



SELKIRK FIRST NATION



Hó Ney Ra

small stories



Inye dóhúch'í (how are you)

Greetings from Council

Spring has arrived early and we hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather. We can now enjoy longer days. Summer is coming.

During this time of year, SFN, along with most governments across the country, is looking forward and planning for the next fiscal year (April 1 – March 31 for SFN). One of our key roles as your Council is to review departmental budgets with staff and also make sure we are using our resources in the best way possible to serve our Citizens. As a Council we want to be fiscally responsible and while doing this, we continue to focus on our priorities – **Land, People, Community.**

Our role as Council also involves representing our First Nation at various tables such as the Intergovernmental Forum (IGF), which includes all Yukon First Nations Chiefs, CYFN, Canada's minister of CIRNAC, Carolyn Bennett and Government of Yukon, Premier Sandy

Silver. On April 26 an IGF was held in Whitehorse, I addressed the delegates on the housing issue with the goal to raise awareness with Canada's Minister. I spoke about the housing shortage; the challenges that we face; and the importance of having programs that are more geared towards the North and our unique circumstance. We hope that Canada changes their approach when it comes to housing programs for the North.

As you will read in this bulletin, Capital has been busy moving the housing file as well as other files forward.

Spring brings renewed energy as we, together, continue to work towards improving the lives of our Citizens.

We want to thank all those who participated in the naming contest for our bi-monthly bulletin. Congratulations to Jerry Alfred for winning the naming contest.

Mussi



Chief and Council welcomed three Maasai delegates. The Maasai are a Nilotic ethnic group inhabiting northern, central and southern Kenya and northern Tanzania.

Read more about it in the SFN's Spring/Summer Newsletter coming out in June/July





ROADWAY SIGNS

In Winter 2017, we worked with youth and other community members to identify all the roads in Pelly and give them both English and Northern Tutchone names. These names have now been approved and Government of Yukon will be installing roadway signs this summer.

Thank you for your participation in the process! Your input fueled this project and we hope you are happy with the names.

JON RA WATER EXTENSION

Piped water is coming to Jon Ra! This new service will eliminate the need for filling up water tanks, dealing with winter challenges, and worrying about tank maintenance. Construction will begin in 2020. Before we can begin construction, we have a lot to do: detailed design, alignment grubbing, funding confirmation, and selection of a contractor.

HOUSING

A workshop was held in February to work on specific house designs for Selkirk First Nation. Input from the workshop was used to create new designs that will be used to build new homes this year.

There will be more opportunities to get involved in developing housing strategies in the coming months.

HOUSING FAIR

SFN held a housing fair on May 1st and share what was heard during the Housing Strategy consultation sessions held in November. Citizens got to see three new house designs that will be used to build new homes soon.

COMMUNITY SIGN

Capital with Stantec is creating a “Welcome to Pelly Crossing”. During the Housing Fair, Citizens and residents were invited to share their ideas of what the sign could look like. With the input of Citizens and residents, Stantec can develop a design that truly represents the spirit of Pelly Crossing and the people that live there.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES

Big changes are happening at the Taraw Water Treatment Plant. Upgrades include: replacing temporary piping, making the trucking-filling process easier for operators, a new reservoir, updated pumps, and a new boiler. Design is currently ongoing with the hopes to secure funding this spring and construction by winter.

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**THE LANGUAGE &
CULTURE HOUSE**

**at the Old
Community Hall is
now open
daily from 1:00
to 5:00 pm**

**(unless Elders are
unavailable)**

1:00 - 2:00 pm
language lessons (for all)

2:00 - 3:30 pm
language recording

3:30 - 5:00 pm
language lessons (for all)

*Storytelling, snacks,
coffee/tea and lots of
laughs*

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