barr, Cris Derksen, and more!
- ☼ **Dance** – every indigenous dance troupe in the Yukon! Plus the Yupik Miracle Dancers from Alaska
- ☼ **Workshops** – fiddle playing, harmonica, drum making, birch-basket making, moose tufting and beading
- ☼ Elders’ fundraiser breakfast; Youth fundraiser concession
- ☼ Feast donated by TH community
- ☼ Kids’ tent with crafts and games, and children’s performers.



Call 993-7100 ext. 159 for more information!



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Grades 7-12 Education

After an especially warm, beautiful spring, summer has returned to Dawson and RSS students and staff are enjoying their holidays.

The Grade 10 Social Studies class continued studying TH culture with Jody Beaumont and other TH staff and citizens throughout April. With a great deal of support from the TH community, Jody delivered a two-week pilot of the newly developed Department of Education residential school curriculum. Various TH Elders, citizens and staff members supported this important initiative. Students and staff were offered continuous support throughout the program while learning about this difficult legacy and its impact on the community, territory and country. A huge mähsi to Jody, Chris, Georgette, Roy, and all the others who helped take this important step forward for our community.

To celebrate the end of the TH culture portion of the Grade 10 Socials course, the class participated in a three-day camp at Cache Creek. The second half of the camp overlapped with the annual Elders' Spring Camp. Elders gathered from across Yukon to spend a week sharing ideas and reflecting on traditional activities



and responsibilities during spring. The Grade 10 class spent time with the Elders and took advantage of their knowledge and guidance, in camp and out on the land. The students learned many skills, including setting rabbit snares, skinning and cleaning rabbit, cutting dry meat, and preparing pemmican. The group was excited to welcome Caribou Legs to Cache Creek and made a number of signs for the highway, congratulating him on his amazing journey to create awareness for protection of the Peel watershed. The students also kept busy cooking delicious meals for the Elders, helping with jobs around camp, and listening to great stories of time spent out on the land a long time ago. Mähsi cho to all who made this fantastic camp possible.

We're grateful for the incredible contributions that Jody Beaumont has made to the high school Social Studies program. Her impact has been so great, and the TH Education Department and RSS community are lucky to have her. Mähsi Jody. You are appreciated.

On Apr. 3, high school students participated in the TH-run Mining Career Fair. It was a full-day fair with excellent presentations and a diverse assortment of booths, interesting demonstrations, and great prizes. Congratulations and mähsi to Katie Pearse for pulling together an excellent event for the youth.

On Apr. 4, Mr Laszlo's high school Phys. Ed. classes were treated to an afternoon trip to Tr'ochëk by ski,



snowshoe or foot. It was a blast! Alex Brook and Spruce Gerberding joined the group and allowed us to use the cabin. Students spent the afternoon playing games in the snow, lounging by the frozen river, and snacking on cookies and hot chocolate. Mähsi to everyone who made the day a success.

On May 23, Melissa Atkinson dropped by the Grade 10 class to speak about post-secondary funding opportunities and scholarships, as well as available summer jobs. After class, Melissa set up a job information booth for the high school students, with job postings for everyone to check out. Mähsi to Melissa for helping students work towards employment.

Graduation season was, as always, an exciting time for grads and their families. This year, one TH citizen graduated from Robert Service School: Natalja Blanchard. The graduation ceremony took place at the Palace Grand. Seven proud grads walked the stage. Victoria Holmes delivered a touching Valedictorian speech, where she thanked her fellow graduates for a wonderful time together at RSS, wishing them the best for the future. Deputy Chief Jay Farr delivered a speech on behalf of Chief and Council, commending the youth for their hard work and expressing how proud TH was of them. Huge congratulations to Natalja and her graduating class, as well as all TH citizens who graduated outside of Dawson.

The RSS End of Year Awards Assembly took place June 2. It was wonderful to see the community members come out and support the students and honour their hard work. Our Education Department, with the help of Georgette McLeod, Clara Van Bibber and William Henry, was excited to present the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Culture Award for the second time. The award is given to one elementary and one high school student who



demonstrate enthusiasm and effort in learning about TH culture, respect for all traditional knowledge holders—Elders and citizens—participation in TH cultural activities outside of school (such as Culture Camps and feasts) and leadership and maturity when learning about culture. We are very happy to celebrate two very deserving recipients: Jadaka Nagano and Sandy Dubois. Congratulations!

TH Education and Robert Service School were pleased with the Department of Education's recent decision to make the Education Outreach Classroom, based out of the Community Support Centre, a permanent program in Dawson. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in has long hoped for the development of an Individual Learning Centre for students and are excited to see this wish recognized. Heidi Warren, with the support of Chief and Council, will be returning as the permanent teacher. Congratulations, Heidi!

Mähsi cho to the many people who contributed their time and energy to another successful school year. I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!





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K-Grade 6 Education

It's summer and the school year has ended. Elementary classes were busy throughout the year with cultural opportunities. We're thankful for the Elders, citizens, and volunteers who came in during the school year. The students and staff appreciate and enjoy your time.

Looking back, elementary classes were busy experiencing the outdoors and learning—from planting, to trips to Moosehide.

In the last few months, Kindergarten to Grade 2 planted with Lynn Rear and Katie English. The students learned about soil, different flowers and vegetables, how to plant, and how to care for plants. The kids enjoyed learning about planting and cared for their plants in class until they were ready to take home to transplant.

The Grade 5/6 classes, with their teachers, Helen Dewell and Marie-Eve Owen, went across river to the campground to learn about pond life and animal tracking. The students had a great time making their own tracks with clay to take home.

The Grade 5/6 classes had been studying and tending to salmon eggs in their classroom. The salmon eggs turned into fry, which needed to be released at Tatchun, where they were originally from. The class took a trip to Tatchun to release the salmon into the river. With the help of Sebastian Jones and Georgette McLeod, the students released the salmon, talked about the life cycle

of salmon, and played games related to the knowledge of salmon and the environment.

The Grade 5/6 classes recently biked to Tr'ochëk for a mapping and hiking activity. The students used GPSs to find the coordinates and location of historic, modern and physical features on their maps of Tr'ochëk. The students had a great time on the land.

During Hide Tanning Camp, the Grade 2 class, with their teacher, Joanne Bell, and Hän Language teacher, Melissa Hawkins, visited the Land of Plenty. The class participated in a nature walk and identified plants, animal tracks and signs of summer. The students also made forts—some of those Grade 2 students are going to be construction workers or architects one day. Georgette demonstrated the different steps when tanning hides, and the tools used and how they're employed. The students even tried scraping one of the hides—they loved it!

Thanks to the Heritage, Lands, and Natural Resources Department, the Grades 5/6 classes and Grade 3 class participated in a trip to Moosehide. (The former group hiked to Moosehide along the trail from the Dome.) The classes participated in a mapping activity and learned about Moosehide, traditional games, cooperative games and maintenance. The Grades 5/6 classes helped out with maintenance around Moosehide to prepare for Moosehide Gathering. They moved logs, stacked wood, brought wood to cabins, cleaned cabins, and raked leaves. Good work Grade 5/6 classes!

Marie-Eve Owen's Grade 5/6 class stayed the night at Moosehide and participated in a hike, craft, storytelling, and learning about salmon fishing and First Fish. The Grade 3 class—with their teacher Tarie Castellarin, EA Janet Leary, and Hän Language Teacher Melissa Hawkins, joined in the fun for a day. Everyone had a great time. Mähsi cho to Ralph Blanchard and Kevin Blanchard for





caretaking during our time there!

The Grade 1 class, with their teacher Craig Hunter, participated in a day at the Outdoor Classroom. The class took part in making medicine bags, buddy reading, crafting and traditional games. The students had a great time learning about animal tracks—

making tracks, and searching for the tracks ... especially because there happen to be a bear and a moose in the schoolyard that morning. (Hehe, we planted the tracks in the morning!) Mähsi cho to the parents who helped for the day with the tire pull, medicine bags and lunch time. The class had a great time. We're looking forward

to more full days at the Outdoor Classroom next school year.

It was a great year for the jiggers. There were many opportunities to perform, including the TH Christmas Feast, RSS Christmas Concert, Myth and Medium Feast, and the Clara Hughes BBQ. There was a great group this year of eager, ready-to-learn students. Mähsi cho to the participants and their families! Also a big Mähsi to Victor Henry for instructing and Allison Anderson who instructed and coordinated the club. We're looking forward to performing at the Moosehide Gathering and another successful year of jigging starting in the fall.

Now that the school year is over, we are looking forward to the summer with our TH Education Summer Camp, which has started up for youth ages 9–13. The Summer Camp was a great success last year and we're excited for another successful summer of learning and fun!

All the best for the summer!

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in School Bursary

The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in School Bursary applications are available July 2014.

(You can find them online at www.trondek.ca. Just click "K-12 Education.")

The bursary assists Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens attending school in purchasing school supplies.

The deadline for applications is
Friday, August 8, 2014.

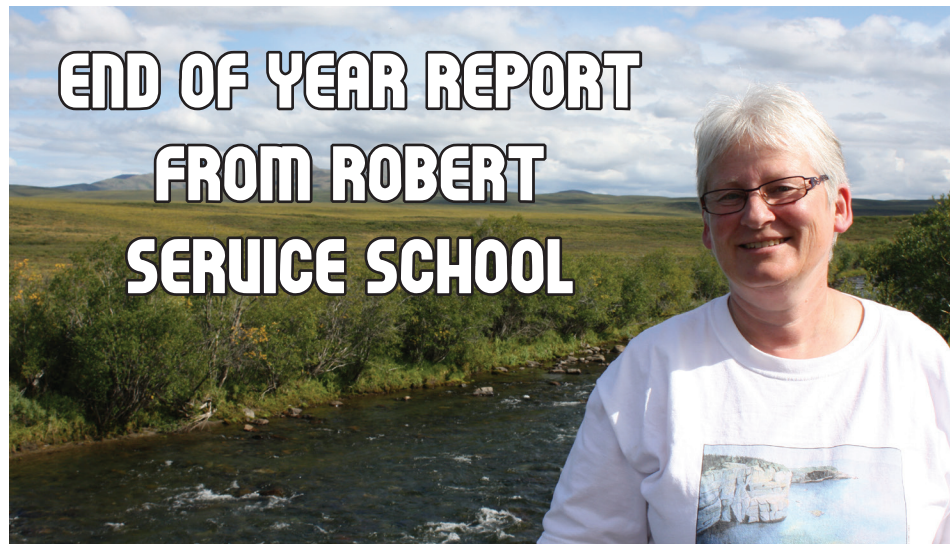
Please send back your completed applications to Ashley Bower-Bramadat at one of the following:

Fax #: 1-867-993-2329

Email: Ashley.bower-bramadat@trondek.ca

Mail: TH Education Department
PO Box 599
Dawson City, Yukon
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Recently, I shared a few highlights of the RSS year with Chief and Council, and I thought other citizens might be interested in this information. Have a great summer, and see you at Moosehide Gathering.

– Ann Moore, RSS Principal

The REM (Rural Experiential Model) took place September. We're pleased Chief Taylor could greet the Grades 10–12 students from all over the Yukon who participated in a week-long adventure of hands-on learning. We're planning for the next REM in September.

The Residential School curriculum pilot took place in Dawson with our Grade 10 students. We're grateful for the Heritage Department and Elders for their work delivering this important program for our students. This curriculum was part of a 7-week TH cultural unit that's been added to the Grade 10 Social Studies program. In addition, work began to include a TH cultural/Canadian First Nation unit into the Grade 9 Social Studies program.

Robert Service School recently received the regular Review Team visit, which takes place every three years. The Team was pleased with the innovative practices the school

has undertaken since their last visit. They noted our data collection and analysis process, relationships, partnerships, programs, and TH Education/CELC involvement in the school. They indicated RSS is a model school.

Camps are a highlight for students at RSS. This year, for the first time, students received accreditation for their studies, which is an excellent achievement.

Field trips took place in several grades this year, as a combination of day trips and overnight trips. Teachers and CELCs work so seamlessly to provide these opportunities for students.

The Education Outreach Classroom has been successful. We're pleased the program is now permanent. Mähsi cho to Lynn, Georgette, Ashley, and Julia for helping review this program.

The Attendance Initiative has been a successful venture. The key component has been the implementation of a mentoring program for young people, led by Alexa Mitchell, the Mentorship Coordinator. The CELCs have worked with the School Based Team and Alexa to make this happen.

The Outdoor Classroom was well utilized by students of all ages. We continue to be grateful to those who come and share with the youth.

Ashley Doiron and I attended the CYFN Literacy Framework meetings. It was a wonderful opportunity to gain a deeper perspective on what literacy means from a First Nations perspective. Ashley and I also serve on the Rural Education Advisory Group, which provides input on rural matters.

RSS is excited to introduce Blended Learning for our Grades 10–12 students for 2014–15. The school is already using the approach in the Outreach Classroom and in the Planning 10 course. The idea is using technology for some of the teaching, in order to open opportunities for students to take a greater diversity of choice courses. A teacher is still there to work with students as they need it, but pacing and ways of working become more individualized using this approach.

The local content project, facilitated by Brian Lewthwaite, with Science and Social Studies expanded from Grades 4 and 5 to Grade 6 in 2013–14.

Hän language instruction has increased in 2013–14 for Grades 3–6. We're discussing further expansion in 2014–15.

Mähsi cho to citizens and staff who support our school in the education process. We're privileged to work with the Education Manager and the CELCs on a regular basis. Our partnership is key to our success. We still have work to do and look forward to the year ahead.

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Community Health

Summer is here and we couldn't be happier.

It was a super busy spring. Thanks to Lynn Rear and Gina Mierau the seedlings were planted, the beds were started and the greenhouse was geared up. We've recently hired Lauren Blackburn as the Gardens Operations Coordinator. She has been up to her ears in dirt, literally, getting the beds ready for the season. She's been working long hours and smiling the whole time. We've had a late start, but we'll have beautiful vegetables and herbs to harvest.

We're hoping people weren't too discouraged with their beds last year. We've learned it takes 3–5 years of gardening to get bed soils right. We've done some soil samples and have learned what was missing. We've added certain soils to bring the beds up to par.

This year, we're planning to have a wash station in the greenhouse and a "Gardening Corner," with gardening tips, educational magazines, and a whiteboard for sharing tips and messages with others.

We'll have a bed of herbs along with Traditional Medicines just outside the greenhouse and holding Nutritional and Medicinal workshops on what we have growing. Stay tuned for workshop dates. Ingrid Wilcox returns this September to teach the best way to harvest crops and prepare gardens for the winter months so that spring is a lot easier to get going. Even a winter garden is possible, so make sure to sign up.

We encourage people to keep that green thumb alive, and remember we have very knowledgeable people who can help with any questions or concerns you have. Don't hesitate to ask.

Future planning for the gardens and greenhouse is underway, and I cannot wait to share what's in store for our Food Security Program. More on that soon.

Traditional Thursdays are back! Traditional Thursdays are a variety of activities, ranging from berry picking, fishing, and harvesting traditional plants, to workshops on making traditional medicines and so much more.

Every other Friday, I'll be taking interested people to Tombstone Park to join in on a healthy, active Friday adventure. Mind, body and soul is the focus for this program. We hope to inspire people to get on the land for healing, grounding and re-connecting with your thoughts to achieve healthier living. Educational sessions will also be provided throughout the summer.

The Meals On Wheels Program is going strong, and we're happy to provide healthy, nutritional meals for those in need.

Please watch for the Monthly Calendars that come out and make sure to sign-up for our summer programs. Hope to see your wonderful faces out and about this summer. Have a good one!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

POSTPONED

The next GA will be held at the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall with new dates to be announced.

Stay tuned for more information.



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Tr'inke Zho

Our summer programs are in full swing. Mähsi, Moosehide Mayor Ronald Johnson, for taking the children to Moosehide each week. Ronald takes the children Wednesday and Friday, and we appreciate Ronald's hard work and keeping us safe at Moosehide.

The preschool and school-age children are enrolled in swim lessons twice a week. It's such an important life skill to learn how to swim. We start Red Cross lessons when children turn three. The library visits weekly with the preschoolers and engage in literacy activities. We've also been gardening and have one of the two long beds in the community garden as well as a large flower bed in our entrance to the centre.

We were pleased this winter to be the first department to employ winter students! Tiffany Taylor, Kalilah Olson, and Ryan Titus worked after school twice a week from October to May. This program was very successful. The youth built and strengthened their relationships with the children, staff and the government and gained confidence and skills. It's great seeing these youth being successful in obtaining completely different positions in the government this summer! I'm also happy to announce we've been approved for three winter students again for this fall/winter. Positions will be posted Sept. 1 and run Oct. 1–Apr. 11, 2015.

Congratulations to the 2014 Aboriginal Head Start graduates, Arden Beets-Bullen and Jeniah Coles!

Mähsi cho to everyone who attended and Kyrie and Caroline for all their hard work this past year. And congratulations to Alicia Grant-Blanchard who graduated from Grade 12 and passed the torch to Arden and Jeniah. What was extra special is Alicia is a graduate of the AHS program in Dawson, as well, and was able to pass the torch to her niece, Jeniah.



Work Opportunities Partnership Program

The revamped Work Opportunities Partnership Program remains committed to ensuring each participant has the chance to develop the work skills and life skills needed for ongoing employment. This year there is a shift towards a year-round partnership with a mentor, instead of seasonal hiring.

Participants are assessed for health and wellness, and will work with staff to secure a work placement. Each participant will also be matched with a mentor according to work skills and personal suitability. The mentor will continue to support the participants as they develop skills, knowledge, healthy habits, and confidence.

For further information contact Jack Swieboda at 993-7148,
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Elders' Support Worker

Hello Elders and citizens,
We have a busy summer ahead of us. (You Elders are always in such demand!) I'm trying to balance the need to provide office support (pensions, wills, taxes, fuel subsidies, PEC's, emergency preparedness, etc.) with outings on the land, the youth, and the need to stand up for your rights!

There's lots of programming this summer, so please have a good look at the Places To Go calendar to see what's happening. (There's something to do pretty much every day.) My office days will be Tuesday and Thursday. Monday,

Wednesday, and Friday will be mostly programming, including the fitness program, Elder yoga, outdoor lawn games, youth baseball, and Tombstone Fridays. I've just taken the three-day Swift Water Boat Rescue course and feel confident now to get the Elder Boat in the water for outings. Watch the calendar for details. My colleagues are also offering programming like Traditional Thursdays for harvesting and preparing traditional foods and medicines, as well as a walking and nutrition program which Elders are welcome to join. You can call me or Jim Bob for rides to any of the events we're hosting.

us for a few of the Tombstone Fridays, especially for fishing and berry picking. We now have a 15 passenger van, so between the van and the GMC Yukon's, we can comfortably accommodate any who wish to join us.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the Peel Court Case the week of July 7–11, in Whitehorse. We're taking an Elder-Youth contingent on July 6 and returning July 9.

I'm looking forward to the Moosehide Gathering this year and will be there helping ensure our Elders and visiting Elders are comfortable. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Elders will be hosting the breakfasts as a fundraiser, so get in touch if you want to volunteer to cook one of the day—Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

You all know by now that I'm here to support Elders in ways that I'm able, so don't hesitate to come see me if there's something you think I can assist with. I wish you all a wonderful summertime and hope to see you soon. Drin ne huzu.



The youth camp kids have challenged their Elders to baseball or kickball a few times this summer—July 2 and 30, Aug. 6. Hope you can make it. They had pretty long faces at the first game, when no Elders showed up. Youth will also be joining

FIRST FISH 2014

July 14–17 at Moosehide Village

Youth will learn about the salmon cycle and fish preparation, setting mock nets and also traditional games and activities. Please note that due to the closure on Chinook Salmon fishing we will not be setting any permanent nets this year.

Youth must be ages 12 and up; please pick up a form from the Youth Centre today! Call Ricky for details at 993-7100 ext 129.



Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
TRUST

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TRUSTEES & PROTECTOR

Majida Lord, Roberta Joseph, Maureen Birckel, Lisa Hutton continue to serve as trustees. We said goodbye to Pat Titus in March and welcomed MaryAnne Knutson in June. Daryn Leas continues to serve as the Protector. We would like to thank Pat for his many contributions to the Trust since its inception.

SHAUNESSY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As at June 16, 2014 the public market value of the portfolio managed by Shaunessy Investment Counsel was \$31,153,108.61.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2013 were approved by the Trustees at their June 6, 2014 meeting. A copy has been sent to Chief and Council and the Elders' Council. Any citizen who would like a copy, please contact one of the Trustees. A copy of the Independent Auditor's Report is posted on the Trust's website (www.thtrust.com).

WHAT'S NEW

- The trustees have appointed Robert McIntyre, Norman Eady, Tim Koepke and Robert Perry to the Board of Directors of Chief Isaac Incorporated.
- The trustees have completed their 2014/2015 Strategic Plan and have begun the process of implementing it. Before formally adopting the document, the trustees held information sessions with the Elders' Council and a Citizens' Dinner.
- The bi-annual citizens' luncheon is scheduled for August 8, 2014 at the Downtown Hotel Conference Room starting at 12:00 noon. We look forward to seeing another great turnout.

COMMITTEE CORNER

Congratulations to those recently appointed
or reappointed to TH Committees!

Justice Committee: Jennifer Mierau, Ryan Peterson, Tanner Sidney and Steven Kormendy

Citizenship Committee: Angie Joseph-Rear, Marion Roberts, Erika Scheffen, Andrea Moses and Kylie Van Every

Health & Social Committee: MaryAnn Knutson

Mähsi cho for contributing your time, energy and knowledge!

Traditional Women's Group

Two Wednesdays each month: July 9 & 23, August 13 & 27, and beyond. 7pm at the CSC.

Share information and learn about:

- connection to Mother Earth
- teachings from conception to going home ceremonies
- traditional medicines, food harvesting, sewing
- special ceremonies
- teachings of the Medicine Wheel
- traditional laws

For information call Sis Van Bibber at 867-456-9537.

Citizens applying for Bill-3 ...

Please note: there is an address to send your application to the processing unit in Winnipeg. From there, it's sent along to Ottawa.

TH does not send your application directly to Ottawa.

The address & phone # are on the front and back of the Bill-C3 forms:

Application Processing Unit
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
GD Stn Main
Winnipeg MB R3C 0M2

For additional assistance contact INAC toll-free (1-800-567-9604) or email InfoPubs@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

A Reminder ...

The Community Support Centre and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in vehicles are Alcohol and Substance Free Zones. If a staff member has reason to believe you are under the influence of any substance, your request for transportation may be refused and you may be asked to leave the premises.

The staff is here to serve the needs of citizens and ensure their safety while they are at the Centre; please grant them your respect by leaving immediately when requested to do so.

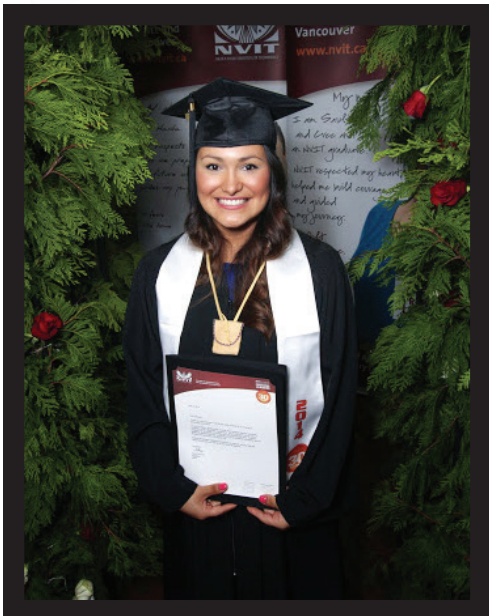


Top Left: Our Shauna! Shauna Kormendy recently graduated with her Bachelor of Social Work, focused through an Indigenous lens on trauma and abuse. She completed her practicums with survivors of torture and child protection. Next stop: graduate school! Way to go, Shauna!

Top Right: Welding caps off to the graduating class of the first-ever pre-employment welding program. The program was held in the trailer set up in the TH parking lot over the winter.

Below Left: A handful of heritage workers: (from left) Spruce Gerberding, Tyler Taylor, Nathan Taylor, and Kevin Blanchard.

Below Right: Next time you are in the Roberts Service School see if you can spot William Henry's bent birch and raven feather art. It now sports a raven and wolf with the words "Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in" on it.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRANDDAUGHTER, COURTNEY KATES for graduating from high school. May your next chapter in life be very successful in whatever you choose to do. We love you and wish you all the best in what life can offer.
– Love Grandma and Grandpa Kates.

We'd like to thank everyone who made it to our Welcoming BBQ for my husband, Javon Harris. He later informed me he didn't need a welcome BBQ because he has already felt welcomed by everyone he has met. Thank you for the great company and amazing food.

We would like to send a big thank you to Kristen and Nicole Cook for helping out so much with the BBQ.

Javon has had a great experience so far with meeting people and settling into our little community. We'd also like to thank our family and friends who have supported our long distance marriage and waiting on the immigration process. It was a long wait but well worth it.

"Love would never leave us alone"

- Bob Marley

Thank you from Mr. & Mrs Harris



Congratulations to Kevin Blanchard

Kevin received the Certificate of Exemplary Action award at this summer's Commissioner's Tea. Kevin was recognized for pulling Ronald Johnson out of the river down at Moosehide after he slipped off the dock. Ronald gave a great speech at the tea and reminded everyone to wear proper lifejackets anytime around the river.





Welcome to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory



Mähsj nänkäk nätädëk hõzõ k'ànächa shò tr'inlay.
Thank you for respecting our land.

