# Wednesday March 14th, 2018

# The Atlin Whisper



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

Margaret Mead

# What Will Happen with the Atlin Health Centre <u>Project?</u>

Dear Members of the Community,

Atlin Supportive Living Society has been working for a long time providing care and support for all members of the community of Atlin. Our Society has put a tremendous amount of effort into having our current Health Centre replaced. As everyone in this community knows, our current Health Centre is past it's "best before date". It needs replacing. This fact was brought to the Northern Health Authority's attention, years ago by staff and more recently by Atlin Supportive Living Society.

Atlin Supportive Living Society has been working very hard to ensure that Atlin has new Health Centre for primary and emergency care. To this end, Atlin Supportive Living Society spoke to all stakeholders in the community to let them know that the Society received donated land and that they were doing whatever was required by the Northern Health Authority to ensure that Northern Health could build a new Health Centre. Atlin Supportive Living Society sees this new facility as part of a larger development on the donated property; development that would include seniors' affordable housing, and a desperately needed assisted living building, and hopefully one day, B.C. Ambulance Services. In essence, Atlin Supportive Living wants to create a "Health Hub" for the community.

To this end, Atlin Supportive Living Society offered to lease the land to the Northern Health Authority for \$1.00 a year for twenty-five years. The Society carried out geo-tech and an environmental study on the property to ensure that it was suitable to build on. This cost the Society thousands of dollars of money that was donated by the community. As you are well aware, the Society has been fundraising: efforts that have been supported by the *entire* community of Atlin. It looked like things were well on their way. On January 30, 2018 Northern Health Authority posted their plan for the Centre (a Request For Proposal (RFP) on the Bid B.C. website, appealing to contractors to submit bids.

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, ten days before the bids were to close on March 16<sup>th</sup>, Atlin Supportive Living Society received a call from the Northern Health Authority, stating that the RFP was being "pulled". Northern Health said that it had no other option, because Taku River Tlingt First Nations administration had contacted the B.C. Government and the First Nations Health Authority, opposing the project due to lack of Government to Government consultation. This is out of Atlin Supportive Living's hands, but its impact on the project is felt deeply at the community level because we are all affected if this project cannot go ahead.

At this time, all that Atlin Supportive Living Society knows is there will be a meeting of the First Nations and Northern Health Authorities, Taku River Tlingit First Nations administration, and Atlin Supportive Living Society. The meeting will convene in Vancouver on April 19th, 2018.

It is the hope of Atlin Supportive Living Society that this project can carry on. The Society has carried out thousands of hours of volunteer work on the project: we are all volunteers who work for betterment everyone living in Atlin. Most importantly, we believe that it is very important that the voices of all the people of Atlin be heard. Everyone in the community who needs healthcare services will share this Health Centre.

Atlin Supportive Living Society remains hopeful that this project will carry on. We are encouraging community members to let their support for the Health Centre project be known. Atlin Supportive Living Society wants the parties at the meeting on April  $19^{\rm th}$  to hear the voices of all community members.

Here are a few ways to make your voice heard:

#### 1. Contact the Ministry

Minster of Health: Adrian Dix phone: 250-953-3547

Email: <u>HLTH.health@gov.bc.ca</u>

Deputy Minister of Health: Stephen Brown phone: 250-952-1590

Email: hlth.dmoffice@gov.bc.ca

Premier of B.C. John Horgan: phone: 250-387-1715

Email: John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca

#### 2. Sign our Petition of Support for the Atlin Health Centre Project

Atlin Supportive Living Society Representatives will present these signatures at the meeting in Vancouver on April 19<sup>th</sup>. These Petitions of Support will be located at the local stores, and at the Atlin Supportive Living house on Fulton Street. If you cannot access those sites, please call Nita Connolly (at 250-651-7445) and she will bring a Petition to your home to collect your signature.

There is also an online Petition of Support available at:

Since 2002, Atlin Supportive Living Society has always worked in good faith with all agencies at both the local and provincial level. While we remain optimistic about the outcome of this April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, the volunteers of Atlin Supportive Living Society want you to know that we will continue to work for the entire community, providing health and meal services to anyone in the community who is in need regardless of this meeting's outcome. Our commitment to this community will not change.

In answering the question, "What will happen with the Atlin Health Centre project?", your voice matters. Please let your support be known.

Sincerely, Atlin Supportive Living Society

#### ATLIN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

It has come to the attention of the Atlin Community Improvement District (ACID) that many members of the public are under the impression the ACID is hosting a public meeting of Atlin Supportive Living regarding the new Health Centre and Northern Health's recent discussion.

Although the ACID supports Atlin Supportive Living and its' endeavour of a new Health Centre the ACID board meeting scheduled to be held at 7:00 at the Fire Hall Wednesday, March 14th, is not a meeting about Atlin Supportive Living concerns.

As per the Agenda, Nita Connolly is going to give an update to the ACID regarding Atlin Supportive Living. The meeting will continue with its' agenda after Nita's presentation.

The Atlin Community Improvement District

**Board of Trustees** 



Pancake breakfast • Chainsaw toss Schmoo races • Leg wrestling Snow soccer • Water boil

Chilli cook off • Kid's games
Tug of war • Fireworks

Watch for a complete schedule closer to the event

#### **MAKE CHOICES NOW**

Workshop for end of life planning.

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

1:00 P.M. at the Atlin Rec Centre

Information on Enduring Power of Attorney – Advance Directives – Wills – Funeral planning – see what burial plots are available in the Atlin Cemetery and more.

#### LET'S GET STARTED!!!



# MAKE YOUR WISHES KNOWN.

# **Everyone Welcome**

There is no age-limit for end-of-life planning. You need to document your wishes; don't leave these decisions to the Government or others!

For more information call Dorothy Odian 250 651-7639

#### **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.

#### MY CAREER WITH THE RCMP

By Jim King

Whitehorse was an easy choice and at first I was told I would be a shift supervisor on Whitehorse Detachment. Before I arrived in Whitehorse I received word that my transfer to Whitehorse Detachment was cancelled and I would now be attached to the Yukon Drug Section. My first wife was not at all happy with this news and that pretty well ended our marriage. Shortly after arriving in Whitehorse I was promoted to Sergeant, in charge of the drug section. This was a four man unit responsible for investigating major drug trafficking in the Yukon. Most of our work was in Whitehorse where the drug problem per capita was as bad, or worse than anywhere in Canada.

During my stint on the drug section we ran several undercover operations in Whitehorse and Dawson City. One investigation worthy of mention involved a local politician who shared some cocaine with one of my informants outside a local cabaret. The politician turned out to be a member of the Legislative Assembly and the Leader of the Yukon Liberal Party. He had told my informant that he could supply any amount of cocaine. We knew Roger Cole liked to attend curling bonspiels that were held in the smaller communities where he also joined other bonspielers in high stake poker games. A search was commenced in other jurisdictions to locate a mountie with similar interests who would be willing to act as an undercover operator. We found a perfect candidate in Inuvik, Northwest Territories. Inquiries revealed that Cole would be attending a bonspiel the following week-end in the town of Watson Lake, Yukon and that would be the perfect place for our operator to meet him.

Our undercover operator's cover story would be that he was passing through Watson Lake, on his way to Inuvik to open a car rental franchise. He had no problem meeting Cole and his buddies at the curling rink and getting invited to play poker at a local motel. A friendship was quickly developed between Cole and our operator and they made plans for a meeting in Whitehorse in a couple of days. At this meeting arrangements were made for Cole to supply our operator with \$20,000.00 worth of cocaine. The whole transaction was recorded by video and audio in a Whitehorse hotel room following which Cole was arrested and charged with trafficking. Cole eventually entered a guilty plea to the charge and was sentenced to five years in prison.

While I was in charge of the Drug Section I received training in dealing with hostage and barricaded person situations and became an emergency response team commander. Thankfully I was never called upon to take charge of a situation where I would have had to make the final decision whether or not a person lives or dies.

My first wife moved back to her home town of Fort St. John with my son and daughter where they still reside. While in Whitehorse, I met and eventually married Beth and we have been together for over thirty years.

# More March Movies The Historic Globe Theatre

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



## Sunday March 18: The Fifth Element

Doors Open 6:30 Show Time 7:00 – 9:15 rated PG13 (some nudity) Starring Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman, Milla Jovovich directed by Luc Besson

Science Fiction: Set in the <u>23rd century</u>, the film's central plot involves the survival of planet <u>Earth</u>, which becomes the responsibility of Korben Dallas (Willis), a taxicab driver and former <u>special forces</u> major, after a young woman (Jovovich) falls into his cab. Dallas joins forces with her to recover four mystical stones essential for the defense of Earth against an impending attack.

## Sunday March 25: Mrs. Doubtfire

Doors Open 6:30 Show Time 7:00 – 9:00 rated G Starring Robin Williams, Sally Field, directed by Chris Columbus

<u>Comedy:</u> Mrs. Doubtfire, the delightfully doting British housekeeper who's much more than a woman – "she" is actually a well-meaning divorced father in disguise, trying to spend more quality time with his children without his ex-wife catching on.

# Admission Donation **\$6.00**

Concession items marked

Facebook: <u>Atlin BC Globe Theatre@ExploreAtlin</u> Website: <u>exploreatlin.weebly.com</u>
Presented by Heather Keny - Explore Atlin

# **Upcoming Presentations**

## The Historic Globe Theatre

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# **Tuesday March 27:** By Trial & Terror: Crossing the Pacific in a 10 Meter Boat

Doors open 6:30 Presentation Starts 7:00 Door Donation Welcome Coffee & Tea Service Available \$

Robin Urquart & Fiona McGlynn's sailing adventure 2017/2018

Join us for a presentation by Robin & Fiona sharing stories, tales, and photos of their sailing trip across the Pacific Ocean

Question & Answer to follow presentation

# Sunday April 1: Musician Matt Epp

Afternoon Concert

Watch posters and Facebook for start time Admission: \$20 adult, \$10 Youth up to 15, \$50 family of 4 (2 adults, 2 youth)

Coffee & Tea Service Available \$

Matt Epp will once again be gracing the Atlin Stage during his Yukon Tour.

Epp explores his latest personal journey using both concise and broad brush strokes, painting his most fully-realized work to date: A piece of art not only incredibly personal and singular, but also one that any human being can feel a part of themselves in. As with all of Epp's albums, "Ready In Time" challenges the listener to see their world, their community, their love with open eyes, and to do right by them.

To learn more about Matt Epp visit his website – <u>mattepp.com</u>

# Atlin Junior Rangers At the Annual Yukon Shoot









For more information about the Atlin JCR patrol,

Contact Dani McNeil 250-651-2413

Over this Past weekend 4 members of the Atlin JCR and one Ranger spent the weekend in Whitehorse participating in the Yukon Shoot. The winners from this shoot go onto Ontario for a National shoot. There were 40 JCR participating from 8 Yukon communities. Overall Atlin placed 3rd. We once again were joined by a Haines Junction JCR to complete our team of 5, so a big Thank You goes to their JCR patrol for lending a shooter. We also enjoyed an evening of bowling, a very late night snowball fight, and meeting up with old friends as well as making new ones.

Congratulations goes out to Robyn McNeil, Levi Kohlmann, Emmit Kohlmann and Brent McNeil for a great shoot!

# **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 STEPs 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-dependent 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.

#### **OUALIFICATIONS:**

- . 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 23 April to 14 June, 2018. A reference check will be required with the final candidate.

Forward all resumes and cover letters to: Carmen Nantel, STEP Project Manager carmen.nantel@takucorp.ca

Application Deadline: 30 March 2018.

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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Atlin Tlingit Economic Limited Partnership Box 408 Atlin, BC VOW 1A0

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# NORTHERN HOMES REAL ESTATE



#### **Warm Bay Road**

Three bedroom 963 sq.ft. two-story cottage on 2.47 acres on Warm Bay Road. Very private and quiet – just a 7 min. walk to the lakeshore. \$175,000

#### **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**

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#### **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 getaway 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

#### Atlin Road

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

#### **Ruffner Bay**

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#### **A Climbing Legend Passes**

There's been news lately about a famous climber, Jim Bridwell, "The Bird", dying at 73. He did some of the hardest and most dangerous climbs in Yosemite in the 60s and 70s. He is credited with starting a great rescue team in Yosemite NP. I worked with him on a few rescues and it was like having a magic bullet.

There was no formal rescue team at the time. We had a guy fall and break femur and ankle way up on the outside face of the Lost Arrow spire (below). 1972 I think. My Chief Guide and I roped down 300' to the notch, climbed up and around the spire to a ledge above him, then I roped down about 90' and got to him after dark, subfreezing. He was on a tiny ledge - just fit - I had to dangle on the rope to get him covered and secured and give him a shot of Demerol, which I feared might freeze in the needle, but it didn't. (He reciprocated by leaning over and barfing on my boots!) Couldn't move him that night I spent a cold night on a ledge 90' above, and had to rappel down again before dawn to give him another fix.

In the morning we got four guys, all "amateur" (meaning non-professional) climbers from Camp 4 (Bridwell was one) and a couple of my guides. (Camp 4 is the climber's camp and now a historical site). We had to swing the patient about 200' horizontally on a vertical face, which had never been done before in Yosemite and as far as I know hasn't been since, then haul him to the rim, about another vertical 500' (we lost some height swinging) with block and tackle. No winches at that time. I was running the ropes operation on the face, Bridwell and another guy (now dead) were handling the stretcher. It was probably one of the most technical rescues done to date without helicopter or 3000' ropes. Now they tend to lower straight down with loooong ropes or pluck 'em off with choppers, which are amazing and awesome. But you can't do that on the outside of the spire. The patient did well and climbed again.

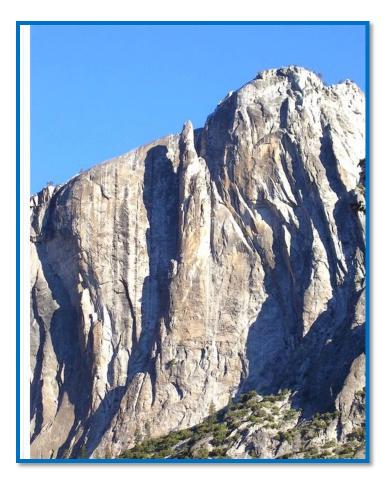
Anyway, at that time the Park Service was calling my rock climbing guides whenever there was a technical rescue. This was killing our guide business as we'd have to leave our clients hanging, so to speak. So I rounded up Bridwell, the guru of Camp 4 and the baddest-assed of a very controversial lot, and introduced him to the Superintendent. I told the Supt. that he had a bunch of the best climbers in the world staying Camp 4, and the rangers spent their time chasing them out of the park for over-staying the 2-week limit, so how about giving a number of the best unlimited camping, so long as 50% of were available for rescue at any time. Then he could sign them up, provide them with the best rescue gear, cover them with WCB etc. And he'd have the best damned rescue team possible.

To my amazement, he bought it! So I left the development of such a team with him and Bridwell, and went back to guiding. That was the start of YOSAR, which is now certainly one of the best vertical rescue organizations in the world. Quite a few rangers have since become highly skilled rescue techs and they all work together beautifully. Some of those later rescues were really interesting, and I sort of hated not to be on them.

I think it was that Lost Arrow rescue which convinced the NPS to work with the "dirtbag" climbers. They had always been considered just a suspect nuisance - and some deserved it! There's a lot more to that Arrow story which I'll have to tell you some time. During the operation, Ronald Reagan, then Governor was in the park and we heard on our radios that he was watching the operation through a spotting scope. Everybody, including the patient, flipped him the bird!

Picture of the lost Arrow below. Victim was right on the outside face about 400' below the tip. Distance between tip and base of cliff is close to 2000'. I've been on two rescues on it, one body recovery, and helped make two movies there and climbed it 3 times for fun. It is considered easy by today's standards.

Anyway, The Bird was a great character. He smoked an incredible amount of weed and was reputed to trip on LSD on a big climb, probably at night. But it didn't seem to affect his climbing, which was so daring that many were afraid to climb with him. Good guy, incredible climber, a friend. He died from hepatitis apparently picked up when he got a tattoo from a Dayak native in Borneo years ago.



Goodbye, Jim - you are missed, but quite a legacy!

Wayne Merry

Jim Bridwell handling the stretcher on a vertical rescue.







#### "New Fallen Snow"

by Jeff Salmon

Soon after the snowfall I dress up warm and head outside.

It's night with a blue-grey darkness above
Joining an almost total whiteness below.

I'm alone out there with no other sound
Just my muffled footsteps on the new fallen snow.
A hush has settled on the land.

All around me I see tree branches Covered in delicate ribbons of white.

As I walk on a wide path through trees
That have formed an arch above,
I am reminded of seeking solace in a cathedral.
Pure. Holy. A Gift.

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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!



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With Megan Samms yoga teacher

Where: ARC, in the hall or in the addition When: Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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 <a href="megan.samms@gmail.com">megan.samms@gmail.com</a> if you have requests. Note that the above schedule is subject to change and we'll try our best to keep everyone informed!

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

All are Welcome





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