

Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

# The Atlin Whisper

*"Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world."*

Margaret Mead

**Atlin Family  
Bonspiel**

**March 03, 2018**

Contact Lynn at  
250-651-7663

**\$80.00 per team**

Register as a team or an  
individual.

Concession will be open

**Potluck Dinner**



Grizzly Home Services is pleased to let everyone know that we are available for more than just Water Delivery and Septic pump outs. Please feel free to talk to us about the below listed services that we can offer you as no job is too big or too small. We can be reached by phone at 250-651-7463 and email [grizzlyhomeservice@gmail.com](mailto:grizzlyhomeservice@gmail.com)

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**Monday Mar 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**  
At Chris & Stuart's House \$20.00 each  
2230 Spruce Drive, Pine Creek Subdivision BYOB  
Please come early between 7 and 7:30

## Atlin Ladies 30th Annual Bonspiel

Thank you to our sponsors:

Dana Hammond, AAMF, Jeanette Sather, Brewery Bay Chalet, Lynn Turnbull, Marsh Lake Tents & Events, Wildwood, St. Martins Thrift Shop, Food Basket, Dani McNeil, Atlin Mountain Coffee Roasters

Thanks to our wonderful ice crew, our sponsors, the concession & bar crews and those who donated food to the banquet and to my fantastic secretary Gail Hindbo.

Thank you to all the curlers, especially the Queens of the Rocks for making up our 10th team. You guys are awesome!

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>1st A</u> Dorothy Odian | <u>2nd A</u> Jody Smallwood  |
| <u>1st B</u> Ev Pasichnyk  | <u>2nd B</u> Bev Murphy      |
| <u>1st C</u> Lynn Turnbull | <u>2nd C</u> Sherry MacInnis |



## **ELECTIONS & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Atlin Community Improvement District (Atlin CID) has the object of operating the following services:

- Drainage
- Fire Protection
- Sidewalks
- Solid Waste Disposal
- Street Lighting
- Waterworks
- Representing the Community in communication with provincial agencies on land use matters and advising or making recommendations to the Minister of Community Development on land use matters

The Atlin CID currently meets the Wednesday (Wed in winter to accommodate curling, otherwise the second Tuesday) of each month at 7:00pm at the Fire Hall. Meetings are normally 2 hours in length. Each trustee receives an honorarium per regular board meeting (currently \$50.00/meeting). Attendance at as many meetings as possible is extremely important.

**TRUSTEE ELECTIONS will be held on 11 April 2018  
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: February 28 – March 28  
1 Three-Year Term is open for the position of Trustee**

**Persons entitled to vote at an election must be:**

- a Canadian citizen
- at least eighteen years of age
- an owner of land in the improvement district
- a resident of the province for the previous six months, or the legal representative of an owner of land in the improvement district who has died, become insolvent or insane.

One vote is also allowed for each board or corporation that owns land within the improvement district. The board or corporation must designate one person to act as an authorized agent to vote on its' behalf. This must be done in writing so the returning officer can verify their eligibility when voting.

If more than one person is registered on title as a landowner, each one can vote as long as they also meet the other qualifications. However, no person can have two votes unless they meet the qualifications to be an elector and are also an agent authorized to vote on behalf of a board or corporation.

**Every person who is qualified to vote in an improvement district is also qualified to be a trustee.**

**NOMINATION FORMS are available at the Atlin Service BC Office.  
Completed Forms are to be submitted to the Service BC Office  
NOT LATER THAN 3:00pm, 28 March 2018.**

# March Movies

## The Historic Globe Theatre

For now washrooms available at Sigoo Bistro please make a donation for service

### Sunday **March 4:** Out of Africa

Doors Open 6:30                      Show Time 7:00 – 9:40                      rated PG  
Starring Robert Redford, Meryl Streep, directed by Sydney Pollack  
*The fascinating true story of Karen Blixen, a strong-willed woman who, with her philandering husband, runs a coffee plantation in Kenya, circa 1914. To her astonishment she soon discovers herself falling in love with the land, its people and the mysterious white hunter.*

### Sunday **March 11:** City Slickers

Doors Open 6:30                      Show Time 7:00 – 9:00                      rated PG-13  
Starring Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Bruno Kirby, directed by Ron Underwood  
*A comedy classic about careers, cowboys and mid-life crises. It's the story of three friends who ride and rope their way down a trail that leads to a better understanding of themselves and each other.*

**Admission Donation**

**\$6.00**

Concession items marked

Facebook: [Atlin BC Globe Theatre@ExploreAtlin](#) Website: [exploreatlin.weebly.com](#)

Presented by Heather Keny - Explore Atlin

**“Show Me a Sign” Part 2**

After two hours we went back to the archives and Susie met us at the door. She had a bit of a strange look on her face when she left the room to get some paperwork & I thought she either has nothing or she has really found something. When she came back in she started asking me more questions. I was finally able to remember my grandfather’s full name and as I was saying it out loud, another lady came out from the back room. She was standing there listening to me. When I mentioned my grandfather was the postmaster in Atlin in the 1930-40s, she piped up and said,

“So was my grandfather”.

It was surreal how we all stood there and kept saying ‘my grandfather was the postmaster’.

I finally asked her, what is your name, and she said Linda Reed. I couldn’t see any relation there so I asked her what her grandpa’s name was and she said the same name as mine - Robert Darlington Nelson. We realized we must be related but then had to figure out how. That is why Susie had a funny look on her face as she had figured out that I might be related to this other lady who had stopped in for a brief 10 min. William Nelson was my dad’s younger brother through a second marriage by his mom, last name Nelson rather than Clarke. William married Edith Feldman, Linda’s mom. They had always lived in the north in remote locations, as he was a watchman in different mines. Linda now resides in Atlin and volunteers at the Archives and that is the reason she had stopped by.

Talk about doing the happy dance. What are the odds of going on such a trip and running into a first cousin in such a remote place? As we talked more, she asked where we were staying. I told her the B&B and she said her house is right across the street from the B&B. She then asked us over for a visit. We couldn’t refuse. Linda showed us lots of photos. Talk about northern hospitality! And I also got to meet one more cousin – her sister, Dorothy. They invited us back for Sat. as they were having a party for their mom who would be 97. I felt bad as I couldn’t be there. But not to worry, they would have her back in Whitehorse on Monday and I could visit her at the lodge where she resides.

The next morning Linda picked us up to show us around and the first place we stopped was the Old Cemetery. I couldn’t believe I found a plaque for my dad, George Ernie Clarke, and his older brother Harry Clarke. No one had ever mentioned that one had been made and placed there. So now we are in the process of getting one made for mom. I also found a cenotaph and a plaque in honor of one of my uncles, Robert MacKenzie Clarke, who had died in WWII on a bombing mission in Burma. I also found a photo of him in uniform hanging on the wall of the old courthouse, which I realized was the building where my mom and dad were married in 1936.

All of this was very emotional, which I was not expecting.

Did my mom show a sign or what!!!

**Heather Guest**

What an amazing adventure for Heather – the trip to scatter her mother’s ashes netted her two cousins and an aunt! Who would have thought all this would happen in Atlin?????

**Holly Montgomery**



## MY CAREER WITH THE RCMP

By Jim King

In 1978 I was told I was being transferred to Baker Lake, Northwest Territories as the Detachment Commander. The hamlet of Baker Lake, or Qamani'tuaq, is now in the new territory of Nunavut two hundred miles inland from Hudson Bay in Canada's central Arctic. At that time it had a population of one thousand Inuit and two hundred others, mostly government employees. Because of the high cost of purchasing locally, I was provided with an order book from a wholesale grocery supplier and advised to place an order for a one- year supply of canned goods, dry goods, frozen foods, etc and our order would be delivered by sealift when the ice went out sometime in July. Have you ever tried to figure out how much toilet paper you would use in a year.

After selling our home and placing most everything we owned in long- term storage my family and I flew to Yellowknife where we shopped for enough groceries to last us until we received our sealift order. We were then flown to our new home in the R.C.M.P. twin otter. When we landed in Baker Lake, after a four and a half hour flight, the first thing my wife said was, "Where in the hell have you taken us?" I believe this was the beginning of the end of my first marriage.

My number two man was a young Inuit from Eskimo Point named George Kuksuk. George spoke several Inuktitut dialects so was a handy guy to have around. The only thing that caused us any grief was the fact that George was deathly afraid of dogs and everyone had dogs. Baker Lake was not a dry community but there was no liquor outlet so very few booze related problems. There were quite a few incidents of domestic violence, break and enters, thefts, etc. Traffic enforcement was almost non-existent because most people used ATV's and snowmobiles. People driving snowmobiles over top of houses, causing problems with TV reception, was a fairly common complaint received during the winter months.

I found out soon enough the main reason I was transferred to Baker Lake. In February 1978 a Russian Cosmos satellite left its orbit and crashed to earth on the Thelon River in the Baker Lake Detachment area. Fearing this satellite was nuclear powered, an intense search was launched by the Canadian military. The search failed to locate any radioactive wreckage but did discover vast deposits of uranium. This information led to a huge staking and exploration rush in the area and because of this they wanted a fairly senior corporal in charge of the R.C.M.P. Detachment.

My next transfer was to the city of Yellowknife, the capitol of the Northwest Territories. This was one of the few times during my service that I worked shifts in uniform as a shift supervisor. Yellowknife was a very busy place and I enjoyed my time there. Shortly after arriving in Yellowknife I was sent back to Baker Lake to investigate an attempted murder because I had had previous dealings with the suspect. While there I received three complaints of incest, one of gross indecency, and one of bestiality and returned to Yellowknife with six prisoners. After two busy years in Yellowknife I was given a choice of returning to British Columbia, probably back to the Vancouver area, or to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.



**ATTENTION:  
FRIENDS OF BOB!**

As some of you know, Bob will be turning  
15 years old on April 12th, 2018.

In recognition of all he has meant to Atlin and the  
Atlin Rec Centre over the years, we would like  
your help in commemorating his special place in all  
our hearts. Our goal is to publish a book to coincide  
with his life and times.

We are looking for all things Bob:

- Short stories
- Poems
- Photos
- Artwork

•& Memories of your time with Bob

Any information of lost loved ones (pets included) who knew Bob would be appreciated.

Please email your submissions to: [atlinbob@gmail.com](mailto:atlinbob@gmail.com)

(You can also handwrite your submissions and give them to the bartender at the Rec Centre)

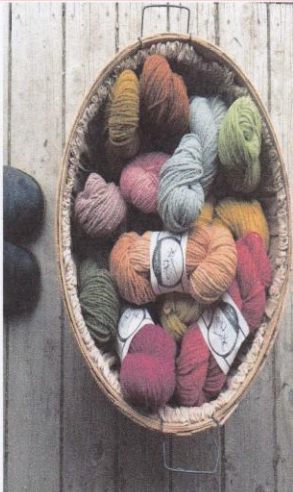
Deadline for submissions is March 1st, 2018

Please note - submissions can be anonymous!

THANK YOU!

- Bob & his friends

\*\* Proceeds from Bob's books are going to the Atlin Rec Centre & George Holman Pet Care \*\*



Weekly Knitting Circle!

Where: in the Library in the Old Court House

When: Saturdays; 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m; from February 3rd - March 24th

Bring a knitting or crochet project to work on. Warm drinks will be available!

There will be someone present to help work out any kinks or answer questions to assist you  
in your project if needed!

**YOGA CLASS SCHEDULE**

With Megan Samms yoga teacher

Where: ARC, in the hall or in the addition

When: Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m.



February 14<sup>th</sup>

February 21<sup>st</sup>

February 28<sup>th</sup>

March 7<sup>th</sup>

March 14<sup>th</sup>

March 21<sup>st</sup>

March 28<sup>th</sup>

Wear comfortable clothing; bring a yoga mat and or  
any props you like and a blanket. If you do not have  
a mat, come anyway. A mat is not required to  
participate.

Class fee is by donation. Donations are shared with  
the ARC.

Please don't hesitate to contact Megan at 651-2248  
or [megan.samms@gmail.com](mailto:megan.samms@gmail.com) if you have requests.

Note that the above schedule is subject to change  
and we'll try our best to keep everyone informed!

# NORTHERN HOMES REAL ESTATE



## **Wilson Street**

Quiet mountain views from this four-bedroom, 1600 sqft home on two acres. Open yard with raised beds and greenhouse. Where else can you find a kitchen like this at this price? Great value at \$197,500

## **Monarch Mountain**

Beautiful custom designed four-bedroom beautiful log home on 4.45 acres with a great view of the lake and mountains. \$429,900

## **Pine Creek Subdivision**

Three-bedroom 1,336 sqft family home on 1.75-acres in Pine Creek subdivision. Backs onto Pine Creek. \$215,000

## **Pine Creek Subdivision**

Two bedroom, 1,344 sqft log home in the quiet Pine Creek subdivision is waiting for you! It is such a super deal at \$198,700

## **Lake Street**

Beautiful three-bedroom, renovated to brand new, 3,500 sq.ft. lakeside home. Stunning lake and mountain views. \$698,000

## **Food Basket**

Thriving business in Atlin! The building, land, rental suite, and grocery store are all included. A great way for someone wanting an early retirement to make a comfortable living \$495,000

## **Third Street**

One block off Discovery. Great location to build a home or create a new business in Atlin. \$137,900

## **Green Street**

Quiet three-bedroom 2,058 sqft family home with one of the best shops in town on two acres. \$299,700

## **Surprise Lake Road**

Get away to the quiet splendor of 20.43 wide open acres near Surprise Lake. \$150,000

**Warm Bay Road**

Cozy one room rustic log cabin tucked deep the trees on a 5 acre parcel just minutes from town. Perfect for a get away retreat or to build that dream home as there is a view of Atlin mountain from this site! \$119,000

**Trond Gulch**

One-bedroom, 715 sqft off-the-grid home on 9.88 acres surrounded by Crown Land. Sauna and guest cabin. \$350,000

**Second Street**

Shop with 60-amp service plus a 600 sqft home (bachelor pad). Grab your tools and get to work right away! \$137,000

**Warm Bay Road**

Three bedroom 963 sqft two-story cottage on 2.47 acres on Warm Bay Road. Very private and quiet. \$175,000

**Atlin Road**

Fenced 80 acres with some pasture along the Atlin highway. Beautiful property at \$350,000

**Ruffner Bay**

Five-bedroom beautiful 4,000+ sqft home with two guest cottages and hangar. Lakefront, off the grid 24-acre parcel. \$1,499,000

**Bear Creek Road**

This two-story, three-bedroom log home with outbuildings is on 3.95 acres along Bear Creek Road and has had lots of recent updates. \$225,000.

Call Myrna at (250) 775-1019

myrnablake1@gmail.com

Go to [northernhomesbc.ca](http://northernhomesbc.ca) for more details.

# ATLIN RECREATION CENTRE

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday March 20, 2018**

**7:00PM**

### **ATLIN RECREATION CENTRE HALL**

*ELECTION OF:*

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Curling Club Executive

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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND THAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES HAVE BEEN PAID

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6 pm to 7 pm

Spaghetti Dinner with garlic bread and Salad  
In The Lounge

Free to Rec Centre Members



# ATELP Training Facility

**WE'RE HIRING!**

## STEP INSTRUCTOR

The Skills Training Employment Program (STEP) is seeking a dedicated, diligent, amicable person to run STEP. The suitable candidate would join STEP's project team to deliver an innovative employment training program to the Tlingit Community of sunny Atlin, BC for 8 weeks.

The multi-faceted role requires an individual that can:

- Develop program and curriculum for foundational skills, job readiness and essential skills training utilizing community resources and through collaborative partnerships.
- Assist Co-Instructors with development of curriculum in employment skills training.
- Works co-operatively in an inter-dependant specialized diverse team environment to coordinate an employment skills program.
- Detailed reporting/action plans; performing assessments and compiling evaluation reports that monitor and track attendance, activities and performance to document impact and lessons learned.
- Experienced in structured intervention with individuals aimed at changing human behaviour.
- Having a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively in a cognitively diverse environment.
- The individual must demonstrate the ability to work with individuals with multiple barriers and diverse learning needs. Be flexible and responsive to learner's needs, making necessary adjustments using appropriate instructional methodologies.
- Adherence to program policies and procedures.
- Supervises support program staff and contractors.
- Submit all receipts as received to STEP Data File Clerk.
- Provide assistance in the coordination and supervision of additional activities as requested; complete all administrative duties as requested.
- Shall participate in approved training as required for the position.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- TOWES Invigilator Certification preferred but, not mandatory.
- Certificate or Degree in Adult Education/Literacy Education/Special Education/TESL; or an equivalent combination of relevant experience and training. Certification in Essential Skills Instruction preferred.
- Criminal Record Check with Valid Driver's license required.

**TERM Position:** Monday through Thursday, 34 hrs weekly

*Based on receipt of approved funding; program scheduled to run 1 April to 24 May, 2018.*

Forward all resumes and cover letters to:

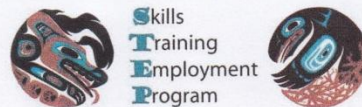
**Carmen Nantel, STEP Project Manager**  
[carmen.nantel@takucorp.ca](mailto:carmen.nantel@takucorp.ca)

**Application Deadline: 15 February 2018 or until suitable candidate found.**

*Our vision is to support a vibrant community in which learners and the project team have equal responsibility to build success.*

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***"Sometimes I Daydream"***

By Jeff Salmon

Snow is glistening in the bright sunlight,  
As these Winter days fold into months.

I see that each season sparkles with reasons  
To embrace the beauty, and yet, if truth be told,  
Sometimes I daydream.

Here I am sitting by the kitchen window,  
As the sun streams in this Winter day.  
The warmth on my face is truly hypnotizing.

As my eyes close, I daydream...  
Of basking in Summer sun by the shore...  
And I savor the moment.

Then, as my eyes open, I look upon  
The beautiful Winter scene outside...  
And savor the moment.

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St. Martin's  
Anglican Church  
Sunday Services  
10 A.M.

All are Welcome



Atlin Christian Centre

Affiliated with the  
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of Canada  
Services Sunday 10:30  
a.m.



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***Terry***

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**Submissions are due no later than Monday 9 am March 12th**

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