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# A message from Chief Sharon Nelson

Inye dóhúch'i (*how are you*)

**C**hristmas is fast approaching. The holiday season offers an opportunity for family and friends to gather and spend time together. During the Christmas holidays, SFN will be delivering various events for children and family-oriented activities from December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>. For your safety, Community Safety Officers will be hired to patrol the community throughout the holidays. In the spirit of the season, Council sends to you and your family best wishes for the holidays and all the best in the New Year.

Summer and Fall has come and gone so quickly this year. I hope you all had some time to enjoy the beauty of our land, the Yukon, family and friends. In August, we had the pleasure of holding our Annual General Assembly (GA) at Minto Landing. It has been quite a few years since we hosted a GA at Minto. Citizens were happy to be there and enjoyed the three days of meetings and entertainment. An Annual report was presented, including highlights from each department for the past year. I encourage you to contact our communications office and ask for a copy if you missed the GA.

The GA passed a resolution for our Selkirk First Nation government to develop a comprehensive



training strategy, that will take into consideration the needs of our Citizens, government and the private sector in our Traditional Territory. This is not the first time a GA has expressed the importance of offering training to our Citizens. We are going to develop a comprehensive plan incorporating Trades, Post Secondary as well as other training opportunities. We encourage Citizens to come out and attend meetings on this important subject and help us define this plan. We believe the key to our Government's success lies in the education and training of our Citizens.

We launched an employment and training project this summer which included community beautification, on-the-land, and garden/greenhouse project. In

addition to this, workshops were brought in to provide employees with new skills. It was nice to see employees interacting with each other, learning, and contributing to the community. This is a good start, but we can do more. SFN will be supporting an employment and training program to create seasonal employment opportunities for Selkirk First Nation Citizens.

Also, during the GA, the Capital Department presented a comprehensive report on results of housing and infrastructure assessments, Community Land Use Planning and the draft Capital Plan. In addition, Capital continues to work on a Housing Strategy. We realize there was a lot of information provided during the GA and there is a need for regular

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updates on key Capital files. Rest assured, we will provide you with information on these important matters through the newsletter, our website and Citizen engagement.

We have begun work on Community Safety and Wellness planning. Council received a report on the first Phase of Community Safety and Wellness planning. The next steps involve establishing a Justice Committee to implement the Justice Council, a Safety Patrol

Officer Training Program, reviewing the Health and Wellness Programs and making changes to meet the needs of Citizens. The next phase will involve looking at the SFN government and community to identify safety concerns and draft a plan to engage other government's in partnering for solutions. Again, we encourage Citizens to participate in upcoming meetings on this subject. We need your input. Together, we can create a healthy community.

Our government's focus continues to be on the People, Land and Community.

We believe the way forward is to work on plans with the Citizens. Planning involves taking a good look at our current situation; identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; and then identifying our priorities and charting a course to address them.

Mussi Cho  
*Chief Sharon Nelson*



# Council highlights

## Mineral Exploration

Chief Nelson and Councillors, George McGinty and Milly Johnson, visited the exploration sites of the proposed Triumph Gold mine.

Triumph Gold's Freegold Mountain Project is located approximately 70 km northwest of Carmacks within the Dawson Range in SFN's traditional territory. The Dawson Range is also host to GoldCorp's Coffee deposit and Casino's Copper deposit. Triumph Gold recognizes that they are partly located in Traditional Territory of SFN and would like to discuss entering into an exploration agreement. Council needs to consider this further.

Council also toured Goldstrike Resources' Plateau project east of Mayo. Newmont, one of the world's largest gold producers, has agreed to invest \$53 million with Goldstrike Resources to develop its flagship Plateau property. Newmont has completed the 2018 exploration program and the results will be released when all assays have been compiled and interpreted by Goldstrike and Newmont. SFN will continue to monitor developments on the project. Newmont committed to meet with SFN, post this exploration season, to discuss their findings and future plans.

## Council for Yukon First Nations

In June, the Council of Yukon First Nations' General Assembly was held in Mayo. Attendees: Chief Nelson, Elder Emma Alfred, Elder Danny Joe, Robert Joe, Youth Councillor Morris Morrison, Councillors Dean Gill, George McGinty and Elder Councillor Milly Johnson.

CYFN is leading a political campaign to get the federal government to forgive the loans given to Yukon First Nations when they were negotiating their agreements. SFN has sent a letter to the Honorable Minister Carolyn Bennet and is asking for full reimbursement of the modern treaty negotiation loans that were repaid by SFN.

CYFN is establishing an Elders Council and a Youth Council and Selkirk First Nation is very proud to announce that SFN Citizen and Youth Councillor Morris Morrison has been selected to represent Youth at the CYFN Leadership table. Congratulations Morris!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief's Summit

Following the CYFN's AGA, the Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief, Kluane Adamek, hosted the

1<sup>st</sup> AFN Regional Chief's Summit in Mayo. The AFN Yukon region works with all 14 Yukon First Nations to support advancing First Nations' interests at a national level. The purpose of the summit was to formalize the modernization of the regional office by establishing rules and procedures.

## Mental Wellness Hub Office in Carmacks

Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services provides a wide range of services in all Yukon communities. The Carmacks office is a hub, providing specialist services to Pelly Crossing, Ross River and Faro.

The Carmacks office will be staffed with:

- Mental Wellness and Substance Use Counsellor
- Clinical Counsellor
- Mental Health Nurse
- Two Child and Youth Counsellors

Chief Nelson and Chief Blackjack had a preliminary meeting with Minister Frost to discuss working together on the programs offered by the hub as both of our communities are experiencing similar needs.

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**AFN RECOGNISING YUKON WOMEN LEADERS (PHOTO) AFN SUMMIT JUNE 2018.**

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CHIEF SHARON NELSON, FORMER REGIONAL CHIEF MARY JANE JIM, FORMER GRAND CHIEF RUTH MASSIE, CHIEF DORIS BILL, CHIEF ROBERTA JOSEPH, REGIONAL CHIEF KLUANE ADAMEK, FORMER GRAND CHIEF AND YUKON COMMISSIONER JUDY GINGELL, CHIEF KRISTINA KANE AND MINISTER JEANIE DENDYS.

## Infrastructure

Council met with the Yukon Government representative to discuss SFN's infrastructure priorities for the next 3 years. Since the Yukon Government receives infrastructure funds from the federal government, YG is asking communities for their priorities. This is to ensure that YG allocates the money in a way that reflects these priorities. SFN informed YG of the development of the 10-year Capital Plan, the Community Land Use Plan and the Asset Assessment. These important plans will guide our government in prioritising our infrastructure needs.

## Granite Canyon

SFN received a letter from the Yukon Government confirming the relinquishment of Granite Canyon as a potential hydro-electric and water storage site. We will continue to work with YG through the formal process of identifying flood areas that also need to be relinquished.

## Minto Mine

Capstone Mining Corp. announced on October 11 that they were suspending mining and milling activity and are placing the Minto Mine into temporary care and maintenance. Capstone

also indicated that Pembridge Resources has elected to terminate their agreement for the sale of the Minto Mine.

Council has had discussions with the SFN Lands Department, Capstone, Yukon Government, Selkirk Development Corp. and Pembridge about the future of the mine. In the short term, the focus will be on environmental monitoring during this care and maintenance phase. SFN is hopeful that the Water Board will make their requirements clear to Capstone for the care and maintenance. In the long-term Council has asked Capstone to

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**CHIEF NELSON AND COUNCILLORS MORRISON AND GILL LISTEN TO AFN YUKON REGIONAL CHIEF ADAMEK**

### **Council highlights**

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involve us in getting to know any future prospective buyers.

The temporary closure of the mine will have an economic impact on the territory and on our community. The closure has affected approximately 11 Selkirk Citizens and has also affected some businesses owned by Citizens.

### **Yukon Forum**

The Yukon Forum is a meeting between leaders of Yukon First Nations, Yukon Government and the Council of Yukon First Nations. It takes place 4 times a year. The goal of the Yukon Forum is to build strong government-to-government relations and collaborate on shared priorities.

Yukon's Premier, Cabinet members and First Nations Chiefs met in September, at the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall for the third Yukon Forum of 2018.

This meeting marks one year of implementing the Joint Action Plan of the Yukon Forum. Leaders received updates on the progress of several joint working groups including child welfare, fish and wildlife, and land use planning.

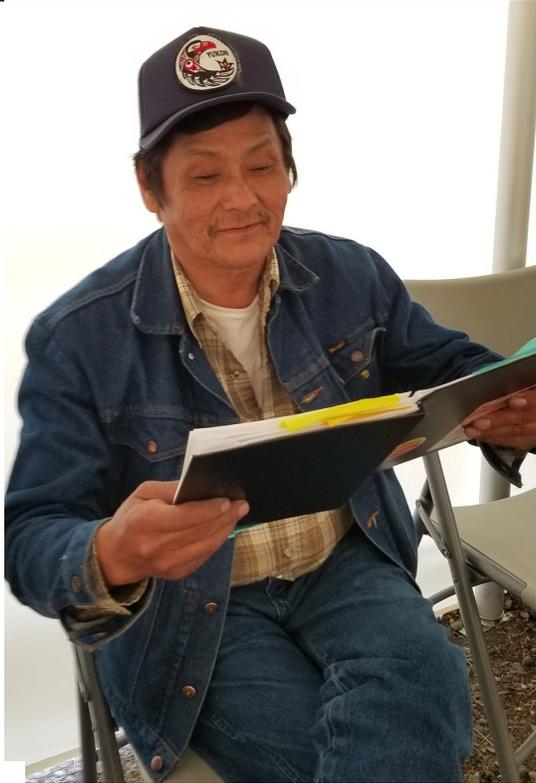
The leaders also received an update on the Yukon Tourism Development Strategy that was developed with input from First Nations as part of a comprehensive engagement process and will soon go out to the public for comment.

They also discussed how to be more strategic and focused in presenting one Yukon voice to federal Ministers to advance joint priorities. We are discussing challenging issues and are working together to identify areas for further collaboration.





# 2018 SELKIRK FIRST NATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY



## ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (AGA)

The SFN AGA took place on August 3-5, 2018.

The assembly affirmed the receipt of the audited Financial Statements for the Selkirk First Nation and its companies as per Section 7.9.1 of the SFN Constitution.

A Resolution Committee was established.

There were six (6) resolutions passed at the General Assembly. They are as follows:

- ✓ **Ratification of the General Assembly Chair**
- ✓ **Affirm receipt of the SFN Audited Financial Statements**
- ✓ **Ratification of the Selection of Auditor for the ensuing year**
- ✓ **Affirm receipt of the Selkirk Development Corporation Audited Financial Statements**
- ✓ **Strengthening our Citizens through Post-Secondary and Trades Education**
- ✓ **R6A Working Group Extension**

# Department Updates

## GOVERNANCE

*The Selkirk First Nation Governance Department is responsible for advising and supporting SFN governing bodies, other departments and committees, providing communication, special event coordination and enrollment services.*

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## New Enrollment Cards

The Enrollment Office is issuing new enrollment cards. The purpose of the card is to verify that the card holder is a beneficiary of the Selkirk First Nation and entitled to all rights and benefits outlined in the SFN Final and Self Government Agreements. If you are unable to see Jerry in his office, please send a passport size photo stamped for certification and notarized to the Enrollment Officer [alfredjerry@selkirkfn.com](mailto:alfredjerry@selkirkfn.com).

## Bill S-3 and the Collaborative Process on Indian Registration, Band Membership and First Nation Citizenship

Bill S-3, *An Act to amend the Indian Act in response to the Superior Court of Quebec decision in Descheneaux c. Canada (Procureur général)* received royal assent on December 12, 2017, and parts of it came into force on December 22, 2017. This includes immediately extending entitlement to Indian status to individuals affected by inequities relating to the different treatment of cousins, siblings or minors who were omitted from historic lists. Further amendments will come into force at a later date, once consultations on how best to implement these changes are completed. These further amendments will extend status under subsection 6(1) of the Indian Act, to descendants of women who were removed from band lists or not considered Indian due to marriage to a non-Indian man going back to 1869.

Canada has 6 months to begin consultations on issues related to Indian Registration

The Minister must report back to Parliament in three instances:

1. On the design of the consultations
2. What was heard through the consultation process
3. Review of the registration provisions of the *Indian Act* to determine if all sex-based inequities have been addressed.

## Next Steps:

- During the Collaborative Process, the Government will be consulting on the implementation of the removal of the 1951 cut-off (i.e. how it is to be put in place) along with a number of other issues
- When the Collaborative Process is done, an implementation plan will be prepared and the process will begin to bring the remaining clauses of Bill S-3 into force

The Minister's Special Representative will be in Pelly to provide background information and raise awareness of the impact of Bill S-3 on Citizens in the new year.

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## Department updates

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For more information, please contact the SFN Enrollment Officer.

### Implementation

Diana Dawson, is now the Implementation Manager, and has been busy decoding acronyms and getting acquainted with the Implementation Working Group (IWG). The IWG consists of representatives from Self-Governing First Nations (SGFN's), Government of Canada and Yukon. Each year, the group produces a work-plan to resolve issues surrounding the Final and Self-Government Agreement Implementation.

There is a lot of information to review to get up to speed on all the files which includes collaborating with Chief and Council and other government staff to identify and help advance SFN's priorities.

Upcoming activities will include, conducting research and analysis into Self-Government Implementation issues, liaising with the Enrollment Office and liaising with the Communications Office to promote awareness and understanding of the Agreements in the community.

### Employment Skills Project

Selkirk First Nation is the largest employer in the community. This year, a new initiative was launched called the Employment Skills Project. This was a Council initiative with a strategic objective of creating seasonal employment opportunities and skill-based

training for Citizens. Wrapping up at the end of October, it started with approximately 40 Citizens, 27 of whom completed the project.

Congratulations to all the employees who participated. Jobs are at the heart of economic growth. Earning a steady pay cheque allows employees to improve their financial health.

### Mediation and Conflict Resolution

The ACHIEVE Centre facilitated a 2-day workshop for SFN staff in Pelly Crossing. The skills-based workshop is designed to give participants the tools to work with disputing parties to clarify misunderstandings, identify interests and work towards options for resolving the conflict.

### Respectful Indigenous Workplace

This workshop was facilitated by Social Innovation Consulting and focused on the quality of workplace relationships and the impact of these relationships on effectiveness and job satisfaction. Approximately 40 staff from the Employment Skills Project took part in this workshop. SFN staff will be receiving this training as well in January 2019.

### Elders Council and Family Heads

The Elders meet regularly and has reviewed the Yukon (YG) Liquor Act. YG made significant amendments to the Liquor Act. They went much farther than the

Selkirk First Nation Liquor Act. The penalty is now \$25,000 for bootlegging.

The SFN Justice Coordinator explained to the Elders the history of the SFN Justice Council. The original Justice Council was established in the 1990's. It has not been active for some time. The future Justice Council will deal with mediation and disputes. It will have the authority to settle disputes and look at the full extent of the law to help people. The first step is to establish a working group to set up the Justice Council. It will require a lot of research.

Brian Mercer gave a presentation to the Elders on the restoration of salmon habitat on the Tay River. The river is about 150 kilometers upstream from Pelly Crossing. It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest tributary of the Pelly River.

The Elder's also received a Safer Communities and Neighborhoods Presentation also known as SCAN. (For more information on SCAN see page 37.)

Finance Director, Judy Chen, presented to the Elders. Each department makes their workplan based on SFN's Strategic Priorities and then present their draft budgets to the Chief and Council for approval. The Finance Director explained that SFN gets its revenue from the Financial Transfer Agreements, GST revenue, PIT revenue (personal income tax based on people living on settlement land), bank interest income and other contribution agreements.

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## COMMITTEES

### R-6A Working Group

The R-6A Working Group was established a 2017 General Assembly Resolution. Their mandate is to work with Council to consider the exploration and possible development of the mineral potential of R-6A and report back to Citizens. At the 2018 General Assembly, the term of the R-6A Working Group was extended to the next General Assembly.

### Education Committee

The Education Committee is responsible for the Implementation of the Post-Secondary Student Support Policy and has the ability and authority to review and recommend student applications for funding. The Committee will also be tasked with developing a comprehensive strategy to advance the skills and knowledge of our Citizens through post-secondary and trades education as directed by resolution 5 adopted at the 2018 General Assembly.

### Fort Selkirk Management Committee

This is a joint committee with Yukon Government. The draft Fort Selkirk Historic Site Management Plan was presented in Whitehorse and Pelly Crossing for review and discussion on October 23

and 24, 2018. Visit the websites [www.selkirkfn.com](http://www.selkirkfn.com) and [www.yukonheritage.com](http://www.yukonheritage.com) for more information.

### Justice Committee

The Justice committee is an advisory committee to Council with a mandate to, in collaboration with the Elders Council, establish the SFN Justice Council as defined in Section 11 of the SFN Constitution. SFN is seeking Citizens to put their name forward to sit on this committee.

### Enrollment Committee

This committee has been reviewing new applications. Once applications are approved the applicants are added to the Citizenship list. The committee is researching the impacts of Bill S-3 and also planning work on an Enrollment Act.

### Want to get involved and become a committee member?

The Constitution is clear about the importance of all Citizens being involved in our government to help shape our future through respectful dialogue and contribution. Submit your application and resume and tell us what interests you. Committee Applications are available at [www.selkirkfn.com](http://www.selkirkfn.com).

## Selkirk First Nation Council is looking to recruit 5 Citizens to sit on the Justice Committee

The Committee will explore our traditional laws and our history. This important work will form the basis of the mandate for the Selkirk First Nation Justice Council, as defined in Section 11.0 of our Constitution.

The committee will receive training and orientation on previous Justice Council. The primary function is to research other Justice Councils, and Justice Programs, and hold consultation with Citizens.

Term: One year or until completion of the work.

For further information: Contact Lois Joe – 867 537 3331.

[justicecoordinator@selkirkfn.com](mailto:justicecoordinator@selkirkfn.com)

## COMMUNICATIONS



### ***April Baker*** **SFN Communications Officer**

April Baker is now SFN's Communications Officer. April graduated with Honors from the Multimedia Communication Program at Yukon College in 2013. This program has given her the professional skills needed to produce our newsletter, among other communication tasks. Having worked in this position in the past, she is familiar with Selkirk First Nation's Communications Guidelines and Procedures. In her role as the Communications Officer, April provide communications support to SFN. Any community member or staff can suggest ideas for stories or inclusions in the newsletter.

For those of you who are not familiar with April, she grew up in Pelly Crossing most of her life, but also: Tagish, Carcross, Whitehorse and Dawson. April is a member of the Crow Clan and her Ancestors come from Fort Selkirk,

Moose Hide, Lake Laberge, Tagish, Angoon, AK, and Ireland. As April says "I am Northern Tutchone/ Hän, Tagish/Tlingit and Southern Tutchone/Irish - which makes me a Heinz 57! - Just Kidding!" April's parents are Audrey (Johnson) and Richard Baker. Her grandparents are Elsie (Baum) and Charlie Johnson, and Mable (Sydney) and John Baker.

"I was born into a rich culture of the Tagish and Tlingit people and was taught well by my great-grandmother Mrs. Angela Sydney. I grew up in another rich culture of the Northern Tutchone people and was taught well by my grandparents, among many others."

April is a loving mother to three beautiful children, her late son, Raine-Andrew, her son, River and her daughter, Ocean. "I enjoy family time, especially at fish camp where I can share my culture and heritage with my children."

April is a member of the Tagish Nation Dancers and the Selkirk Spirit Dancers and she loves to stick gamble! April's main focus has been on healing herself, as well as her family and community. "I will do my best to serve you well as long as I am in this office or a part of our government."

Welcome aboard April! For those of you wanting to submit articles please send to [communications@selkirkfn.com](mailto:communications@selkirkfn.com) and remember to include your contact information: name, telephone number and email address.



## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM 2018

The Selkirk First Nation Employment and Training Program ran from May 14<sup>th</sup> for a duration of six months. The project consisted of a Project Manager, Greenhouse/Garden Supervisor and Greenhouse/Garden Instructor along with a crew of

10, Beautification Supervisor with a crew of 15, and On the Land Supervisor with a crew of 15.

The purpose of the project was to create seasonal employment opportunities and skill-based training to enhance self-esteem,

increase pride and wellbeing of the community. The Old Community Hall was the meeting place for employees to punch in and grab their morning coffees. This created a feeling of togetherness, built meaningful relationships and a sense of family for the work crews.



### The following projects were delivered:

- Greenhouse, garden seeding, planting, maintaining and harvesting
- Garden crew participation in weekly teachings from Instructor Kathy Kruse
- Wild harvesting for traditional medicines
- Canning, pickling
- Highway brush clearing
- Maintain Pelly River Campground area.
- Build flower boxes for the community green spaces.
- Maintain Pelly Crossing Riverfront Park
- Assist Elders with yard maintenance.
- Fire smart safety clearing in the community.

- Cleanup and small repairs to Minto Landing for hosting special events.
- Elder's fish camp brush clearing
- Youth Centre brush clearing
- Building bat houses for on-the land cabins
- Community cleanup – garbage, brush, hazardous materials, debris.
- Minto Resorts camp site cleanup.
- Building fences for Mica Creek Cemetery
- Planted 25 Mayday trees
- Cutting, chopping, and stacking Elders wood





*On behalf of the project, we would like to thank the following individuals who were part of the program planning and development:*

**Sandra Roach** for her hard work and dedication to the project and the Selkirk people with the development of the overall project deliverables and outcomes. Thank you, Sandra! Your vision for the wellness of our people is much appreciated.

**Chief and Council** for the support and encouragement throughout the whole project.

**Lori Sims** for her hard work and valuable mentoring skills to the Project Manager and Supervisors at the beginning phases of the project, Thank you Lori

**Kathy Kruse** for her treasured knowledge with growing, maintaining, and harvesting food and the teachings as a Garden

Instructor, Thank you Kathy ☺

“As the Project Manager of the Employment Skills Program, I would like to send my heartfelt and sincere gratitude to the three Supervisors: Marie Harper, Jean VanBibber, and Calvin Menzi.

Thank you for sticking in there when times got tough and cruising through the good times with a positive attitude. You were always in good spirits no matter what we were all going through in our personal lives.

Most importantly and above all, thank you to ‘The Crew’ you all did an excellent job! Without you, we wouldn’t have had the opportunity to experience we did and to start and complete

a meaningful project with so much laughter & positive energy! Even when some of you were going through tough times and needed a break away, you always returned with the determination to keep going, for that I would like to thank you. ☺ Please know that you served your community well and all the hard work and leadership you all contributed shows.

*The project was a wonderful success! Thanks to all those who made it possible!”*

Mussi Cho  
Jessica Alfred  
Employment and Training  
Project Manager

# Health and Social Programs

## Home and Community Care

The Home and Community Care Program Coordinator would like to welcome to the team: Keisha, Cho-Khyaia, Kala and Rebecca. Their duties are to deliver meals on wheels, provide service and care to SFN Elders living in Pelly. Meals on wheels is delivered only to SFN Elders who are 65+ years old.

The hot lunch started October 22<sup>nd</sup> with Karen Roberts and Stephanie Stewart as the cooks. Anyone is welcome to the hot lunch at \$3.00/ lunch, NO charge-ups. Parents are encouraged to eat lunch with their children. All lunches are free for EVBS students.

## The Wellness Team

Milly, Carmen, Oprah and Angell. They are responsible for enrolling interested people into treatment programs, providing aftercare assistance and hosting community wellness events/activities and workshops for all. Wellness activities include: sewing, knitting, cooking, breathing techniques and circle talks at the Wellness House evenings on weekdays. Watch for postings or ask for a calendar.

The Wellness Program sponsored Healer Robert Beaulieu to come to the community. Robert did a Healing Ceremony in the community and met with community members regarding

healing sessions and one-on-one sessions.

## Wellness Program Highlights

The Wellness program sponsors SFN Citizens' healthy grieving at Hospice Yukon. The Program also supports families and individuals regarding court matters and counselling in Whitehorse and Pelly. Nathan Shultz from Mental Health Services in Carmacks and Cory Rusnik from Alcohol and Drugs Services (ADS) offers counselling. Programs are usually covered by Health Canada. SFN covers Citizens who are dealing with justice matters and want to work towards positive changes.

The Wellness Program sponsors dinner gatherings for families who have lost loved ones. In July, a dinner gathering & acknowledgement was held in Ft. Selkirk for the Edwards family. Thank you to those who helped make this a success.

**There will be a Tatlamun Winter Program** in February pending on weather. This Program gets people out on the land.

### Metamorphosis Change

Management has been contracted to prepare a report with respect to the development of a community safety plan and wellness strategy. Lyla O'Connor and Gina Nagano will be working with the Health and Social Department on this.

## Wellness Coordinator Message

"It has been a tough two years for myself & family with the on-going grieving and court matters for the loss of our beloved, nephew, son, cousin. I pray that our community continues to move forward and make a positive future for our young ones.

We still need to continue support the families with their loss, and support the ones who truly needs it, support the ones who are struggling, and **families need to pull together and start supporting their families. I thank and honor the ones who are making positive changes, it is a struggle, and challenging, but remember your family loves you.**"  
~ Milly Johnson

## Strategic Resiliency Training

Carmen, Oprah and Angell have been participating in the Strategic Resilience for First Nations Communities Program (SRFNCP), along with other First Nations' community wellness workers. The SRFNCP consists of four modules of various training on First Nation wellness. They hosted the last one in Ft. Selkirk. They learned how to begin a healing journey working with energies.

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The SRFNCP is based out of Langara College, in Vancouver, BC. The program gave them tools on how to cope with post-traumatic stress. It was originally designed for emergency measures teams around Canada. Then later introduced as a First Nations perspective for community front-line workers. They completed the course and went to another training called Peer Leadership hosted by CAFN in the beginning of November.

Carmen, Oprah and Angell also have their ASSIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) certificate and Mental Health First Aid.

Oprah said, “Starting with the right support listening to each person’s story with compassion. Then helping the person create and implement a plan that meets them where they are now and show them steps to move forward and supporting them with educational and emotional resources. By helping each person one by one, SFN will ignite hope, restore confidence and strengthen job skills and capacity within the community.”

## Wellness Fair

Service Canada and Revenue Canada attended the Wellness Fair in Pelly Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. SFN Citizens were welcome to set-up online accounts to better access forms and sort out their paperwork, such as: Child care funds, Old Age Security, Pensions and income tax. Other presenters

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~ Milly Johnson

were: Blood Ties Four Direction – sexual health awareness, drug abuse risk, cancer awareness; Healthy Families, YG and the Health nurse was offering flu shots.

## The Indian Residential School (IRS)/Homelessness Coordinator (HC)

Lena has attended a three-day training on Mental Health First Aid which she highly recommends. The IRS/HC helps young families on housing issues and can also help Citizens with applications for programs, pension, tax issues, child benefits, and their Pioneer Utility Grant. This service is provided twice a year and much appreciated by the Citizens. Also, provides reports to Health Canada.

SFN Citizens with counselling requirements or in need of assistance with children’s medical, dental and travel through NIHB can get assistance by calling 334-1014

Future activities: The Carcross/Tagish First Nation is hosting a Chootla School Closing Ceremony; the dates have not yet been determined. Continue to work with Lands, Heritage and Resources.

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**DEREK EDWARDS MEMORIAL  
GATHERING IN FT. SELKIRK**



STRATEGIC RESILIENCE FOR FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, GRADUATION IN FT. SELKIRK SEPTEMBER 2018

## Health and Social Programs

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Chief and Council and the Elders on finding a site to set up easy access cultural camp. This camp will benefit our children and future generations.

### Social Assistance (SA)

The Social Assistance Program was closed for the summer (May to October), as it is every summer. This year clients participated in the Employment Skills Project.

Wood contracts are back up for Elders and single parents. We need more wood cutters. Pick up an

#### Future events

**Women's canoe trip 2019. Journey to Dawson City with workshops on the way with facilitator.**

application at the office.

The SA office will be closed December 20, 2018 and will reopen January 7, 2019.

#### Parent Capacity

SFN hosted four Handle with Care and Mother Goose parenting groups. Sadly, these had little attendance. YG Healthy Families Worker, Candice Silas, also partnered with us to host a parent group. Attendance was better for these groups, with 5-8 families coming out and enjoying a dinner, crafts and conversations around parenting.

There was also a successful blueberry picking trip with parents and grandparents to the Top of the World highway, six families came along and picked berries to take home. We found a couple good honey spots for next year.

The Father and Child hunting trips are to encourage fathers to take their children out on the

land and spend some quality time with them. We always have good participation in this event. This year, 17 fathers signed up.

National Family Week: Family photo shoots and the family bonfire were a success.

YG has hired a new Healthy Families worker in Carmacks and she was introduced at the Wellness Fair. We are planning to have regular parent groups with her.

### Health and Social Director

The H. Pylori Project was completed as of March 31/18. If there are others that want to get tested, you can see the Pelly Health Centre. Health and Social is interested in partnering with the University of Edmonton for further work on H. Pylori.

The SFN Health & Social Department partnered with

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Yukon's department of Health on a Cancer Research project. This Project involves all Yukon First Nations and is run through the Yukon Medical Officer's Department. The lead person is Spencer Edelman. Spencer was involved in cancer research with CYFN in the past. The project will start soon.

This project will be the first of its kind. There are no real figures for Yukon FN's and cancer. The past projects included all Yukoners and was not broken down into ethnic groups. Yukon FNs are interested in doing this to determine the real numbers on losses and people surviving the disease. The H&S Director or designated person is the SFN representative for this project.

The Health and Social Director also represents SFN at the Yukon Health Commission table. Along with all other Yukon First Nations, the commission table meets at least six times a year and deals with many items including First Nations child welfare.

First Nation Child Welfare is a priority for Yukon First Nations. CYFN, YG Family and Children Services and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) are working together. The federal government wants to make big changes to this area. Currently, YG has the mandate for child welfare in the Yukon. First Nations have formed a partnership to meet and discuss the matters relating to making changes here in the Yukon.

Selkirk First Nation is researching custom adoption again this year. This project is looking into Selkirk's history of children. Susie Kushner has been contracted to work with grandmothers in the community. This is to capture the traditional knowledge around child care and will bring guidance as to how we take care of children and keep children out of the care of Yukon Government's department of Social Services.

Selkirk First Nation is considering all possibilities available to defend the rights of our children, including options available under our Agreements. SFN'S Health and Social Department is looking for your support as we advocate for better child welfare. Look for postings in the future for further community dialogue.

The Home and Community care program is next on the table of the federal government. It is important for SFN to be involved, to advance discussions in the community on Homecare.

Lyla O'Connor, from Metamorphosis Change Management was hired to assist with the community safety plan and to review the wellness program. Lyla will also review our programs and services to determine whether we are meeting the needs of the community. Health and Social will also be developing a manual and procedures to support the individual programs. This department will be busy in the next few months and we are excited about the whole review and moving forward to better serve the community.

### HEALTH & SOCIAL ON-CALL SCHEDULE DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

Dec. 23-28, **Lena Joe, 867.334.1014**

Dec. 23-28, **Oprah Harper, 867.332.0571**

Dec. 30-Jan. 4, **Milly Johnson, 867.334.1598**

Dec. 24-31, **Carmen Baker, 867.335.0761**

Dec. 21-22 and Jan. 5-6, **Lucy McGinty, 867.537.3461**



# Citizen Development

*The Citizen Development Department has three main focuses:*

1. *School education from Kindergarten to Grade 12*
2. *Post-secondary education and training for SFN Citizens*
3. *SFN Citizen Development and Capacity Building*

## K-12 Education Program

The Citizen Development staff want to ensure students learn about and make healthy life choices, while being immersed in activities and outings that promote Selkirk First Nation traditions and culture.

The department staff manage the afterschool and recreation programs for Kindergarten to Grade 12 by engaging with the Yukon's Department of Education, working with other SFN departments, liaising with Eliza Van Bibber School staff and advocating for students, parents and guardians.

The SFN Education Support Worker plays an important role in improving the educational and personal well-being of Eliza Van Bibber students by conveying creativity and receptiveness to the needs of the students and school environment and through investigating, evaluating and promoting education programs, cultural initiatives, projects, events, and supports for identified needs.

## Education Support Worker (former CELC)

The Education Support Worker (ESW) assists students, parents

and guardians and the school staff to achieve student success. The ESW collaborates with SFN and EVB school on the coordination of cultural activities, Elders visits to incorporate culture into students learning and to keep the students leaning in more ways than in the classroom. The ESW also provides support and resources to students transitioning into high school and to graduating students by providing information on upcoming opportunities and information on the Native Graduation Ceremony.

The ESW will be researching and developing a plan with EVB school on how we better support the student's success at school and parents at home by working on the following:

- › Daily classroom visits and ongoing home visits with families
- › Collaboration with other visiting professionals
- › Online courses for Trauma and Children
- › Courses to help promote family support and positive family communications
- › Help organize parent-school meetings
- › Collaboration with Yukon College to offer parent workshops

- › Coordinate gatherings for the parents in the community
- › Tour Yukon College in Whitehorse with EVB High school students
- › Attend EVB School growth plan and staff meetings
- › Attend CYFN community education meetings
- › Attend the First Nation Education Commission meetings in Whitehorse

## After School Tutoring Program

Tutoring services are provided at Eliza Van Bibber School for students K5 to 12. To register your child, please contact the Eliza Van Bibber School for assistance.

## Post-Secondary Education Preparation

Graduation and applying for post-secondary education can be a difficult and confusing time. The Citizen Development staff and/or Guidance Councillor at EVB can assist with career counselling and are available to help students who are unsure about the field they want to pursue. We can also provide information about different post-secondary options, help with applications, and help you develop a plan to achieve your goals.

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO

*Dylan McGinty, Culinary Arts certificate; Shirley Joe, Native Language Instructor diploma; Sherri Lafreniere, Native Language Instructor certificate, David Silas, Bachelor of Science (Northern Environmental and Conservation Sciences).*

*Standing with the Class of 2018, Youth Councillor Morris Morrison, Councillors Teddy Charlie and Nesta Hager.*

## EVB Student Attendance Incentive Program

### *Attendance Matters!*

Our goal this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day.

Being in school every day leads to success in school.

Achievement is very sensitive to attendance, and absence of even two weeks during one school year matters.

The Citizen Development Department is working in partnership with Eliza Van Bibber School to implement positive practices that support regular daily attendance for all

EVB students. This project will provide insight into what works to improve attendance within Eliza Van Bibber School.

For more information on this program, contact the Citizen Development Director, Tara Roberts at (867)-537-3331 ext. 503.

### Post-Secondary Education Program

Selkirk First Nation Citizens who are interested in pursuing Post-Secondary studies may be eligible to apply for funding under this program. The program provides financial support and case management to eligible post-secondary students and is subject to the availability of funds. SFN recognizes that students follow different paths to complete their education and expects students to commit to their post-secondary studies and achieve their goals.

**Application deadlines for funding under the SFN Post-Secondary Education Program are as follows:**

Fall Semester ..... July 15  
Winter Semester ... November 15  
Spring/Summer Semester..... March 15

### After School Achievement: Strengthening Literacy and other On the Land Essential Skills Program

Literacy is a source of power, self-esteem, and identity. It is a necessary tool for the promotion of economic, social and cultural well-being. We want to empower our children and youth in our community by improving our Northern Tutchone culture, traditions, and language, and our reading, writing and numeracy skills.

A supportive home environment and parent empowerment, support and engagement are essential to close the education

achievement gap. This program empowers parents and caregivers to share their knowledge, skills and strengths in their children's learning and enhance parental engagement with their participation in their children's educational experiences.

This program will focus on student needs in the areas of reading, writing and communication skills. The program will also emphasize Land Base Literacy Skills consisting of harvesting (berry picking, traditional medicines), ice fishing, rabbit snaring, land base Doòli teachings. This program will nurture broader academic skills, such as homework zones where students not only do homework but learn specific language arts and general academic skills such as how to effectively study, do research and complete projects. Instruction would be focused on reading and writing, literacy games, and cultural activities including crafts, stories from Elders, as well as traditional games and seasonal activities.

### Land Based Cultural Component

Language Fluency and Cultural Competency will provide a variety of accessible and innovative activities to better support and strengthen SFN Northern Tutchone language fluency development and cultural literacy that are grounded in SFN Traditional Doòli Law.

Land-based learning activities will teach respect for self, others, land, water and air. EVB Students will have the opportunity to experience

land-based teachings such as traditional harvesting, fishing, snaring, tracking, open fire cooking and stories from Elders.

### Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS)

ASETS is a program funded through the Government of Canada.

The program is designed to assist all Indigenous people (regardless of status or where they are from) in the community with skills development, training, job hunting, programs to enhance youth work skills, access to childcare and assisting people with disabilities. Other services include programs and services designed specifically to the needs of the labour force.

### Training Funding

To access funding for training, you will need to fill out some forms and have some information on the training you wish to take, such as the cost, dates, and location.

### Trades Training

The SFN Education Committee is responsible for developing a comprehensive strategy for post-secondary and trades training and providing recommendations to Selkirk First Nation.

### Driver Training

The driving training may include Class 7 (Learners), Class 5

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(General Drivers License), Class 4 (transporting passengers), and Remedial (getting your license back after a DUI). Once we have the dates confirmed, notice will be given to the community and interested individuals can fill out an application package. We may also offer training for commercial licenses in the future.

## Community Capacity Inventory Assessment (CCIA)

Work is progressing on developing methods to measure capacity of the community to get a real time projection of what the labour market is and to identify what gaps exist within this labour market. This information will play a key role in developing jobs, programs,

and training opportunities that better reflect the current capacity of the community while taking steps to improve and support the areas where we are not thriving.

Work is also progressing on a high school student work project to assist students with job skills during the academic school year, youth training, and a mentorship program. Citizens are welcome to suggest ideas they have for training or employment. Stop by the Education and Training Officer (ETO) office for a visit and coffee. The schedule is on the door so if you happen to arrive on a day the office is closed, please come back on the days where it says, "in office."

## RECREATION UPDATE

*The Recreation programs are to provide activities close to home, appropriate for integrating into busy schedules. These organized events promote outdoor participation, skill development, physical fitness, and builds positive relationships within the community. Recreation is a fundamental human need of all ages and stages of life. It is the pursuit of physical, social, intellectual, creative and spiritual experiences that enhance individual and community wellbeing.*

### Funding sources

Recreation is supported by Selkirk First Nation, Sports Yukon, Youth Directorate funds, Yukon Lotteries Funds, and we continue to search for other sources of funding.

### Swimming Pool

For the 2018 season Recreation

hired Stefano Fico to manage and supervise the swimming pool and staff. The swimming pool is the hottest attraction throughout the summer and every day you can hear children's laughter and shouts of enjoyment while they are attending public swimming.

### Special Community Events

Recreation hosts a series of special

## Minto Mine Liaison Update

- Coffee Creek Gold Corp – interviews in process for SFN Citizens
- 2019 April – Open House for SFN

Citizens interested in applying for employment /training within the mining industry – updated resumes required, and assistance is available.

SFN also has computers available for Citizens who want to develop resumes.

Watch for job postings at S FN bulletin board with:

- Minto Mine
- Coffee Creek - Gold Corp
- Newmont
- Triumph Gold - Free Gold

community events from April to September and they are: Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Family Grayling Fishing, Aboriginal Day, Canada Day, Pelly's Baseball Tournament, Sliding Parties, and Tatla'mun Lake Family Fishing.

Coordinating community special event takes a lot of work and requires hiring auxiliary workers to implement these events. The events stimulate the community's economy by creating more short-term employment opportunities throughout the year and provide fun, loving environment for the community to gather and enjoy one another's company by participating and/or observing.

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### Evening Community Activities

The goals for evening activities are to promote active living, provide physical exercise, increase social interaction, inspiring and motivate individuals. During the school season the recreation department offers activities 4 hrs a day from Monday to Friday and accommodates ages 6 and up. When summer arrives, the

recreational activities increase to 5.5hrs a day.

### Winter hours are

Kids age 6 to 10  
3:45 PM to 5:00 PM  
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Youth 13 & up  
7:15 PM to 8:45 PM.

Please ask the Recreation staff for new monthly schedules.

### Field Trips

So far, the Recreation Department hosted a series of field trips in the Yukon.

There were two field trips that took place so far. They were the Whitehorse Circus trip - 13 participants and the Whitehorse Northwestel Summit Hockey School - 16 participants.

Future trips are still planned for youth and children, so parents be on the lookout for postings and future emails.

### Programs

Recreation is always organizing activities, youth field trips, and special community events such as:

- [Youth Field Trip.](#)
- [Curling Rink Ice.](#) We are working with experts from Whitehorse to get the curling ice plant running.
- [Hockey Rink Ice.](#) Just waiting for the weather to cooperate to start on the hockey arena ice. The weather needs to be -7 consistently in order to start making ice.
- [Ski-doo Rally.](#)
- [December Christmas Activities.](#) This year Recreation will continue with Christmas Bingo, the Christmas Bazaar and coordinating the School Christmas Concert Dinner and student's gifts.

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**raise a child**

What's new at the *Dunya Ra K'ats Inte Ku* - Early Childhood Development Center

We are excited to welcome a new member to the team! Preschool Childcare Worker- Vicky Joe. Current Childcare workers, Jessica Van Bibber- Toddler, Vicky Joe- Preschool, Roxanne Buyck- AM Floater, Maryann Sam- PM Floater, Vacant- Janitor, Sharon Morrison- Auxiliary and Lori Sims- ECDC Manager. Farewell to Tannis and best wishes on your future endeavours. We are looking for

Auxiliary/Subs. Apply today!

As required under the *Child Care Act*, to work as an early child care educator in the Yukon, you are required to obtain the following documentation prior to working in a licensed child care program; Medical clearance, TB test, Immunization records, Standard First Aid Certification, and RCMP clearance.

**Professional Development**

Staff continue to work towards

their Child Care Professional Level Certification.

**Current ECDC enrollment-** Licensed for 18 children, 16 children enrolled.

**Elders** are more than welcome to stop by at any time to visit and share stories with the children.

**Upcoming closures** - December two week holiday closure.

**Looking for book donations**

We are looking for children books.

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If you have books in good shape, we appreciate any books that you are willing to part with. They can be dropped off at any time.

### Reminder to ECDC parents

**Attendance Matters.** We do know that young children who participate in quality programs are much better prepared for kindergarten. But that assumes they attend regularly. Please ensure your child attends the program on a regular basis.

Late fees will be enforced effective October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. Any child that is picked up after 5:15pm will be charged the late fee of \$1.00 a minute. Please ensure arrangements are made to have your child picked up on time to avoid the late charge. Muzzi

Parent Handbooks are available, please make yourself familiar with the program and guidelines.

*'In life, it's all about the first five years.'*

*The biological 'code' of success is built by the experience of a child's early years, and damage done during this time is very difficult to reverse'*



HAVING FUN AFTER A DAY AT SCHOOL.

# Lands, Heritage and Resources

*The Lands, Heritage and Resources Department's main focus is the Northern Access Road, the Coffee Project, and Minto Explorations.*

These files are on a fast pace to meet deadlines. There is a technical working group, with a range of expertise, who work with the Lands team.

As a result of their collaborative efforts, SFN has provided a submission to Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board regarding the Northern Access Road and the Coffee Project.

The Minto Mine is currently in care and maintenance with a skeleton crew of 50 people working, until further notice. This number will decrease in December.

The department is actively monitoring all new activities on our Traditional Territory, including Triumph Gold and the Plateau Project.

Lands, Heritage and Resources Department is still in negotiations regarding the Tatlamun Lake buffer zone the Fort Selkirk Buffer Zone with Yukon Government. This is now in the hands of YG for consideration and approval.

The Faro Mine project is transferring from the Yukon Government to the Federal Government. SFN will be preparing a report and getting back to the table as stakeholder regarding this file.

McGregor Creek built an illegal road which was on Little Salmon/Carmacks Traditional Territory. This involved SFN since this road was heading in the direction of Tatlamun Lake. SFN is working with Little Salmon/Carmacks to reclaim the road.

Amendments to the *Territorial Lands Act* (Yukon) are being proposed to deter violations of Yukon's land protection acts during resource development and other activities. The amendements would allow Yukon to apply higher fines in some cases.

The Lands Director Trainee position is currently funded by CIRNAC.

## **Minto Mine Socio-Economic Monitoring Program**

The Minto Mine Socio-Economic Monitoring Program's 2015 Annual Report was released in August. The purpose of this report is to determine if, and how, the activities of the Minto Mine may be affecting Selkirk First Nation Citizens and residents of Pelly Crossing.

The annual socio-economic report provides baseline information and trends from the start of the mine's life in 2005 until the end of

2015. This reporting compliments the work of Minto Mine's parent company, Capstone Mining Corp., in its annual sustainability reporting.

Copies of the report are available at the Lands, Heritage and Resources Department

## **Solid Waste Removal**

A proposal for \$98,500 to remove abandoned vehicles and other debris within a 60 KM radius of Pelly Crossing was approved by CIRNAC. A three-person crew was employed from June to August to remove abandoned solid waste materials from SFN Lands.

## **Little John Slough**

In keeping with the Council priorities, "Protection of Land for the future, with Citizens out using the trails, camps and cabins for cultural pursuits & harvesting", two construction projects took place at Little John Slough this fall.

Project 1 was funded by SFN, 2 tent frames and a smoke shack were constructed.

Project 2 was funded by the Community Development Fund.

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\$20,000 was approved for construction of 2 framed houses and another 2 tent frames.

Little John Slough has historically been used as a teaching and learning harvest camp which includes Citizens and school students. Building these structures will enable us to provide a camp location that can accommodate more people. This area is to be enjoyed by Citizens and their families.

### Lands Warehouse Auction

The auction took place on October 4, 2018 and was well attended. We managed to auction off equipment and materials that are no longer needed by the department. Congratulations to all the successful bidders.

### Húdé, ak'á dän K'i hats'ech'in'gyó Zhi

### OUR WAY - Salmon from Long Time Ago and Today

SFN Salmon Plan will assist us in ensuring that the Chinook salmon is healthy for our children and future generations.

### Gyó - the Salmon

The two kinds of salmon in our traditional territory are Chinook and fall Chum. Salmon spawn in freshwater and spend at least a part of their lives in the ocean.

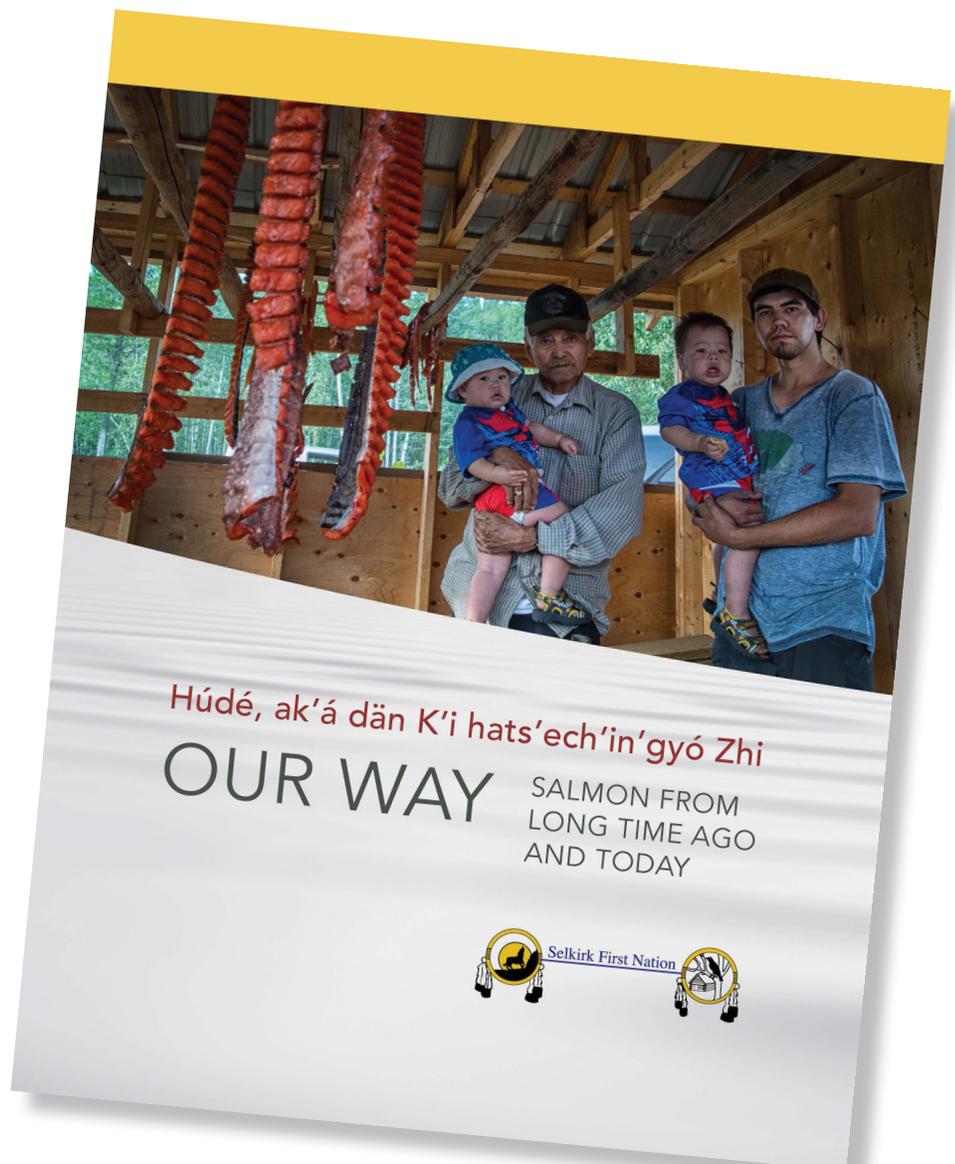
Most Chinook spend 1-2 years growing up in freshwater before

moving out to the ocean. Chinook salmon from the Yukon River spend approximately 1 to 6 years at sea with the average being about four years. Yukon River Chinook can be approximately 7 years old when returning to their spawning grounds on the Pelly River.

Fall Chum salmon spend approximately 2 to 5 years at sea with the average being about three years. Yukon River fall Chum fry go to the ocean right away and spend very little time in freshwater. Pelly

River salmon leave the streams and creeks in our area and move to the ocean.

When they are adults and are ready, they come back to their home streams and creeks, traveling over a thousand kilometers along the Yukon River to the Pelly River. The longest distance traveled by Yukon River salmon is over 2,960 kilometers to their spawning grounds making it one of the longest salmon migrations in the world.



## HERITAGE

*Heritage is involved in a variety of cultural activities consisting of ideas generated from community meetings, May Gatherings and the General Assembly.*

Darcie Profeit, a SFN Citizen who specializes in Filming and digitizing, has been working closely with the Elders and Heritage to create a DVD titled “Welcome to the Traditional Territory of Selkirk First Nation”. The project captures who we are as Northern Tutchone Citizens with emphasis on how land claims evolved.

Elders contributed by recording their memories of the negotiations of our Final and Self-Government Agreements. The Elders were happy to share their knowledge and reflect on why it was important for them to enter into negotiations with Canada with the understanding that a land claim and self-government agreements would provide appropriate recognition of our rights and protection of the interests of Selkirk First Nation people. This video will be released soon. Keep your eyes peeled because you’re going to love it!

Another heritage project is the Handgames Manual which will explain the different hand gestures and their meanings. Handgames, traditionally known as Stickgambling, is a game where the main objective is to get all of the opponents 14 sticks. Each player has a token which they must hide



STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO PLUCK AND GUT GROUSE WITH GRANDMA CLARA SILVERFOX

from their opponents. To do this, hand gestures are performed to try to distract the opponent from guessing which hand the token is in. For each wrong guess, they lose a stick. For every token that is guessed correctly a player is eliminated. Players often have unique and mystical dance-like hand gestures which mesmerize their opponents.

The Heritage Manager, Teri-Lee has written the manual and contributed photos with help from a number of stickgamblers. It is currently being digitized by Northern Tutchone designer, Louise Skookum of Skookum Designs To The Max. The Heritage staff are excited and eager to have this project completed and share it with everyone..

Our Agreements require that

every 10 years we review the Fort Selkirk Management Plan. Consultation with SFN Citizens took place in Pelly and Whitehorse in March and October of 2018. The input received will help Fort Selkirk operations become more successful in the future. Heritage helps coordinate and oversee the Fort Selkirk Restoration Project.

A Collections Coordinator position was created to help digitize and categorize all the recorded history, photos and important historical documents owned by Selkirk First Nation. We have a lot of information that is stored on hard drives. Now we can store our data on an Icloud where it can never be lost. Yukon Archivists will train our staff on programs that

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can be useful to preserve our data collection. Our plan is to have all of this information available to Citizens in the future.

The Big Jonathan House Heritage Center had another successful year greeting and informing visitors about our culture. The Centre employs 3 Citizens and had approximately 2000 visitors this season.

Traditional Knowledge Researcher, Roger Alfred, has been actively involved with Northern Tutchone Doòli Projects for a number of years. Long ago our ancestors survived and prospered for thousands of years because they lived by following their traditional principles of Doòli.

### Doòli is our traditional laws of:

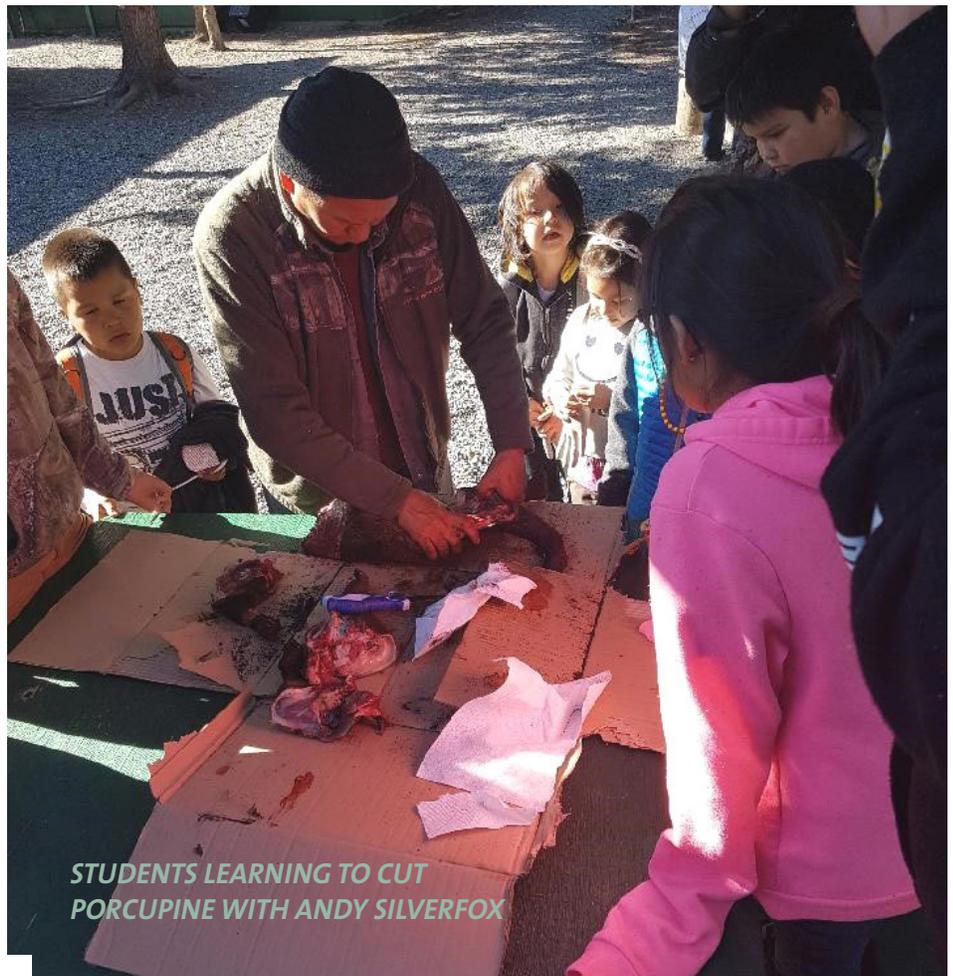
**Respect** – Our people followed our Doòli to show respect to each other and all the world around them.

**Caring** – Our people cared for each other and helped one another. Our people kept a close eye on the lands, the water, the plants and the animals, fish and bugs.

**Sharing** – Our people shared the work and shared the harvest.

**Teaching** – Our people passed on traditional Northern Tutchone stories, our Doòli. They passed on the knowledge that was taught to them.

Each Northern Tutchone community has a Doòli team. The D-Teams are currently working on a Potlatch Manual and Traditional Code of Ethics. Other projects



STUDENTS LEARNING TO CUT PORCUPINE WITH ANDY SILVERFOX

include story books of Northern Tutchone history from when animals can talk with humans up to the changes throughout the years.

All three First Nations rotate on hosting the annual Aunties and Uncles Retreats at Minto Landing or Pelly, Airport Lake and Ethel Lake. The purpose of these retreats is to revitalize our language and culture. The traditional roles of hunting, fishing, tool making, raft making, building brush camps and survival skills are explored at the Uncles retreat. The traditional roles of harvesting berries and medicine, tanning hides and sewing, creating language songs, basket making and practicing roles by age are explored at the Aunties retreat.

The Doòli Team continues to

ensure the implementation of the Northern Tutchone Doòli/ Traditional Law workplan. If you have any questions please contact Roger Alfred at the SFN Government.

Canada has invited Roger Alfred to participate in starting up the “NEW National Centre for Collaboration in Indigenous Education”. This is a new initiative of the First Nations University of Canada to promote information-sharing and collaboration among Indigenous educators and practitioners across Canada.

Videos highlighting best practices in Indigenous education will be uploaded to an innovative website

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so that others can learn from one another's success.

Roger caught their attention through the success of the Uncle's Retreat. He will go through the SFN approval process, due to the fact that the information becomes public knowledge. Way to go Roger!

## May Gathering

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual May Gathering was held in Pelly Crossing. All three Northern Tutchone First Nations gathered and exchanged harvesting information. The recommendations that resulted are as follows:

### Overall

- Lands, Heritage, and Resources Departments from the 3 Northern Tutchone Nations should meet after the May Gathering to talk about how they can address the recommendations made.
- There should be specific time for students and youth at the May Gathering
- Dän People should not use drones for hunting – Yukon First Nations should pass their own laws to prohibit this (there is already a K'uch'an law against this).

### Monitoring

- First Nations staff should work in collaboration with YG Conservation officers, Natural Resource officers and Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada officers; teach

them about Northern Tutchone ways and approaches to fish and Wildlife.

- First Nation staff should visit outfitter camps, and keep an eye on their All-Terrain Vehicle use.
- Collect info about traffic levels on access roads, like Nansen and Freegold.

### Denyak (Moose)

- Nacho Nyak Dün, SFN and the Renewable Resources Councils should work with the Northern Tutchone Regional biologist to submit a request to Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board in June 2019 to either implement draws for hunting permits or have a draw or quota system for the heavily hunted areas around Mayo and the Stewart River.

### Hudzi (Caribou)

- The voluntary hunting closure for the Ethel Lake caribou herd should remain in place for another year to allow more growth of the herd.

### Lyok (fish)

- The 3 First Nations should work with Yukon Government to prohibit catch and release fishing at lakes with low fish populations

### Gyo (Chinook Salmon)

- The 3 First Nations should look for more funding to send more Dan people to Alaska for salmon management and educational exchanges.

The sonar station should receive enough funding support so that it can stay open for the full season of the salmon run.

## LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

A Language and Culture Assistant was hired in July to assist Gina, the Language Coordinator. Since starting, Shannon Morrison has been busy with back to back projects, meetings and training. Regular programming is key to the revitalization of our language and culture and Council has designated the old community hall for the Language program (language lessons, youth mentorship



**COUNCILOR DEAN GILL,  
ANDY SILVERFOX AND DURAN  
ISAAC BUILD A CACHE FOR  
MINTO CULTURE CAMP**

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## 2018 ANNUAL FALL CULTURE CAMP

programs and activities) starting in January. It has been a challenge to recruit members to join our Language Team for teaching and future programs. It has also been a challenge to find Elder teachers.

**Indigenous Languages Act** - The Government of Canada will be co-developing legislation for the revitalization and recovery of Indigenous Languages with First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples. There has been a series of engagement sessions and a formal Federal engagement session for the proposed Indigenous Languages Act. The Yukon is very unique from the rest of Canada as it is in a critical state with its Languages. As a result, SFN is in the process of negotiating more funds to preserve our Language and Culture.

**Minto Culture Camp** - In collaboration with EVB School, the whole school came out for

three days at Minto Landing to learn traditional teachings from our Elders. Elders spoke the language throughout the activities. Events included small game step by step demonstrations. Thank you to the local RCMP for the donations. Students also set a net every day in the Yukon River for chum salmon, with the younger students watching. There was also storytelling and traditional cooking. Students learned the traditional roles and responsibilities of individuals in a camp. There was 80+ in attendance daily.

**Little John Slough Up River Camp** - 30+ participants in camp, including high school students, Elders and staff. Youth were responsible for the set up and pack up of the camp. Responsibilities involved getting wood daily, splitting wood, carrying meat, cutting, hunting on the river and hiking on islands, getting water

daily, keeping the camp clean, storytelling, language lessons, arts and crafts, fishing, cutting and gutting, campfire cooking, digging new outhouse hole. We are proud to announce that Tayte Van Bibber shot his 1<sup>st</sup> moose on the river.

**Language App & Computer Language Courses** - The Yukon Native Language Center has partnered with Simon Fraser University to use an app template that will be fully owned by each First Nation. SFN will be working with SFU App Developers to create the app. There is lots of work to be done for the content of this during the upcoming winter months. The App and Computer Language courses will be equipped to track progress, vocabulary, quizzes, games, storybooks, grammar, verbs, etc. This will include audio which makes a big difference for the learners. This is a major project and very exciting for our



# WITH ELIZA VAN BIBBER SCHOOL

*EVB STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT ARCHEOLOGY, SETTING AND CHECKING NET FOR CHUM SALMON AND SEWING*

First Nation. We are hoping to launch the app this Spring.

**Yukon FN Language Advisory Committee** – This committee provides feedback and input to ensure that the Yukon Native Language Center (YNLC) programs and services are community driven and supportive of community-based language revitalization initiatives. Gina Gill will represent SFN’s language interests on this committee.

**Technical Language Working Group** – SFN is working with a team of Yukon representatives on developing a first ever Language and Culture Curriculum Framework to ensure proper programming and fluency levels rise. The team has worked very hard on benchmarks, proficiency guidelines, goals, outcomes, and assessments. This work is expected to be completed

in the spring and it is our hope that this will be rolled out to the Yukon Government schools as well.

**Language Training** – The Yukon Native Language Center has partnered with Simon Fraser University in BC to deliver a series of accredited Language Courses so we can ensure our Language programming is building fluency in our members and the teachers have the skills to accomplish successful programming.

**Master Apprentice Program** – One on one language immersion with a Master Speaker and Apprentice hired to build fluency.

**Documentation** – SFN has been continuing work on documenting language and culture in various ways. For example, interviews with Elders, videos and recording Elders for the upcoming Language

App and computer courses. Please attend the upcoming Feast where will be presenting the Minto Culture Camp Film and Little John Slough Up River Camp Film.

**Traditional cooking in the language** - We are planning a community feast which will be hosted at the EVBS gym. We now have quite a stock of moose, organs, guts, grouse, porcupine, and fish. The plan is to have a feast every year for our community.

Stay tuned for upcoming sessions on finalizing the Northern Tutchone Street Names. Once this is done the signs will be put up. Also, work is being done on Northern Tutchone place names, building names, and maps.

Please submit your great ideas and suggestions to the Heritage Department for the next fiscal year.

# Capital Department



## CAPITAL ON-CALL DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

### O&M:

Dec. 21-28, **Rick Sims, 867.334.4488**

Dec. 30-Jan. 6,

**Darren Johnnie, 867.334.4627**

**Travis Johnnie, 867.689.0436**

### Water:

Dec. 20-30, **Will Smith, 867.334.7285**

Dec. 31-Jan. 2,

**Matthew Fairclough, 867.335.7835**

Jan. 3, **Stephan Joe, 867.332.0750**

Jan. 4-6, **Will Smith, 867.334.7285**

## 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. Prior to construction beginning in 2019, there is a lot to do: field work, studies, detailed design and selection of a contractor.

## Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

Capital recently completed a technical outline of proposed water treatment plant upgrades and have now begun their design. Upgrades will focus on replacing temporary piping and making the trucking-filling process for operators much easier.

## Housing

Selkirk First Nation recognizes the importance of safe housing and wants to provide a quality living environment for its Citizens. In 2016, SFN carried out a major inventory of housing as well as commissioned testing for radon gas, air quality and mould. In 2017 SFN commissioned the development of Capital Plan to guide SFN's infrastructure priorities and investments; a Community Plan consisting of a land use plan, residential subdivision and addressing program; and a Housing Strategy.

The Housing Strategy is a long-term plan that will lay out strategic priorities, based on identification of housing needs, a review of current conditions and financial analysis.

The overall mission is to provide safe housing and to improve the quality of life while empowering Citizens. Within this Housing Strategy, SFN envisions the creation of a housing policy.

“The intent of the housing policy is to ensure that Citizens are provided the opportunity for housing that not only meets minimum standards of health, safety, structural and fire protection but also encourages self-sufficiency, sustainability, self-reliance and the capacity to deliver good, consistent, and reliable housing services”.

## Project Summary

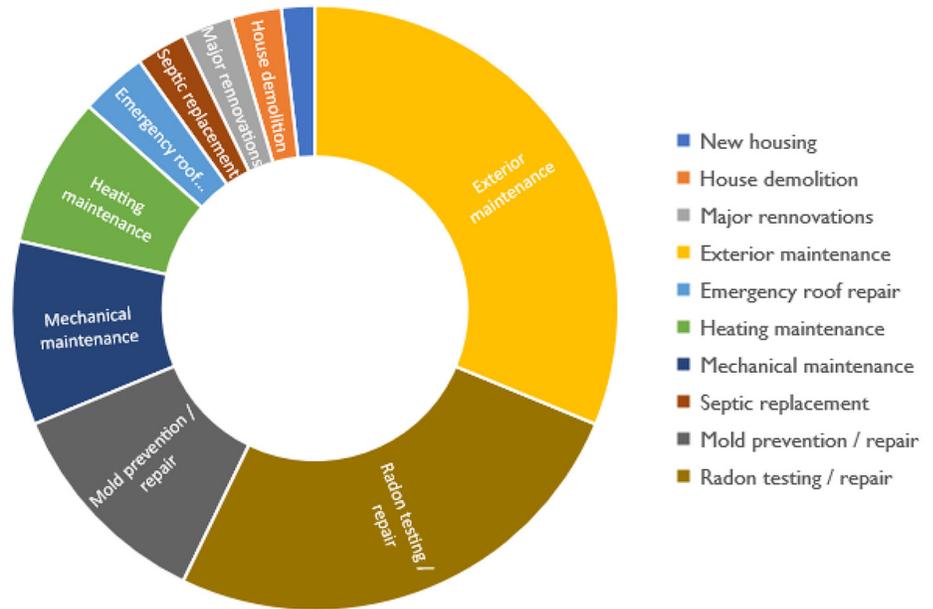
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**(April – October)**

Between April and October, Capital:

- completed exterior maintenance (35 homes),
- radon testing and repairs for (29 homes),
- mold prevention and repairs on (13 homes),
- dealt with mechanical and heating maintenance issues on (20 homes),
- completed emergency roof repairs on (4 homes), and
- did septic replacements (7).

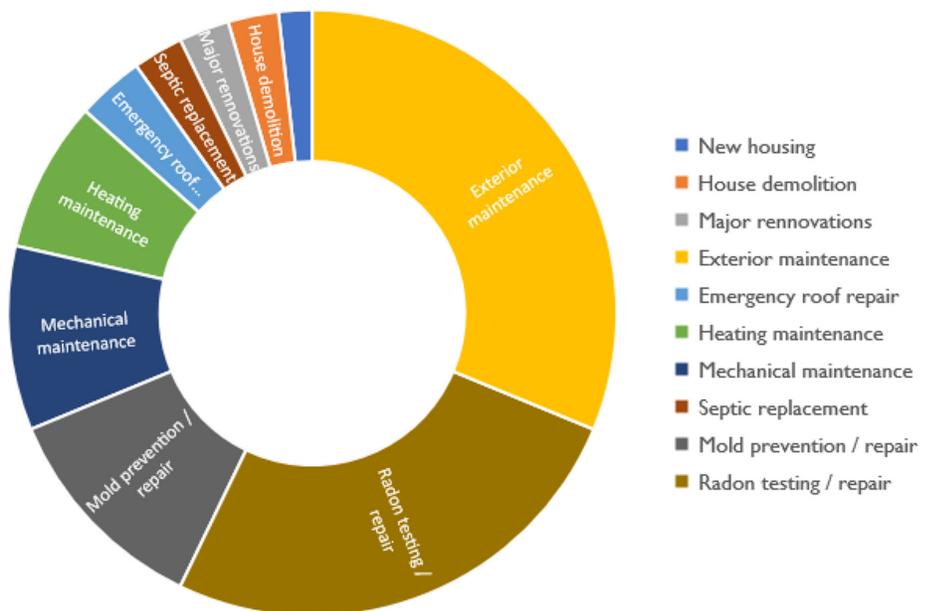
In addition to these projects, we demolished 3 houses, begun major renovations on 3, and built 2 new houses. Also prepared 4 emergency lot's for trailer units.



**Operations and Maintenance**

In addition to housing, our Operations and Maintenance department also completes many projects elsewhere in the community including:

- Repairs and maintenance of community buildings such as pest control. This year we've been working a lot on the Stick Gambling / General Assembly Site
- Chimney cleaning
- Community building repairs and maintenance (door, window, eavestroughs, painting)
- Snow removal
- Water tank cleaning
- Septic pump-outs, and
- Waste management



**Flying Wrench Mechanical**

**Work Summary (May – October)**

The Flying Wrench Mechanical team completed nearly 300 services between May to October on SFN fleet (lubricating vehicles, oil changes, replacing breaks and changing tires, to completely breaking down engines). New tire replacements and change overs, tire repairs.

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## Long-Term Projects

There are also many longer-term priorities that the Capital Department has been working on this year. These projects are a bit larger in scale or involve many different departments or consultants. Some of those projects include:

- Fixing the **Capital Building's** mechanical heating controls
- **Link Building** renovations
- **Early Childhood Development Centre** Design
- **Mino Resorts Feasibility Study**
- 10-year **Capital Plan** – Completed, priorities over next 10 years
- **Community Planning**
  
- **Housing Policy, Strategy and Implementation**
- **Water treatment plant**
- **Jon Ra water servicing extension** with Stantec –
- **Addressing plan** for our entire community
- Securing **fire wood contracts**

As you can see the Capital Department has been working to support our community with many different projects this year and is looking forward to having some new projects completed in the coming year.



## PELLY CROSSING WATER DELIVERIES

Community members who receive water deliveries are asked to please keep the truck delivery area clear of vehicles and other obstructions. Also, the ground near the filling pipes need to be clear of dog feces (poop) as they can and will contaminate the filling hose and could then cause E-coli in the water tank holding system

E-coli can cause severe illness and effect internal organs even including death in some cases.

Thank you! *Darcy Marcotte*, Capital  
Department

# Other News

## It's the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Yukon Hand Games Tournament



Family and friends came together for 3 days at the end of June to compete at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Yukon Hand Games Tournament on the banks of the Yukon River at Minto Landing.

People travelled from all over the Yukon and camped at Minto for the tournament. Some arriving the day before. The sound of drumming and singing by the sons of Famous Amos from Ross River could be heard as the site crew installed new benches so spectators could have a good view of all the action.

The games began after Council gave opening remarks and thanked all the sponsors, organizers, volunteers, site crews and cooks and wished all the participants good luck. Chief Nelson explained that “Historically, Minto was a place of gathering for First Nations people from across the Yukon and that it was good to see this practice continue”.

Back in 1988, Audrey Baker noticed stickgambling was a popular activity in Pelly Crossing. She decided to recruit Sandra Roach, the recreation director at the time and Elder Wilson Silverfox to plan an event that could showcase this traditional activity.

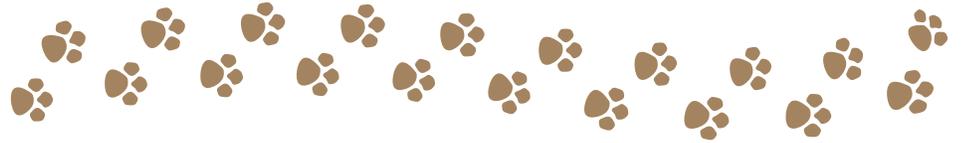
As a result, Selkirk First Nation hosted the first Yukon Indian Stickgambling Championships at Minto Landing out of respect of the late Wilson Silverfox, who had been instrumental in the revival of this traditional event but did not live to experience it.

Thirty-five years ago, the people called it “stick gambling,” today people call it “hand games.” The main objective of the game is to win 14 sticks twice. Each player has a token which they must hide from their opponents. Each team has their own strategies to distract their opponent from guessing which hand the token is in.

During the games, sounds of many beating drums and cheers could be heard throughout the campground. The Da Dun Da Da’s from Whitehorse took 1<sup>st</sup> place. Along with the pride, comes the honor of hosting the next games. The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Yukon Hand Games tournament will be held in Whitehorse on Kwanlin Dun’s Traditional Territory.

Everyone had a lot of fun. It was a positive atmosphere. The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has been documented with pictures and videos.

Liard First Nation also hosted a \$50,000 Hand Games tournament in August. Two teams from SFN registered. Teams from all over Yukon, NWT, B.C. and Alberta participated. Before the games started, an Elder from Bechoko spoke and said something that hit home for many people, “Handgames is a healing journey.”



## Animal Protection Act

### Quick Facts

- *The Animal Protection Act* protects the welfare of companion animals and livestock. It sets out some responsibilities of owners and allows for an animal protection officer or the RCMP to intervene to seize abandoned animals or animals subjected to cruelty or abuse.
- *The Dog Act* includes some provisions for the welfare of owned dogs, but mostly relates to the control of dogs. It prohibits dogs from running at large anywhere in Yukon when those dogs are acting aggressively or are in heat. Regulations under the Act also set out areas in Yukon where dogs are not permitted to roam at large under any circumstances.
- Yukon municipalities may enact and enforce bylaws for animal control and protection. These bylaws, should they exist, compliment these territorial laws and can give a more comprehensive framework for animal care.

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## Community Wellness & Safety Planning

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Selkirk First Nation and the Director of Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (SCAN), Government of Yukon, signed a Communication Protocol Agreement.

The voices of our Citizens have provided a clear message to leadership that activities such as the illegal consumption or sale of alcohol (bootlegging), drug use or drug trafficking and exposing our young people and Citizens to such activities, are not welcome in our community.

This commitment by our community to put an end to trafficking of illicit drugs and bootlegging on SFN Settlement Lands and to address the harms associated with this illegal activity were reinforced at past community meetings.

Selkirk First Nation is committed to taking the necessary steps to preserve the safety of our neighborhoods and to promote healthy and drug-free lifestyles in our community.

Working cooperatively with SCAN is helping us to deliver on our commitment to supporting and fostering a healthy and safe community for ALL SFN Citizens.

### How SCAN works to support safer communities.

The SCAN unit of the Government of Yukon Department of Justice supports community safety by investigating and, if necessary, shutting down residential and commercial buildings regularly used for illegal activities. These include:

- Bootlegging
- Drug Trafficking
- Prostitution

### How does SCAN work?

**Observe** – maybe you noticed suspicious activities in your neighbourhood that doesn't seem right. You're pretty sure that something illegal is happening at a particular address.

**Contact us** – You can contact us, either by telephone or online, and

tell us about what you've seen. We'll have a conversation with you and any others who have similar concerns. We'll talk about what you've seen or heard.

**Assess and Investigate** – If we believe the activities are illegal, harmful to the community and on-going we will investigate.

**Act** – we work with tenants, landlords and community partners to find a solution that ends the illegal behaviour. This could include verbal or written warnings, removal of tenants or a Community Safety Order.

If illegal activities are taking place in your neighbourhood you have a right to be concerned. The good news is you can do something to make your community safer. Just pick up the phone and call our SCAN office toll-free. Share your concerns with us. Or you can go online and fill out a simple complaint form.

Confidentially report online:

[scanyukon.ca](http://scanyukon.ca)

or phone: **1-866-530-SCAN (7226)**  
in the communities



**YUKON GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR OF SCAN - JEFF FORD, GINA M NAGANO – SFN COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISOR, CHIEF SHARON NELSON, ELDER COUNCILLOR MILLIE JOHNSON AND COUNCILLOR GEORGE MCGINTY**

#### Next Steps on Community Safety:

- Create a Community Safety Plan Advisory Committee
- We need volunteers. Contact Gina Nagano at [naganog@selkirkfn.com](mailto:naganog@selkirkfn.com) or 867-334-7609
- Look for the new year schedule for 'Let's Talk' monthly community meetings
- Community members received training on basic security and will now be patrolling the community in a proactive and preventive way. Keeping our community safe!



## LET'S TALK ABOUT FENTANYL

### FENTANYL IS IN YUKON.

By now we've all heard about fentanyl, a powerful painkiller and dangerous drug that has caused thousands deaths across Canada.

Fentanyl is here, on Yukon streets, and drug users may have access to it. It is a powerful painkiller. It can only be used safely when prescribed by a health professional and taken as directed.

Fentanyl is **very dangerous** for drug users, especially for who haven't used drugs before, like youth. It is extremely toxic when not used properly. Even a small amount, about the size of two grains of salt, is enough to kill someone.

A new trend is to mix, lace or cut other illegal drugs with fentanyl. Many people have died after taking cocaine, ecstasy or heroin because fentanyl was mixed into these drugs. You can't see, smell or taste fentanyl, but if it's in other drugs, your first trip could be your last. Drug dealers may not even know that the product they are selling contains fentanyl.

Blood Ties Four Directions (405 Ogilvie Street) offers a free Drug Checking Service that uses fentanyl test strips. The service is confidential and anonymous from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

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### TIPS TO TALK TO YOUTH:

Talk to your children about fentanyl and other drugs to help keep them safe. Everyone should learn how to recognize and respond to someone who has overdosed on fentanyl.

- Be open, calm and ask questions. Do not blame, shame or lecture
- Ask what they might know about fentanyl or other drugs
- They are experts about their worlds. Listen to them, you might learn from them
- Tell them you care about them, speak from your heart
- Remind them that fentanyl may be hiding in street drugs
- Help them identify early overdose signs and tell them to never use alone

### OVERDOSE SIGNS:

- **Breathing** will be **slow** or **absent**
- Person is not **moving**
- You may **hear gurgling sounds** or **snoring**
- **Skin** Feels **cold** and **clammy**
- **Lips** and **nails** are **blue**
- **Person** may be **choking**
- **Can't be woken** up
- **Pupils** are **tiny**

**Call 911 Immediately**

**You can save someone's life.**



# CONGRATULATIONS



*WE ARE PROUD OF OUR THREE  
SFN YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN  
THE WELLNESS CANOE FROM  
FT. SELKIRK TO MOOSE HIDE,  
TYRA GILL, AMBER BAKER  
AND MORGAN WILLIAMS.*



# HOME HEATING OIL



Chieftain Energy is a 100% Yukon owned, and majority First Nation owned business, headquartered in Whitehorse.

Chieftain Energy is owned by Air North, Yukon's Airline, the Vuntut Development Corp, and Kluane Dana Shaw LP.

In December 2018, Chieftain Energy will be offering home heating fuel to all homes in Pelly Crossing and surrounding area on a monthly basis. A portion of the money paid by citizens will be distributed back to the Selkirk Development Corporation, to reinvest the money in the community of Pelly Crossing.

With every delivery to your home, each customer is eligible for Chieftain Energy's "Fuel & Fly" scratch card contest. Every time you have a scheduled home heating fill, a scratch card will be delivered with your receipt, with a chance to win money off each fuel delivery, or round-trip flights on Air North, Yukon's Airline.

All Citizens are also eligible to receive 10 cents per liter off each gasoline or diesel fill up at any of our commercial cardlocks located in Whitehorse, Mayo, or Junction 37 & the Alaska Highway.

To sign up for home heating fuel or cardlock gasoline & diesel fuel:

- Call 867-668-4441
- E-mail [customerservice@chieftainenergy.com](mailto:customerservice@chieftainenergy.com)
- Visit us: 150 Condor Road, Whitehorse, Yukon (next to Air North Cargo)

Types of accounts offered:

- Credit accounts (with a valid credit card on file with Chieftain Energy)
- Prepay accounts (cash or cheque paid prior to delivery)
- Payment upon delivery (cash delivered to driver or upon fill-up)

## DR. CHRISTOPHER WISNIEWSKI HAS BEEN PROVIDING DENTAL SERVICES IN REMOTE AREAS OF THE YUKON TERRITORY SINCE 2007.

\***FIRST NATIONS** patients should all be seen for at least a brief exam each year. Many treatments can be done on the spot (extractions, fillings, broken teeth, pain and emergency cases, denture adjustment, etc.). Note that **NIHB will NOT cover travel to Whitehorse** for non-emergency dental. Dr. Wisniewski can provide referral for cases that can not be handled in the community after your exam.

**We will help process your insurance claim so that you get reimbursed from your insurance company.**

**No payment up front** for:

- **First Nations Status** patients with confirmed **NIHB** number
- **Senior Citizens** with **Green Yukon Health Card** (with confirmed coverage)

Payment can be made directly from your insurance to the dentist for:

- Many **SunLife** plans, including **VGFN** and **TH** employees and employees of most First Nations offices
- Many **Great West Life** plans, including **Yukon Government** employees

All other patients (including any other dental insurance companies)

must **pay at appointment** by

- **Cash**
- **Email money transfer**
- Credit Card (**Visa, Mastercard**, American Express, JCB, Discover)

We do NOT accept interac/debit

Each community will receive two visits per year.

You may put your name on the list for dental appointments at any time.

*Be sure to indicate which community you are located in, as well as your name and contact information (email and/or phone), and a brief description of the problem or dental service required.*

*Dr. Christopher Wisniewski*

Phone: 1-800-539-1127

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# Happy Holidays

**TO ALL Citizens AND  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

*Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful  
Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.*



# BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## N-huudlin Dzenú Soóthän



We would like to send  
Birthday Wishes to **Valerie  
Silas**

for November 19 from the families,  
Kaydence, Harley, George and  
Mother. And many more to come.  
May the Great Spirit watch over  
your families.

Happy belated birthday to  
**Mrs. Audrey Baker**

for Aug. 14th and Happy  
Anniversary for Aug. 19th. Love  
from your husband Richard Baker

Happy 10th Birthday **Elijah**  
for Sept. 8th. Hope you had an  
awesome day.

Love you uncle Elijah.  
Love: Nephew King, Oprah & Jr.

Happy belated 10th Birthday  
to our baby boy **Elijah**.  
With lots of love, Mom & Dad.

Wanna wish my **Tutchonee** a  
big Happy 21st Birthday  
for Oct. 1/18. Love: Auntie Bernice  
& Brandon

Happy 7th Birthday  
**Levi Currie**

for December 21st, 2018. We love  
you so much! Enjoy your day Baby  
Boy! Love, your family and friends

Happy Birthday to **Eugene  
Alfred**

for November 6th, 2018. We love  
you and wishing you all the best  
forever and always!! Love, your  
family and friends

Nov. 5th –  
Happy belated 10th Birthday  
my girl **Azilee!**

Welcome to the double digits! Love  
from Mom, Dad, Ethan and Evan

Nov. 5th –  
Happy belated Birthday **Will!**

Happy you got to share your  
birthday with daughter this year.

On December 5th, a very big  
Happy 1st Birthday to **Lyric  
Leslie Raine Baker!**

And a big Happy Birthday to Carol!  
Lots of love from your big family,  
the Bakers and Johnsons.

Happy 1st Birthday to my  
Birthday baby **Lyric Leslie  
Raine Baker.**

Love from Great-Aunt Carol  
Duquette.





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