

Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

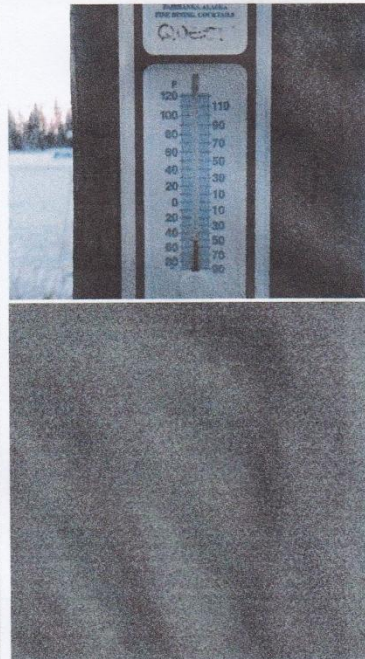
# The Atlin Whisper

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

Margaret Mead



## Atlin Junior Rangers Yukon Quest Volunteers



The Atlin JCR travelled to the McCabe Creek check point to volunteer with Jari Smarch at her families farm

A big THANK YOU to Jari and her family for hosting us and letting us stay warm in their shop when temperatures dipped to -50F Sunday morning!

The Atlin JCR helped show the mushers where to get water for their dogs, as well as hauled water for drinking for the mushers, they made sure straw bales were opened and split into piles for the mushers to get dog bedding. They hauled firewood and kept plenty inside near the stove. When handlers were not available we cleaned up bedding straw, preparing for the next team that needed to rest.

Starting early in the afternoon on Sunday and going all thru the night for the next 18 hours we saw all thirty teams come thru the McCabe Creek check point. We had a very rewarding and exciting experience. Sometimes 2 or 3 teams would come in at the same time creating a very busy yard!



Jari shares a high five with Hans GATT as he left the McCabe Creek Check point

One dog seems to smile as it rest, another howls in excitement ready to get back on the trail!

These photos by Alexa Smallwood

**Upcoming activities....**

The JCR will be practicing their Air rifle marksmanship in preparation for the upcoming Yukon Shooting Competition

**Other accomplishments.....**

**In December,**

The JCR have built 8 bat houses that will be put out in the spring

They skinned 4 beaver and stretched the pelts

They have been introduced to some new fire building skills using only a flint and steel!

We met Veterinarians from all over

Including Alaska, California and Oregon, veterinarians volunteer to come and check the dogs for the race

We met and talked with dog handlers and Race Officials

We observed and watched the mushers as they looked after their dog teams, preparing their meals and changing booties, it was fun hearing the mushers discuss the trail and joke and visit with each other before they laid down for a rest of their own, then back out into the cold they would go preparing their teams to head back out, the dogs would get so excited, barking and howling and jumping in place waiting for the command to move out, it was impressive how silently they would arrive and then leave. At times there must have been well over a hundred dogs in the yard, all resting.



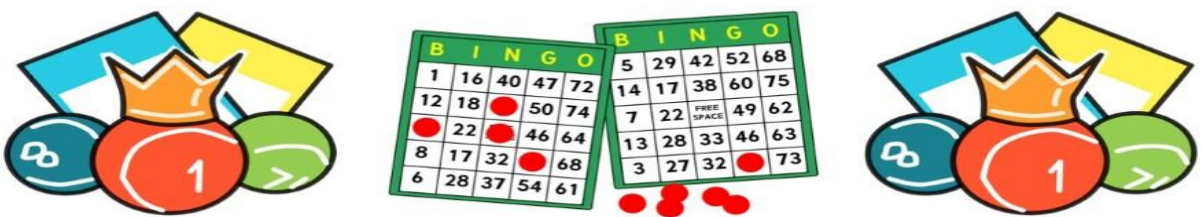
# Atlin Recreation Centre

**Monday, Feb. 18**

**Doors open at 6 PM, Games start at 7 PM**

**You must be 19 years of age or older to play.**

**Come on out and have fun!**



## **LONG TERM RENTAL REQUIRED**

B.C. Govt Conservation Officer Service is looking for a long term rental house in Atlin for a second CO. Term between 3-5 years. Anyone wishing more info please contact

Tracy Walbauer [Tracy.walbauer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tracy.walbauer@gov.bc.ca) 250-638-6534

or

Cam [SchleyCameron.Schley@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SchleyCameron.Schley@gov.bc.ca) 250-847-7321

**TAKU RIVER TLINGIT FIRST NATION**  
*Human Resources*  
**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**POSITION:** Lands Engagement Officer  
**SUPERVISOR:** Lands, Resources and Fisheries Manager (Lands Manager) or designate  
**WAGE:** \$51,000 – \$62,000, dependent upon experience, knowledge and suitability  
**STATUS:** Full-Time Position with Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN) in Atlin, British Columbia  
**CLOSING DATE:** February 22, 2019

**POSITION SUMMARY**

TRTFN is seeking an experienced individual to join our Land Department team, to participate in the stewardship of its traditional territory, contributing to and being part of a respectful work environment. Reporting to the Lands Manager, the Lands Engagement Officer is responsible for effectively and efficiently implementing Land Use, Shared Decision Making and other agreements with Federal, Territorial and Provincial Governments, and other third parties.

Duties include: Review and assessment of applications for all resource related permits, including assisting with mining related applications in accordance with TRTFN policies, agreements and other related information. Organization of application related information in both hardcopy and digital formats, including the use of a spatial database.

**DUTIES, ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Implementing the Wóoshtin wudidaa - Atlin Taku Land Use Plan and the Wóoshtin Yan too.aat - Land and Resource Management, Shared Decision Making Agreement (G2G Agreement) and other agreements, future and current.
2. Working collaboratively with proponents in all resource sectors to build stable long-term relationships that reinforce responsible use of the land.
3. Facilitating TRTFN's decision making for all resource development activities in the TRTFN Territory.
4. Performing community engagement for TRTFN Lands and Resources Department.
5. Assisting with the TRTFN's Northern Territory (Yukon) ongoing traditional territory claim, as requested.
6. Acquire detailed knowledge of relevant files, agreements, treaties, legislation, policy and procedures and utilize this knowledge in delivery of services.
7. Provide appropriate and timely advice and exercise judgement in analysing information and making recommendations.
8. Participate in the development and implementation of departmental and team goals and workplans.
9. Professionally represent TRTFN to TRTFN Citizens, Atlin community, BC/Yukon Government and clients.
10. Identify, analyse, address and resolve issues, in potentially adversarial situations.
11. Efficiently manage time to complete and implement tasks and TRTFN mandate initiatives.
12. Establish networks, build and maintain rapport and productive working and professional relationships, for the benefit of TRTFN.
13. Cooperate with management and staff to ensure work and departmental priorities are met in a respectful and coordinated manner.
14. Contribute to ongoing improvement in organisational practices and procedures.
15. Other duties as directed and required.

**EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE**

Successful completion of four years' university degree in a relevant program such as government policy, political science, environmental studies; mining or communication or equivalent combination of education and work experience. Working experience with First Nations; regulatory bodies; government; environment resource development/mining is a strong asset. Skill sets: verbal and written communication; report writing; research; risk assessment; policy assessment and implementation; agreement writing; Computer skills: MS Office, Data-base; organization and project management.

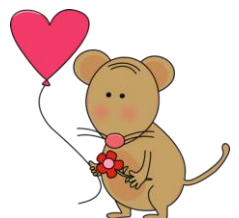
**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

- Class 5 driver's license
- Criminal Record Check
- Willingness to travel

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

To obtain a more detailed job description or to submit a resume contact: Admin Assistant at (250)651-7900, Email: [admin.reception@gov.trtfn.com](mailto:admin.reception@gov.trtfn.com) or mail to TRTFN · Box 132 · Atlin BC · V0W 1A0.

**We thank all those who apply but only those who are being considered will be contacted**





# TAKU RIVER TLINGIT FIRST NATION

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: **Land Guardian Program Coordinator**  
SUPERVISOR: Lands, Resources and Fisheries Manager (Lands Manager) or designate  
WAGE: \$51,000 – \$62,000, dependent upon experience, knowledge and suitability  
STATUS: Permanent Full-Time Position with Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN) in Atlin, British Columbia  
CLOSING DATE: February 22, 2019

### POSITION SUMMARY

The Land Guardian Program is a Tlingit Stewardship program that seeks to revitalize Tlingit practices, build capacity within Tlingit citizens, gather information to inform TRTFN decision makers, and to assert Tlingit authority within the Traditional Territory.

The LGP Coordinator is responsible for coordinating multiple aspects of the program, including day to day activities and implementation of the Program Strategic Plan. Day to day activities include building capacity with new staff, organizing training opportunities, developing work schedules for multiple staff (senior and auxiliary staff) to ensure workplans for respective projects

are implemented as well as accommodating changing opportunities that arise, coordinating projects with multiple partners, engaging community members, implementing safety procedures, supporting data management and report writing, etc. Implementation of the Strategic Plan includes ensuring that all day to day activities are moving the program towards achieving its vision and goals.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, subject to required approvals, policies and processes include:

1. Complete and implement Land Guardian Program Strategic Plan.
2. Develop and implement Land Guardian work plans.
3. Review and modify Land Guardian training manual.
4. Liaise with Land Guardian programs in neighbouring First Nations and coordinate joint activities where appropriate.
5. Supervise 1-5 staff members.
6. Provide training opportunities and develop training program for Land Guardians.
7. As required, provide information materials, presentations and updates to CDC, JCM meetings and TRTFN citizens.
8. Complete hiring and conduct performance evaluations with Land Guardians as appropriate.
9. Provide mentoring and capacity building opportunities for Land Guardians.
10. Work with other TRTFN departments to include Land Guardians in appropriate program delivery. (I.e. youth trips on the land).
11. Work with the Manager of Lands and Resources to better include Land Guardians in the implementation of the TRTFN Land Use Plan.
12. Development and submission of funding proposals to ensure continued and effective Land Guardian program delivery.

### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Grade 12 and experience working with First Nations required; education and/or training in project management, working with youth and backcountry skills an asset.
- Knowledge of TRTFN territory and experience on the land required.
- First Aid certification an asset.
- Knowledge of TRTFN social structure, traditions, stories and cultural values as asset.
- Strong organizational, communication and Microsoft Office skills an asset.

### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

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## Tuesday Morning LABWORK Schedule

Northern Health would like the Atlin Health Centre to change how we currently do our

**LAB WORK** clinics from a **drop-in basis** to a **scheduled clinic** on Tuesday mornings  
from 8:30-11:30 am.

We are looking for your input on changing to a new system.

1. The scheduling would likely be by appointment every 15 -20 minutes allowing the  
Nurses to see about 10-12 patients between 8:30 and 11:30 am every Tuesday morning.

**OR** we continue with

2. Drop-in between 8:30 – 11:30 am sometimes having to wait long periods if it is busy.

You call the Atlin Health centre at 250-651-7677, email

[helen.a.smith@northernhealth.ca](mailto:helen.a.smith@northernhealth.ca) or drop by the clinic to let us know your thoughts.

Thank-you!



### **ATTENTION!**

Atlin has received CALP funding to continue the "When I Was A Child" book series. If you are 65 years old or older and would like to participate please contact Trudy Ewing @ Northern Lights College 250-651-7762 or 250-651-0009. Every participant will receive a free hard cover book of their story. This project is for those living in Atlin both full time and part time. You do not have to be Canadian born to participate. Please contact Trudy if you have any questions. We would love to hear your stories.

### **STAKE HOLDERS MEETING**

Lakes District Maintenance is hosting a Stake holder meeting  
**Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

At the Atlin Rec center to discuss road maintenance  
in the Atlin area.

Everyone welcome to attend.



## More February Movies The Historic Globe Theatre



### Sunday **February 17:** Hidden Figures

Doors Open 6:30 Show Time 7:00 – 9:15 rated PG  
Starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monae directed by Theodore Melfi

Biographical Drama: *Tells the untold story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson – brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn, a stunning achievement that turned around the Space Race.*

### Sunday **February 24:** The Abyss

Doors Open 6:30 Show Time 7:00 – 9:30 rated PG-13  
Starring Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Michael Biehn, directed by James Cameron

Science Fiction-Thriller : *When a nuclear missile Sub mysteriously sinks, the Navy commandeers the crew of a civilian deep-sea oil rig to help in the rescue operation. This perilous mission becomes a wondrous odyssey into the unknown as forces from the ocean's deepest region begin to make contact with the divers.*

Sunday **March 3:** Hidalgo - Based on a True Story:

**Admission Donation**  
Concession items marked  
All proceeds go towards the heating bill

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This was the poem that Edith entered in a Poetry Institute of Canada contest and won first prize.

NORTHERN LIGHTS  
by Edith Nelson

With our Aurora Borealis bursting forth in all its glory  
Have you stood and watched the magic of our nights  
Have you gazed with rapt amazement like a dreamer with a vision  
Have you seen the phantom swishing of the lights.

Could it be a million moonbeams have gathered there together  
Waiting for the waning moon to grow perchance  
Could it be last summer's rainbows lost all patience with their arching  
And like mischief making fairies come to dance.

Or maybe a northland waterfall that man has never gazed on  
Would like to show its waters hidden lights  
Asked Old Father Sun to show it, lift it up in all its glory  
Project its colours on the curtains of the night.



Or maybe our summer sunbeams knew their dancing would be welcomed  
In the darkness of our winter's lingering nights  
Man will say there is no music, that in winter all is silence  
But I've heard the phantom swishing of the lights.

I have seen them gather round me as a mother bird when brooding  
Folds her wings to let her young ones nestle there  
I have watched them try to scare me with their swishing and their nearness  
Then go play hide and seek up in the air.

Oh, I know if summer sunshine could be with us all the seasons  
If our winters ice and cold would lose its might  
I for one would start complaining of eternal day and sunshine  
And I'd miss the daring dancing of the lights.

For when all the north is resting from the summer's growing season  
When the trees and seeds are blanketed with snow  
When the ice has tucked in waterfalls and rainbows are forgotten  
Then we need the magic mystery of the show.

See the capers of our rainbows dancing on the stairs to heaven  
Feel the nearness of a moonbeams magic flight  
Watch unveiling of a waterfall against a star decked curtain  
And hear the swishing of those phantom northern lights.



# NORTHERN HOMES REAL ESTATE



**First Street** 2500 sq.ft. basement entry home with 4 bedrooms, 24x24' garage, 60' shed for wood, quads or whatever you need, very private 2 acres. \$187,000

**Ruffner Bay** Stunning five-bedroom beautiful 4,000+ sqft home with two guest cottages and hangar. Lakefront, off the grid 24-acre parcel, no neighbors! \$1,499,000

**Green Street** Quiet three-bedroom 2,058 sq ft family home, quality built to code, one of the best shops in town on two acres. \$299,700

**Trond Gulch** In a pastoral setting this one-bedroom, 715 sqft off-the-grid home on 9.88 acres surrounded by Crown Land. Sauna and guest cabin. \$350,000

**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. \$198,500.

**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

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

**Lake Street** Beautiful three-bedroom, renovated to brand new, 3,500 sq.ft. lakeside home. Stunning lake and mountain views. Nothing between you and the lake! \$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 \$448,000

**Second Street** Shop with 60-amp service plus a 600 sq.ft. home (bachelor pad). Grab your tools and get to work right away! \$115,000

**Discovery** Single lot, 28x80, level, gravel, perfect for permanent RV, easy access on Discovery. \$20,000 **SOLD**

**Discovery** 3 adjoining lots, level, corner access **SOLD**

**First Street** Rare building site, 75x100', level and ready for you to develop. \$160,000. **SOLD**

**Second Street** Three adjoining lots totaling 90x100', great view of the lake. Second street level is estimated 7' higher than alley level. \$100,000

**Monarch Mountain** Beautiful 4 BR log home on 4.45 acres with a great panoramic view. \$399,900 **SOLD**

**Second Street** Two adjoining lots totaling 60x100', view property. \$50,000. **SOLD**

***HAPPY VALENTINES DAY***

**Call Myrna at (250) 775-1019**

[myrnablake1@gmail.com](mailto:myrnablake1@gmail.com)

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

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Are you enjoying the ski trails around town?

Why not support us by taking out a membership in the Atlin Ski Club: \$ 20 per person/year. This will help to defray the costs of fuel for snowmobile to set the classic XC tracks (loipes) and groom the skating track.

Money/cheques can be dropped off at Hein de Vries or Christian Bucher or mailed to PO Box 27 Atlin.

Thank you!



Eighteen teams competed in

**Atlin's 51st Gold Nugget Bonspiel.**

The Bob Smallwood team came out on top winning the A event over Pat Pasloski of Whitehorse. The Scott Odian team took the B event over Stuart Simpson. Chris McKay won the C over Pickled Beat from Dawson.

Big thanks to Glen Harper and his ice crew. The ice was awesome!

Big thanks also to Dennis Odian for his continuing success collecting prizes; The Concession Crew; The Bartenders; All that brought food to the banquet (It was great!); The set-up & clean-up crews, especially Janis Harper; The curlers; All our great sponsors & and to everyone else that made the weekend a success.

**Thank you to the 2019 Gold Nugget Bonspiel Sponsors:**

Yukon Yamaha, Territorial, Colin Carter, Chris & Sue Moser, Gail Hindbo, Odell Anderson, Brewery Bay Chalet, Grizzly Home Services, Food Basket, Wildwood, Scott Cole, Shirley McKenzie, Pine Tree Services, Lynn Turnbull, Al Neigel, Kilrich, Hurlburt Enterprises, Al Mytrash, Lynne Phipps, Yukon Honda, North of 60, Seasons, Yukon Brewery, Sports Lodge, Polaris, Murdoch's, Canadian Tire, Bobs Contracting, Listers, Glen & Janis Harper, Jane Curry, ATELP, Klondike Motors, Margaret Newell, Metro Chrysler, Skip Hale

50/50 won by Helen Smith \$465.00

Hog Rock - Clifford Johns

Gold Nugget Pendant - Clifford Johns

Draw to the Button, Gold Nugget to Chris McKay

**THANK YOU EVERYONE**

Lynn Turnbull



**RICK SWARD  
&  
ROXX HUNTER  
&  
Friends**



**in the  
Rec Centre Lounge**

**Saturday February 16 @ 8 pm**



**The Atlin Whisper Digital Version**  
is on **What's Up Yukon's** Website  
**Atlin, BC Stories and Events**  
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Follow us... 




With winter coming we would like to remind everyone to please keep their driveways well plowed and pathways to water fills shovelled and clear of debris.

**If your driveway is not clear for the water or sewer truck to use safely and he has to chain up a fee will be added to your invoice.**

**Please also note that calls for same day water delivery service throughout the winter must be received no later than 11 a.m. of said day. Thank you!**

Our mailing address is Box 318, Atlin BC V0W 1A0  
You can also email us at [grizzlyhomeservices@gmail.com](mailto:grizzlyhomeservices@gmail.com)  
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*With thanks, Dana and Mary Hammond*



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**"My Well-Earned Treat"**  
by Jeff Salmon



On a recent Winter morning when the snowfall tapered to flurries, I headed outside to shovel snow from the front walkway.

Clouds drifted apart allowing sunshine through to cheer the day and create a sparkling pristine landscape like icing on a cake.

In an hour of hard shoveling the path was clear and I was back inside putting up a pot of tea to have with my neighbor's homemade raisin bread.

As I sat at the kitchen table, my dog Cinnamon was curled up on the floor by my feet. She enjoyed a treat of her favorite biscuits while I savored my well-earned treat.



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**St. Martin's  
Anglican Church**  
10 a.m. Sunday

**Everyone  
Welcome**

**Atlin Christian  
Centre**

Affiliated with the  
Pentecostal Assemblies of  
Canada

**Services Sunday 10:30  
a.m.**  
Come join us!

*Prayers are tools not for doing or  
getting but for being and  
becoming.*

*Eugene Peterson*

**The next Whisper is Wednesday, February 27th.**  
**Submissions are due no later than Sunday 9pm February 24th.**

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**Classifieds, news, upcoming events Contact 1-250-651-7861 or [lynnephipps@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnephipps@hotmail.com) if you have, pictures or articles you would like to submit.**

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