

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Newsletter

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Chief Joseph's Update

Drin hq̄zq̄, citizens!

First off, thank you to all Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Chief. It is an honour. Council and I have been on a steep learning curve since the election, but we have settled in and are full-steam ahead in governing the Nation.

We received an early Christmas gift this year, when Justice Veale issued his verdict in the Peel Watershed Plan case. His ruling was the outcome we were hoping for. A huge mähsi cho is owed to our Elders, who told us this was a fight worth taking on, and the Yukon Conservation Society and Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, who proved to be incredible allies.

We are also thankful for our partner First Nations for standing up for the Peel and the staff who provided support and guidance throughout the journey.

A big thanks is reserved for Thomas Berger and his legal team. This positive outcome wasn't possible without their great work.

Finally, I salute every Yukoner and friend of the Peel who ensured

they were heard. Their passion and determination made the difference.

We know this issue is far from resolved, but we are getting closer to our objective.

The court ruling was celebrated by citizens at the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre and at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, in Whitehorse. Thank you to all of the citizens and Elders who made a point of being there.

At the celebration in Whitehorse, former Chief Eddie Taylor received an award for his efforts to protect the Peel. Congratulations, Eddie. This award was well deserved.

Council hosted a Christmas dinner in Whitehorse as part of our regularly scheduled meetings in the capital. Thanks to everyone who came out to acknowledge the season with family and friends.

Council and I were also in Whitehorse recently for the Council of Yukon First Nations General Assembly. The GA discussed CYFN's function in addressing areas of common concern, as well as how they could unite First Nations in advocacy efforts. We're now looking forward to next steps in a renewed role for CYFN.

After that GA, I was off to the Assembly of First Nations annual general meeting. It was a great opportunity to meet Chiefs and officials from across Canada and discuss issues of importance to First Nations, including education and the epidemic of missing and murdered aboriginal women in Canada. A new AFN



Chief was elected at that meeting. Perry Bellegarde won on the first round of balloting, with 291 votes of the 464 that were cast. (Grand Chief Bellegarde was the only candidate who attended the CYFN leadership meeting last November to discuss the Yukon's role in the AFN.)

If you would like to keep tabs on what your Chief and Council are up to, please join me on Facebook by searching for "Chief Roberta Joseph." I'm looking forward to using this important tool to keep citizens up to date.

Have a great winter!

Mähsi cho!



Yukon delegates to the AFN Annual General Meeting.



At the Peel River court case celebration.



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Children's Programming

Mähsi cho to all who attended our Annual Halloween Spaghetti Dinner. We served dinner to a record number of guests: 130. We're so happy Elders, families and community members came out to celebrate our 10th annual spaghetti dinner and 25 years of the Children's House. You all rock!

Nicole and the preschoolers won the colouring contest at the General Store and we won the enormous pumpkin! We enjoyed painting it. Jay Farr also won an enormous pumpkin and was going to donate to us, but one was enough. (It took four people to lift the pumpkin!) Thanks for thinking of us, Jay!

Mähsi cho to Martha and Brian Kates for all the mitts and hats! Every year she sends us a wonderful package to keep all our hands and heads warm. We so appreciate it!

We are pleased to continue our Winter Student Program this year. Welcome back Kalilah Olson and Tamara Dickson. And finally after years of volunteering here, Cassidy Everitt is old enough to work at the children's house!

We're excited the skating rink is open and have begun our weekly Preschool Learn to Skate lessons and Afterschool Skating. Tiss Clark has been teaching our preschoolers a fourth series of ORFF, a music and movement program consisting of 10 classes in a series. (See below.)



ORFF Music Approach

By Tiss Clark

This fall, Tr'inke Zho hosted the fourth series of the Orff Music Program. It's been a wonderful ten-week experience, sharing time with the staff and children for singing and dancing games. Along with games, the children take part in fingerplays, play percussive instruments such as triangles and drums, and engage in dramatizations, such as pretending to be northern lights to music, using coloured scarves.

At the same time, the children are learning about keeping a beat, listening, using their imaginations, and participating with others. It's been fun to see, at those times when the younger side has been over to visit, how even the two-year-olds respond and sway to music.

The children are learning about music and rhythm using old-time traditional children's songs and dances like *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*. With songs such as *Counting's Easy*, *What Are You Wearing*, and *Here We Go Round the Juniper Bush*, children mime activities, identify colours, practice their counting, and develop coordination by moving in time to a beat.

I'm very grateful to the staff at Tr'inke Zho, who have been wonderful, taking part with the children, and welcoming me each week with smiles and cups of tea. Mähsi cho for having such fun together and the support of music education.



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Aboriginal Headstart

Our latest group of kids have gotten off to a great start! Here are a few of the highlights of what we've been up to.

- Total Physical Response Hän language Training with Erika every Monday and Thursday.
- ORFF music class with Tiss Clark every Thursday morning.
- Preschool Learn to Skate every Wednesday morning.
- Learning about winter clothing, transportation, trapping, ice fishing and dental health.

We're in the final stages of coordinating our Hän language take-home toolkit with Erika Scheffen for children and families. I'm also conducting research on



our past graduates. (e.g., how many graduated from high school and continued on with their post-secondary studies.) If you have any pictures or input on this topic, it would be greatly appreciated.

I've been a part of the Hän language working group. We meet every Friday morning to work with our fluent speaker and each other to develop new Hän language resources.

Every Friday, you may also catch me over at Robert Service School, helping with past graduates in their transitioning to school.



"Like" Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government on FACEBOOK to receive regular updates on everything that's going on. See you on the web!



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Youth Enhancement

It is a privilege to be writing this to you. In this time of giving thanks we want to extend our sincere gratitude to all who were involved with the youth centre. Above all, we give thanks to the Creator, the Great Spirit, and the Land that continue to provide for and guide us.

This winter presents an exciting time for T'rondek Hwëch'in youth and governance as a whole. I am excited to acknowledge the newly formed TH Youth Council. Our Youth Council currently includes Jennifer Mierau, Charles Dickson-Blanchard, Tanis Van Bibber, Tyler Rear, Jennifer Titus, Kyrie Nagano, Marshall Jonas, Allison Anderson, and Tanner Sidney. Mähsi cho to these young people for standing up to represent all TH children and youth and provide guidance to Chief and Council on issues that affect youth.

I encourage all TH youth that have an interest in leadership and ensuring the youth voice is heard to join the Youth Council. Youth Council meets the second

Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Centre. Dinner is served at 5:00 p.m.

We would like to acknowledge Chief and Council for their ongoing and specific support through providing an opportunity for our new Youth Council to receive leadership training in February 2015. Mähsi cho to our Elders that continue to ask about the youth and provide guidance, encouragement, support, and a little bit of teasing!



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Heritage Sites

By Spruce Gerberding



Before I get into the various improvements to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in heritage sites, I'd like to thank the heritage sites maintenance crew I had the pleasure to work with this season: Tanner Sydney, Tyler Taylor, Justice Barrett, Jacob Elliot, Nathan Taylor, Alastair Findlay-Brook, Sean Perry, and Jared Lord. Mähsi also to the caretakers Kevin Blanchard, Ralph Blanchard, Joe Flynn, Jimmy Roberts and Ronald Johnson, who all work hard to shape the heritage sites into what they are today.

A good portion of the summer was spent at Land of Plenty finishing six cabins. A covered deck and board-and-batten siding now decorate the outside of every cabin. Inside, the cabins are equipped with new wood boxes, beds, coat racks and shelves. Feel free to make use of these comfortable accommodations next time you're at Land of Plenty. Other site improvements include a new gate and a tool shed.

We spent time down at Forty Mile installing historic windows and a door carefully crafted by heritage carpenter Ben Johnson. We also assisted with the installation of a restored steeple on top of the Mission House. Furthermore, the trail from the campground to the cemetery now contains several sections of boardwalk over the muddy areas. Next time you are in the area, take a look.

Tr'ochëk saw a small amount of work as well. The caretaker's cabin built there last year now has new windows to keep out the wind and rain. Hopefully, a few school groups and cross country skiers can make use of the cabin over the winter.

Elsewhere, the Steamboat Slough Trail across the river is nearly complete. Beginning near the top of the Sunnydale Road, the trail

winds its way through a rare orchid field and provides beautiful views of both Tr'ochëk and the Steamboat Slough from separate viewing platforms. Mähsi to Hannah Findlay-Brook, Brennan Lister, and Huey O'Leary-Baikie for their work digging out the rest of the trail. Look out for the official opening of the trail next summer.

And, of course, the Moosehide Gathering was a big part of our summer. Driving boats, setting up wall tents, and cleaning up the site were part of our duties, as was building three new elders cabins. Other work at Moosehide included building a covered platform for the water tanks and repairing the bridge over Moosehide Creek.

We weren't finished there, though. Mild October weather allowed us to erect a gazebo. You may have noticed it in front of the Tr'ondëk subdivision. The gazebo, which will be part of a new Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in garden space, will be moved to its final resting place once the ground underneath has been properly landscaped. How does a 16' diameter gazebo get moved? Good question. That is something we will have to figure out for ourselves when the time comes.

As for me, I am transferring from the Heritage Department to the Housing & Infrastructure Department for the winter. I will continue to work on heritage sites maintenance during the summer months, but now I will also assist with housing maintenance in the winter months.



Cultural Education

By Jen Laliberte

The Fall is harvest time, and so it has been a busy season for us in the Heritage Department. Our



annual Moose Hunt Camp was postponed from its planned date, but thanks to the perseverance and dedication of Fish and Wildlife Steward Ryan Peterson, we were still able to

get the youth out to successfully harvest a moose to share with the community. Moose Hunt youth participants Liberty Anderson and Arianna Rachel demonstrated great commitment and delivered meat from their young bull moose to their Elders.

October 17-20, the annual First Hunt Camp took place at Cache Creek, and this year's camp was well attended. We had roughly 20 youth take part, as well as a large group of Dawson Rangers who donated their time, equipment, and expertise to teach the youth about hunting, gun safety, and bush skills. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Elder Angie Joseph-Rear and Tetlit Gwich'in Elder Dorothy Alexie led the youth in rabbit snaring, and we had Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Elder Margaret Titus and Tetlit Gwich'in Elder Robert Alexie with us for the duration of the camp. Elders Peggy Kormendy and Eileen Olson also came out to visit, and Elder



Victor Henry led the youth in butchering back in town. We are grateful for the contributions of all the Elders, as their knowledge, experience, and patience makes these culture camps possible and enriches the learning experience with traditional knowledge.

First Hunt requires a lot of partnerships to happen, including support from the Fish and Wildlife Department, the Lands Department, the Education Department CELCs, and the Health and Social Department's Youth Centre, Justice, and Elder's Support staff. Our excellent caretaker Mike Taylor got Cache Creek prepared and packed up, and kept camp running smoothly throughout. And this year



First Hunt was fortunate to have Nora Van Bibber return as our camp cook. Everyone ate like royalty all weekend. Without all these different contributions, First Hunt would not be possible. I am also thankful for the time and energy invested by Conservation Officer Services, YG Environment, the RCMP, Dr. Adam Sherrard and his family, and our funders for First Hunt, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANDC), who sent two of their staff members, Melissa Madden and Michael Regis, out to our camp this year. AANDC has been funding First Hunt since 2006, and this is the first year they had representation at the camp. It was great to have them see how it works and Melissa and Michael got really involved in camp life.

This year we also had a group of hunters and staff from our neighbours at Na-Cho Nyak Dun in Mayo, who hope to start their own hunting camp for youth. Thanks to Fish and Wildlife Officer Matt McHugh and NND citizens Nicole Hutton, Richard Harper, and Derek Patterson for joining us and sharing their perspectives and skills.



With the help of the Rangers, Kalilah Olson, Erin Hilliard, Connor Fellers, and Brayden Fellers all successfully harvested their first caribou. The Harvest Feast to celebrate Moose Hunt and First Hunt was held in November with a huge turnout, and it was great to have the youth present to share their harvests. Youth Sammy Taylor and Erin Hilliard were recognized at the feast for their dedication to the process from start to finish, helping do any task that was needed at camp, as well as taking care of the meat and assisting with butchering once camp was over.

On the horizon, we have First Trapper Camp coming up in February. The action never stops, because the land never stops providing gifts and chances for our youth to learn.



KYLIE THE CURATOR

I'm excited, thrilled, grateful, and ready for the challenge to work alongside the ROM staff to build an exhibit.



We will be working together as a team—a few staff from Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and staff from the ROM—to build an exhibit with

the D.A. Cameron Collection.

Many of the items in the D.A. Cameron Collection, 1901–1908, were collected in Dawson area; they were either purchased from the artist, stores, or the trading posts in the area.

We are going to develop an exhibit in partnership with the ROM. We will be planning



and implementing the project as a team. We will be curating this exhibit with Kenneth Lister and working with a Project Manager, Interpretive Planner, and Designer.

Our main duties as Assistant Curators will be research, concept development, artifact selection, and design. From the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, myself and Jackie Olson are the co-curators, we will be a part of the development



process. I believe Debbie Nagano will be assisting, as well. When the exhibit is completed it will be on display in the ROM for at least five years. This is an opportunity for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in to have input and to tell their story nationally.

Eventually we will be asking the community for their input and advice on the exhibition. We will be researching and gathering information for exhibit content. We will be present at the opening of this exhibition and asked to speak to the public during the opening day.

I am looking forward to the planning, designing, and research work with the ROM.



language, but I have enough trouble with English, so bear with me.

My name in Gaelic (the native Scottish or Celtic language) means "preacher," and my family originated up in the Ross and Cromarty region in the far north. Hence, us Taggarts come under the Ross clan. I consider myself First Nation Scottish!

Anyway, I look forward to the next few months and hope I can play a small part in helping develop the department's collections.

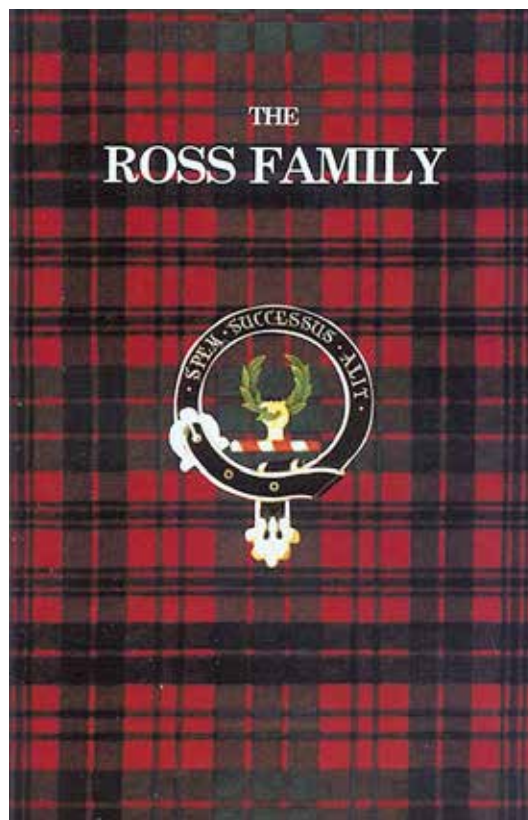
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HOWDY, JIM!

Halò/Drin hqzq!

I'm Jim Taggart and have joined Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government Heritage Department for a few months to help archive artifacts—mostly documents and photographic collections. It's wonderful that TH has access to so many resources and artifacts from their past. I'm enjoying looking at old photographs and reading some of the historic accounts and history of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and Hän Nation. You'll likely find me reviewing and recording documents or bent over the scanner or photocopier when I'm not being distracted by some incredible tales or pictures from the past. Heritage is an enjoyable place to work and I'm learning so much from the staff and, of course, during the regular visits from the Elders.

I'm originally from Glasgow in Scotland, but have lived in the Arctic and Northern Canada for most of the past 15 years. I've been in Dawson for over eight years, and worked for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (with the City) in the past developing the community's ICSP (Integrated Community Sustainability Plan). I'm trying to learn some basic



FROM THE DESK OF GLENDA BOLT

I recently attended a Yukon Arts Presentation Summit in Whitehorse. This conference brought arts and culture people together from all over the Yukon and a few from NWT and Nunavut.

Finding and maintaining partnerships, touring artists all over the Yukon, and new ways of attracting an audience were some of the many topics of conversation.

This summit has inspired a new small informal group called the Coalition of Yukon First Nations Arts & Cultural Organizations. This new organization includes very enthusiastic administrators, directors, managers, performers from Yukon First Nation cultural centres, and First Nation arts and events groups. We had an inspiring weekend together, and at its conclusion it was decided there is a lot that we could accomplish if we worked together. Our goals will include sharing and presenting, arts training, marketing,

First Nation tourism and product development—to name a few.

Now that I am home it's my responsibility to bring together Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens who would like to talk about or participate in art, theatre, design, and tourism-related projects. Input and assistance would be wonderful. Please give me a call, stop by, or send me an email if you want to get involved. February might be a good time to get this going.



The "New World Order" Yukon First Nations Arts Team.



Edward and Kylie, two of the smiling faces you're sure to see at DZCC.

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Not sure? Give Housing a call.

993-6020



Have you moved? We need to know.

Make sure you get important mail from us, including your T-4s, T-4As, and, ahem, this newsletter.

If you've moved, let us know by emailing wayne.potoroka@trondek.ca or calling 867-993-7100 ext. 108.

Citizens applying for Status Under 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.



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Grades 7–12 Education

It has been a very busy semester in regards to cultural programming in high school social studies classes. In Social Studies 9 and 10 and Yukon First Nation Studies 12, Jody Beaumont has been a regular guest teacher, delivering TH cultural education in the classroom. We've also been very lucky to have the assistance of Jen Laliberte and our wonderful Elders Victor, William and Percy Henry, and Angie Joseph-Rear to name a few.

In the Grade 9 class, Jody has worked with the students to further their knowledge of First Nation groups all across Canada, culminating in a Culture Fair which took place at Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre. At the Culture Fair, visitors were introduced to the worlds of the Haudenosaunee, Inuvialuit, Nisgaa, Anishinaabeg, and Nitsuitapi. It was a great turnout of Elders, TH staff and community members. The students did an excellent job presenting to the enthusiastic crowd—their weeks of research and hard work paid off. Big thanks to Jody Beaumont and Sara Stephens for all their help pulling together the great event, to Nora for the delicious meal and a big mähsi to Glenda for opening up DZCC for the day.

Back in September, the Grade 9 Socials class was also lucky to head down to Moosehide for the day to take part in a very exciting fur trade simulation game. The



class was divided up into teams, where they took on the roles of European traders and learned the tricks of the fur trade in regards to European-First Nation relations. Thanks to the Heritage crew for their help both in and out of “character”: Jody, Jen, Spruce and Alex. Mähsi cho to Victor Henry for coming, and to Julia Morberg and Ronald Johnson, Mayor of Moosehide, for hosting us.

In the Yukon First Nation Studies 12 class, the students have been exploring major issues affecting Canadian First Nation people today, including language, the history and impacts of land claims, and social issues, including living conditions, education, justice and health. Over the past weeks, the students have been

focusing mainly on the arts scene. They have taken a look at the work of various successful Canadian First Nation artists (musicians, filmmakers, actors, and visual artists) both nationwide and also in our own backyard. The class was very lucky to have Jackie Olson, a TH citizen who wears many hats (executive director of the TH government, board member, heritage expert, mother, artist, to name a few) visit to discuss her journey as an artist. Jackie played an important role in the community





Kylie Van Every was busy delivering her ever-popular Sasquatch program. Several RSS classes, including the Grade 7s, had a chance to gather 'round the “campfire” and listen to Kylie’s tales, as well as share their own. In mid-November, high school students were invited to DZCC for a special screening of the film *Forgotten Warriors*. The film tells the story of the thousands of Canadian Aboriginal men and women who fought in World War II. Aboriginal veterans share their unforgettable war memories

by helping find a space for contemporary, not necessarily “traditional,” First Nation art to be appreciated. Mähsicho to Jackie for finding time to spend with the Yukon First Nation Studies students!

and healing process as they travel back to Europe. Mähsicho to Kylie and Glenda for the opportunity to gain this important perspective around Remembrance Day and for their excellent programming and commitment to the students.

Starting mid-November, Jody and Ms. Stephens launched into special programming with the Grade 10 Social Studies class—six weeks of TH cultural learning. Working closely with Ms. Stephens, Jody is teaching the unit for the third year in a row, incorporating different themes, including storytelling, values and beliefs, customs, subsistence, leadership, residential schools, self-government, and land claims. The students have been lucky that Percy Henry accompanies Jody to the class most days. The unit began with a really fun Culture Day out at the Rock Creek campground. We were delighted to have Angie Joseph-Rear, Julia Morberg, Ronald Johnson and Victor Henry come along for the day, as well as the wonderful TH Cultural Education Coordinator, Jen Laliberte. We spent the chilly Friday playing traditional games, making bannock, eating stew and hiking around the area.

Back in October, a very large group of students, TH staff, Elders, Rangers and volunteers headed up the Dempster for the annual First Hunt camp. The hunt was a great success, with lots of meat harvested for the community. For several of the young hunters, they were very proud to harvest their first caribou. This year’s Moose Camp and First Hunt were celebrated in one feast, which took place in November. The event was a huge success, with young hunters present as well as community members to honour their hard work. Mähsicho to the youth for their amazing efforts this season and for providing meat to the community.

This unit will carry on right up until the Christmas break. Included in the curriculum is a section on the legacy and impacts of residential schools. Information will go home to parents so they’re aware of the timeframe this difficult subject matter will be delivered, as well as supports that can be accessed if needed.



Over at Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre this fall,



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K-Grade 6 Education

It has been lovely weather for outdoor activities. Elementary classes have participated in several cultural activities since the start of the school year, such as visiting Hide Tanning camp in the fall, visiting the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre, Elders visiting classes for cultural activities and going out on the land.

Before the beading exhibit came down for the year, the Kindergarten, and Grades 1, 3, and 4 classes visited the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre to look at the exhibit and learn about beading. The students had a great time looking at all the beautiful beaded pieces and participating in the scavenger hunt.

Grades 3-6 visited the DZCC for Sasquatch storytelling with Kylie Van Every. The students look forward to this every year. They had a great time and are still talking about Sasquatch stories! The students will soon be great Sasquatch storytellers themselves. Mähsi cho, Kylie!

The Grade 2 and Grade 3/4 classes visited the DZCC for their annual Moosehide Slide storytelling. The classes split into groups and performed their own short play of the Moosehide Slide story. The students had a great time acting and performing. Mähsi cho Kylie, Glenda and Allison. After the DZCC, Allison joined the classes for a walk up to the Moosehide Slide and along the 9th Avenue Trail. It was a great way to spend the morning.



The weather is getting a bit colder now—a good time for cultural activities indoors.

Recently, Elder Angie Joseph-Rear came in for storytelling in Grades K-6. The students enjoyed hearing stories from Angie, passed down from Grandma Mary McLeod. It was great to see the students listening well and, after hearing the stories, asking questions. One kindergarten student, who was listening very well, knew what was going to happen next in each story. Mähsi cho Angie for coming into classes. The students enjoyed the storytelling and can't wait to hear more.



Dolores Scheffen will be coming into elementary classes for crafting, beading and sewing. The students enjoy crafting and can't wait until Dolores comes in to teach them. They keep asking, "When is Dolores coming?"

Jigging Club has been up and running since October. There are many new jiggers participating, which is great to see. The jiggers are practicing and practicing for their performances at the RSS Christmas Concert and the TH Christmas Feast. We're looking forward to future performances. Mähsi cho to Allison Anderson and Victor Henry for instructing Jigging Club.

Allison Anderson has been in every Monday this school year making bannock. We love bannock Mondays! Mähsi cho, Allison, for coming in.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Trustees would like to provide a quick update since our report to the General Assembly.

WHAT'S NEW

- The General Assembly approved the two resolutions put forward by the Trust: 1) to extend the moratorium for a further 5 year term, in accordance with the Trust Deed, which now means the expiry date is in the year 2019, and 2) establish a distribution committee to make recommendations to the trustees about which beneficiaries should receive future distributions, how those distributions will be allocated and how all beneficiaries will benefit.
- Some of the Trustees attended the 3rd Annual Yukon First Nation's Trust Symposium on November 24 and 25, 2014. We also invited two TH youth; Nona Whitehouse and Mercedes Taylor to attend the symposium. The Trust feel it's important to encourage our youth to participate to gain knowledge and experience regarding the trust and its roles and responsibilities, and perhaps one day they will consider becoming a Trustee.
- The directors of CII appointed Gina Nagano as a director to fill the seat that was vacated by Ron Daub.
- The Trust is looking for interested citizens to sit on the various boards of our investments. If you are interested, please forward your resume to the Trust.

CITIZENS' QUESTIONS:

At the General Assembly we were asked the following question and promised to answer it in this newsletter.

Question: How much has been earned on the compensation dollars since it came under the Trust?

Answer: The Trust has earned \$5,052,056 on its cash settlements as at December 31, 2013. This amount represents the income earned from the public market investments, interest earned on various loans made to Northern Vision Development Corporation, Chief Isaac Incorporated and Tr'öchek Limited Partnership and also includes the interest earned on the powerline loan.

If you have a question for the Trust, please feel free to forward it to us.



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Community Health

The health and social department have been busy little beavers. Myself, I've been working on my first ever work plan and budget, which is exciting!

I'm pleased to announce we've started up the Community Luncheons program again. This year we are tag-teaming with Marta Burnay, the family support worker, and providing Family Fridays alongside our Community Luncheons. (Community Luncheons will also be getting a new, Hän name.) The lunches are provided Mondays, Wednesdays and Family Fridays, from 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m., at the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Hall or the Health and Social Building on 2nd Ave. Calendars and notices will be posted for location changes every month. As in previous years, there is a \$3 drop-in fee for permanent,

full-time employees with TH. To make it easier, you can set up payroll deduction of \$30 for a punch card. See me for details.

Mähsi Cho to everyone who completed and handed in the Health & Social Service survey! This will help the Health and Social Department plan our programming. Our whole department will be ensuring we provide the best health and social programming that is needed and wanted in our community for our citizens.

In the last couple of months, I've been busy promoting and gathering information regarding World Mental Health Day, breast and prostate cancer clinics, and annual flu shots. For each topic, there were handouts provided with information on prevention, diagnosis, coping,

referrals, contact numbers and more.

I also attended the Mental Health First Aid for Northern Peoples course. (I encourage everyone to take this!) We also had our first of three workshops with Four Directions Centre, Blood Ties from Whitehorse. (Thank you to all who came out.) Trevor Stratton's story about HIV/AIDS/Hep C and harm education was a real conversation starter. I'm sure we still have a lot more to learn.

I've presented a few nutrition workshops, but I see the need for more nutrition programming again and have begun program planning for this winter. Stay tuned for more information on nutrition programs. We can all "get back on track together" after all those Christmas treats and dinners.



I had the privilege of sitting in on the Yukon First Nations Health Commission Meetings at CYFN. This was a great learning experience regarding health-related concerns in our territory. I'm so pleased I invited to attend this amazing, informative meeting. I cannot wait to meet with all the remarkable people again and talk health. I now know much more about how our Yukon communities work together. It's heartwarming that these meetings are taking place.

After this informative meeting and my CHR experiences, I cannot wait to start program planning with my

department on how we can ensure we're hitting all quadrants of the traditional medicine wheel (physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual) and staying balanced. The core essence of the traditional medicine wheel will be the foundation and inspiration for future programming.



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Family Support



The beginning of December marked the return of Community Luncheons, taking place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m., alternating between the TH Hall and Health and Social Building. There are calendars posted in both locations to keep you up to date on changes. Similar to last year, all TH staff are welcome to attend, but we ask that permanent, full-time staff pay a \$3 drop-in fee or purchase a punch card with Allison Kormendy. We would like to encourage families to attend together on Fridays and will be providing a special activity for families to enjoy.

We've been busy co-ordinating a visit by Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) in Whitehorse. This December, ADS will be hosting a planning session at the Health and Social building to discuss topics like treatment options in our community and how ADS can support the development of better aftercare for people struggling with addiction. The following morning, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., ADS will host a harm-reduction, low-barrier workshop to discuss approaches to talking with women and families about substance use. Feel free to get in touch with me at 867-993-7100 ext. 184 or at marta.

burnay@trondek.ca for more information on how you can participate.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to send out a warm mähsi cho to all of the community members who participated in our recent Community Service Survey. The feedback we received is of great value, and we really appreciate your efforts. This initiative will allow for greater participation of the community in determining the services and programs that we provide in the future. Thanks to these results, we will be facilitating new and exciting programs in the 2015. For the colder months, we will be hosting two basic beading courses in January and February. Participants will be able to complete a small project, either moccasins or mitts, at a reduced fee of \$100. Both workshops only have 14 spaces available, each so make sure to contact me for registration. And by popular demand, there will be a Traditional Parenting program facilitated early next year. I will be looking for community members to assist in facilitating a series of workshops concerning family-centred topics, so stay tuned for ways to participated in H&S family programming.



Throughout the month of November, a number of TH staff, TH Elder Victor Henry, and MLA Sandy Silver assembled a Movember team (The Victors of Movember) to raise money and awareness for men's health. Though it means something different to all of us, the campaign is about supporting those we know with health issues, particularly cancer and mental health issues, and raising awareness of the issues for ourselves and our loved ones.

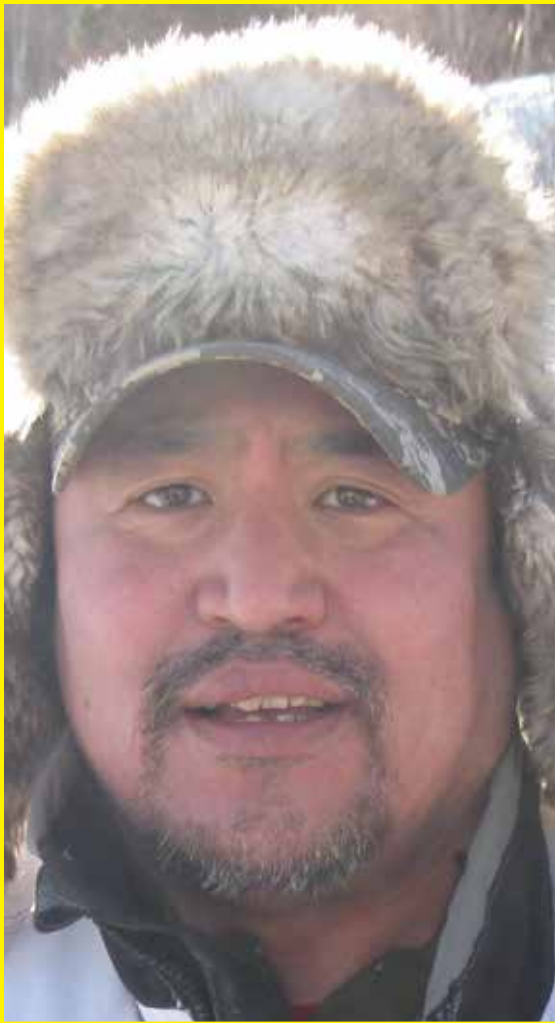
The team raised \$5,455 for the Movember Foundation. To date, the Movember community has raised \$574 million and funded over 800 programs in 21 countries. This work is saving and improving the lives of men affected by prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health issues.

Thank you to all who supported our campaign, and by doing so contributed to changing the face of men's health.



**Do you have news that we should know about or a picture you'd like to place here?
Call or email!**

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Drin hozo, citizens. I would like to start by saying "Mähsi Cho" for Electing me to Council. I also took on the responsibility of Deputy Chief. It means spending a little more time in the office, but at the same time I get to visit with the Elders that make the long journey up the stairs. I'm slowly meeting all the staff employed by our Government. For the few that I did meet with, I have nothing to say but what a great job they're doing. Hats off to you.

There are little bumps and bruises with all the portfolios I hold, and I hope to take the time and iron out all the rough spots. Here are the portfolios I hold: I share Housing with Councillor Selina Procee and also share Health and Social with Councillor Ryan Peterson, but I stand on my own with Natural Resources. That said, if any Councillor needs help with their portfolios, Chief and Council will not sit back, but will help each other when needed.

I would like to thank you again, and feel free to stop in, as we do have an open door policy and coffee and tea on. Oh, as one friend said "When are you starting to write the SCOOP again" or was it called "looking out my window."

Mähsi cho, citizens.



Left: Chief Roberta Joseph and others meet with Buffy Ste. Marie during the singer's recent visit to Whitehorse. It was the perfect opportunity to discuss the Peel River Watershed with the international star. She left with a better understanding of the valuable wilderness area and Yukon Self-Governments, as well as a Protect the Peel bumper sticker and hoodie! (Photo credit: Vince Fedoroff, Whitehorse Star.)

Right: Deputy Chief Simon Nagano receives a token of appreciation from Connor Whitehouse, TH citizen and Yukon Hospital Corporation employee, for the First Nation's participation in the survey regarding the First Nations Health program at the Dawson Hospital. Stay tuned for more on the program in the new year.



Top Right: The members of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Trust slowed down long enough to finally get a group shot. From left to right: Majida Lord, Lisa Hutton, Maureen Birckel, and Mary Ann Knutson. Read about what they're up to in this newsletter.

Middle Right: Council hosted a Christmas dinner at the Yukon Inn for Whitehorse-based citizens. Thanks to everyone who joined in celebration of the season with family and friends.

Middle Left and Bottom Right and Left: Wasn't that a party! Chief Roberta Joseph, TH citizens, and TH Elders took part in a Peel River Watershed gathering, at the Kwanlin Dün Cultral Centre, hosted by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and the Yukon Conservation Society. The event recognized the recent court decision that supported the recommended Peel plan and the integrity of the Umbrella Final Agreement. There is much more work to be done (and the battle is likely not over), but for one night Yukoners from all over the territory were on hand to acknowledge the gains that had been made. Great job!



HOUSING INSPECTIONS ARE ON THE WAY ...

The Housing Program has not conducted annual inspections in some time, but will be soon. If you are a tenant, you may be contacted by phone or find a note on your door advising you of a scheduled annual inspection. Please call us if you would like to reschedule.



These inspections will identify small issues and small problems before they become big issues and big problems. They're part of preventative maintenance and allow us to rectify problems in a cost-effective way. If you're aware of any possible problems, please don't hesitate to let our inspector know.

Thanks for playing your part in keeping our Housing Program the best in the country!

NOTE: We have limited resources and funds, so we will address important issues quickly. Some smaller issues might not get addressed right away.

**We all have a
story to tell ...
So tell it.**



Do you want to record your story or someone else's story but don't have the equipment to do it?

The Heritage Department can provide you with a recording kit and instructions on how to use it. Please see Jody to sign out a kit you can take home with you.

Contact Jody at 993-7100 ext. 137.

