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Elder sisters Rachel Tom Tom and Lizzie Hall, Elder sisters Linch Curry and Kathleen Thorpe

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Message from the Chief



Once again it's an honor to say a few words to the citizens in this newsletter.

Spring is upon us and the sun is rejuvenating our spirits and minds. Spring is a time when the sun gets brighter and the earth starts coming alive with all the vegetation and animals being born. Soon the land of plenty will replenish itself; I hope all use the abundance that it provides for us. We feel optimistic, refreshed and excited as the days get longer.

We are now feeling that we have assembled somewhat of a full staff and feel comfortable where our financial stability is, this gives us the time to focus on the things that are needed for our First Nation. Such as, Education, Culture, Language, Economics and getting our Governing Bodies such as the Elder's Council up and running according to the Constitution.

Communication continues to be a challenge for our Administration that we are working on. We recognize the need for current and steady communication with the Citizens especially when the goal is to have Citizen involvement, which requires participation from Citizens in our government.

As your Chief, I am committed to continue to move the nation forward.

I am looking forward for the months to come and addressing the needs of our Citizens and Government and providing support for our Citizens in their lives.

Mussi Cho

Chief Kevin McGinty

Yukon Quest 2013



The Yukon Quest winner is Alaskan dog musher Allen Moore. The Link Building was used as a check point for all mushers. A pair of traditional handmade beaver fur gloves were donated by SFN to the first musher to reach Pelly Crossing. A pair of slippers and local artwork was also donated to winners of the 300 mile race.



The high school students also had a fundraiser throughout with the Yukon Questarant. EVB students obtained their Food Safe Certification as well as earning credits towards school curriculum.



Yukon Quest Mural created by the Grade 1/2 class of EVB School

SFN Newsletter Art Contest

The SFN Newsletter put on an Art Contest for the Eliza VanBibber School students. The categories were K4 -Grade 7 and Grade 8 - Grade 12. Due to the high volume of submitted artwork from the K4 and Kindergarten students, Chief and Council opened another category to accommodate the little children of the community. There was a great amount of effort and creativity put in to all submissions and it is greatly appreciated. The winners of the contest are as follows:

K4-Kindergarten

1. Mariah Grennon
2. Amber Firth-Ward
3. Rosland Roberts

Grade 1-7

1. Alexandra Harper-Johnny
2. Cassandra Harper-Johnny
3. Luke Roberts

Grade 8 – 12

1. Desiree McGinty
2. Rachelle Hager
3. Daylen Alfred



K4-Kindergarten 1st Place Winner: Mariah Grennon



Grade 1-7 1st Place Winner: Alexandra Harper-Johnny

SFN Newsletter Art Contest



Grade 8-12 1st Place Winner: Desiree McGinty

Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council Update



Jody Inkster, Environmental Scientist

In the summer and fall of 2012, the Yukon River Inter-tribal Watershed Council research team conducted interviews and a focus group with members of SFN. Semi-structured interviews were conducted with key stakeholders to gather in-depth information on the importance of water for the community as well as concerns about changes in water resources as a consequence of either contamination or climate change. Twelve interviews were conducted in total. Seven out of fifteen community members were Elders. The remaining five participants were middle-aged community members. Three of the participants were SFN staff. Interview participants were asked to describe the importance of water to their community and any changes in water resources they observed within their traditional territory. Interview participant's observations of change contributed to the identification of water quality sites of concern.

Conclusion and Next Steps

The purpose of this project was to start a community contaminant and climate change monitoring program. The preceding report documents the steps taken by this

project to accomplish this task: we documented the importance of water to SFN, which is a necessary first step for situating a community-based contaminants monitoring program; we identified and mapped the sites of concern to community members; we conducted water quality sampling at 5 sites; and we documented observations of climate change.

This project also helped us to identify the next steps in creating a community contaminant and climate change monitoring program: Work with community members to complete further water quality monitoring and work with community members to identify strategies for mitigating or adapting to the impacts of climate change and contaminants on water. For more information please contact Environmental Technician, Jody Inkster at (867) 393-2199 or jinkster@yritwc.org

Copies of the "Selkirk First Nation Community Report 2013" prepared by the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council are available in the Communications office.



Shaun Roberts, Youth Intern for Yukon River Inter-tribal Watershed Council

Pelly Ranger Patrol

A couple of weeks ago 1CRPG (1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group) sent a memo out to all the Canadian Ranger Patrols across the Yukon that some important guests were going to be flying into each community. The reason for these visits was to recognize rangers from each patrol with an award.

The award is for the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Queens accession to the throne, and is given for an individual's contributions to Canada. On Tuesday, February 26th, 2013 Ranger Sarah Thompson received the Queens Diamond Jubilee medal for her involvement in the Pelly patrol with her services and contributions as an active ranger.

Ranger Sarah Thompson was recognized and nominated by Ranger Instructor, Sean Thompson from JTFN (Joint Task Force North) in Yellowknife, NWT.

The Pelly Ranger patrol had 8 patrol members in total on the parade during the award ceremony and they were as follows:

Sergeant Darcy Marcotte

(Front Row)

**Ranger Jesse Ward, Ranger Ellie Marcotte,
Ranger Milly Johnson**

(Back Row)

**Ranger Gary Matheson, Ranger Ashley Vanbibber,
Ranger Sarah Thompson**

(Very Back)

Corporal Richard Baker

There were 9 distinguished guests in total who flew into our community. Once the parade ceremony was over, some guests met with Chief and Council while the other ones went to Eliza VanBibber to meet with the school.

The guests who came to our community were as follows:

- 1) Brigadier General Hamel (JTFN Commander)
- 2) CWO Laroche (Area Chief Warrent Officer)
- 3) YT Commissioner (Hon Doug Phillips)
- 4) Major Saunders (YT Det Commander)
- 5) SLt (N) Neczkar (JTFN Commanders Aid)
- 6) SLt (N) Pendergast (PAO) Public Affairs Officer)
- 7) Capt James (J7-2)
- 8) WO Ross (Senior Ranger Instructor)
- 9) Mcpl Belley (Vehicle Tech)

The Pelly Ranger patrol is now planning and scheduling another Ranger Exercise April 2nd -12th, 2013 out on the land. During the ranger exercise the Pelly Patrol will set up a live firing range and will compete in a shooting competition. There will be GPS training and mapping with some GSAR (Ground Search and Rescue Training).

I would like to thank Ranger Milly Johnson for helping organize the stew and bannock that was provided and also to Martin Morberg for taking photos of this ceremony.

As well, the Pelly Ranger patrol was recently involved with the Quest Trail clearing which sets and marks the trails for the Yukon Quest from Pelly Crossing to Jane Creek and from Pelly Crossing to Yukon Crossing.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Chief Kevin McGinty and Councillor Milly Johnson for representing the Selkirk First Nation leadership in meeting with our visitors from JTFN headquarters from Yellowknife.

Submitted by,

Sergeant Darcy Marcotte

Pelly Crossing, Ranger Patrol

Pelly Ranger Patrol



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Corporal Richard Baker

Ranger Jesse Ward

Ranger Ellie Marcotte

Ranger Milly Johnson

Ranger Gary Matheson

Ranger Ashley Vanbibber

Ranger Sarah Thompson

Corporal Richard Baker





Campus News

Hets Edan Ku has been having one of its busiest years yet. Nine SFN citizens have successfully graduated from the Housing Trades Exploration program and we are now looking at bringing more education opportunities into the community including; Drivers Education, Heavy Equipment Operators Course, Gardening, Wilderness First Aid, Chainsaw, Traffic Control and Tourism & Hospitality. This is all in an effort to increase employment opportunity for SFN citizens through key partnerships including Selkirk First Nation, Northern Adult Basic Education, Pelly/Carmacks Training Trust Fund, Pelly Community Campus Committee and private industry. We are working hand in hand with SFN to link training to ongoing employment opportunities both locally and territory wide.



Students working on flooring

More and more on-line training and distant learning options are becoming available such as Math, Computers, English and Environmental studies. Check out www.yukoncollege.yk.ca for programs and courses offered through Distributed Learning.



David Bennett and Fredrick Johnnie participating in Open Mic night

The Community Campus Committee also tries to boost community events such as the Home Routes Concert series that includes 'Open Mic' nights for locals to perform and share some great music from all over North America.



A Safe, Healthy and Functional Homes pilot project was also offered to the Housing Trades Exploration students. The project was hosted by Kevin Kennedy of Yukon College. The program is designed to educate people on housing issues such as; fire safety, mold, electrical hazards, nutrition, basic home maintenance, and cleanliness. The project was also created in response to high demand from various First Nations. Mussi Cho Kevin Kennedy.



Housing Trades Exploration Graduation



Congratulations to the following SFN citizens for their Housing Trades Exploration Graduation

- Crystal Edwards
- Kyle Fairclough
- Richard Hager Jr.
- Waylon Hager
- Jake Harper
- Natashia Silas
- Magdalene Silverfox
- Benjamin Joe
- Calvin Menzi

All students received a Certificate of Accomplishment from both Yukon College and Selkirk First Nation, and were also rewarded with a monetary bonus from SFN. Tools and tool boxes were included in their gifts. Good luck in the future!

Kyle Fairclough and Waylon Hager received bursaries from Yukon College for their outstanding attendance and performance.

CONGRATULATIONS





Campus News

Message from Housing Trades Exploration Instructor; Cory France

I got along well with the students and had a very good experience in teaching the Housing Trades Exploration program. They were respectful and easy to work with and made my stay in Pelly more enjoyable. This was my first teaching experience and I had a lot of fun with my students. The community was also very welcoming. I am very proud of the students for overcoming everyday obstacles and enduring hard work in a limited time frame. Mariah VanBibber's floor was finished in a timely fashion so she could be accommodated in her own home. Overall, I am proud of them for their participation, dedication, and commitment. Thank you, Cory France



**Cory France was gifted with these gloves
made by local Elder Rachel Tom Tom**



**Calvin Menzi taking instruction from
Cory France**



Magdalene Silverfox and Natasha Silas



Campus News



Students Minto Mine Tour



Students working hands-on replacing windows

Student Feedback:

- “I feel good about completing the program. I accomplished something and I learned a lot from Cory-he is a good instructor. I hope to get work in the future after this course. Overall, it was a fun course! Thanks to Cory for teaching us all his skills and knowledge.” Richard Hager Jr.
- “I’d like to thank Cory, Gabriel and Dorothy for their support. It was the BEST course I ever took. I’d like to see more courses like this-maybe carpentry.” Kyle Fairclough
- “I’d like to thank Cory, Gabriel and Dorothy. It was a good program. I learned a lot of different things- I learned to use tools, and how to work with electricity, and furnaces. I would like to see more programs like this in the future.” Crystal Edwards
- “The program was good. I’d like to thank family and friends who helped me get through it.” Jake Harper
- “Thanks for this course-it was a good experience. I had fun learning about the plumbing pipes and installing windows.” Waylon Hager
- “It was a good course. I learned a lot about carpentry, electrical and oil furnaces. Before this course I was thinking about a plumbing program but the program never happened, so this was a good program to take.” Calvin Menzi
- “It was a good experience. I had fun working with equipment. I surprised myself and how well I could handle tools. Thanks to Cory for showing us the skills of the trades!” Maggie Silverfox



Upcoming Opportunities

Heavy Equipment Operator (Spring 2013 @ Minto Mine and College Campus)

Program outline: 198 hours of classroom and practical instruction with 85 hours of onsite instruction working with two loaders, WHMIS, TDG, SFA/CPR, orientation to safe worksite practices, general overview of heavy equipment, basic job control and basic engineering (learning terminology, simple grades, and checking instruments, etc.), environmental awareness, and loader operations. Steel toed boots and field clothing required. Students must be committed, have a clear medical record, and be able to work long hours with a positive attitude.

Driver's Training Course (Class 5 License, March 11-15/2013—Free)

Program outline: New driver class time, new driver handbook, class workbook, and 6 hours of in-car instruction. Must have Learners license to take this course.

Enform Chainsaw Safety (April 23, 24, 25/2013—Free)

Program outline: This three-day ENFORM (formerly PITS) certified course is Level 1 - Chainsaw Basics. It covers instruction in personal and worksite safety; hazard assessment and control; chainsaw inspection and maintenance; chainsaw handling and operations; and safe lambing and bucking practices. There will be a written examination and an industry standard training certificate will be issued from ENFORM upon successful completion. Steel toed boots required.

Food Safe—Level 1 and Standard First Aid/CPR

Courses will be available through March/April 2013. Watch for postings

To register, or for more information on these courses, please
contact Gabriel or Dorothy at the Pelly Crossing Campus
(867) 537-8800



GARDENING IN THE YUKON BECOME A MASTER GARDENER

March 11, 12, 13 and 25, 26, 27

6-day Full Time Course offered in Pelly Crossing

9am – 5pm. Class room: mornings. Afternoon: gardening

Instructor: Kathy Kruse

Cost: \$250.00 Class size: 6-15

You will learn:

Intro, Climate & Soil basics

Modifying soil/soil fertility

Organic Philosophy

Compost

Wood perrinals & small fruit

Greenhouse Structures

Integrated Pest management

Flowering Plants, Inc. bulbs, annuals, perennials, house plants.

Outdoor Vegetable Gardening

Growing Under Cover

Lawns & Ground cover

Course review, multi-choice exam

Upon successful completion of the course and the final exam, participants will be granted a Yukon Master Gardener Certificate.

For more information or to register at Yukon College, call 537-8800

Selkirk Group of Companies Report

The Selkirk Group of Companies consists of:

- Selkirk Development Corporation (SDC)
- 39539 Yukon Incorporated
- 15394 Yukon Incorporated (Wildfire Suppression)
- SFN Holdings
- 39550 Yukon Incorporated

Only the first three (3) companies are currently active.

Board of Directors:

The Directors of each company are David Silas, Audrey Baker, Jeremy Harper, Sandy Ruether and Joanne VanBibber-Widrig

The Directors were appointed by Council, on behalf of the shareholders, in July 2012 from nominees approved by the Selkirk First Nation Family Heads.

The SDC board provides governance and direction for the Group's business engagements, operations, commitments and opportunities within the general business mandate and strategic plan discussed with Council.

Administration:

- Office Manager: Bonnie Roberts
- Administrative Assistant: Tara Roberts
- Book-keeper: (Part-time) Bernice Blattman
- Legal Advisors: James Harper & Lorne Austring
- Chief Financial Advisor: Norm McIntyre of MacKay LLP
- Mining Advisor: Robert (Bob) Hathaway

Operations:

The Selkirk Group now has three primary areas of engagement;

Real Estate:

SDC is the administrative hub for the Selkirk Group, and is also the real estate arm.

Investments have grown to about \$2.8 million. This portfolio now makes its own contribution to SDC and Group revenue:

- Black Street Investments: Kluhini and Berksa build-ings in partnership with Vuntut Gwichin, Dakwakada, Nacho Nyak Dun and Little Salmon/Carmacks Development Corporations. A long term lease to Social Services, Yukon Government.
- Calcite Centre Office Unit #13: Currently leased to Minto Explorations and ALS Environmental Services. The residential suite is available to rent.
- Titanium Way Riverfront Lots x 2: Commercial lots for future sale or development
- Titanium Way Building: A joint venture between SDC (51%) and Northern Vision Development (49%). New office location for SDC
- Mt Sima Lot: In process of sale to NVD.
- Waterfront Station Office: Top floor condo unit. This unit will be available for lease.
- SDC is currently finalizing the purchase agreement.
- Yukon Inn: Currently in discussions with Council and other owners on this file.

Pelly Operations:

- Selkirk Centre: (Store, Motel, Gas, Laundromat, Bank and Post Office) Planning for major renovations this year.
- Pelly House: Short term lease with SFN, Currently in planning for future use of this unit and property.
- Minto Resorts: SDC provides bus tours and highway/river traffic tourist services.
- Wildfire Suppression: Negotiations of 5 year contract renewal in progress.

Selkirk Group of Companies Report

Mining:

There is a variety of mining industry opportunities, whether at the Minto Mine, Faro and other mine sites. These opportunities provide significant revenue for the Group and an important focus for future business development.

Presently we have business arrangements in place with nine companies providing goods and services to the Minto Mine. More opportunities at the Minto Mine are available and are being pursued. A policy to strengthen participation by citizen-owned businesses in these opportunities is now being developed.

Business negotiations are also underway in relation to the Care and Remediation for the Faro Mine. Opportunities at the other mine sites are also being identified.

New Office Location:

Selkirk Group of Companies (SDC) has moved from our office at #13-151 Industrial Road to a new location at Suite #201 – 166 Titanium Building as of February 1, 2013. We are busy getting organized and settled in. We are also working on coordinating an open house soon, watch for a posting for the date.



Upcoming Meetings:

The Selkirk Group will be scheduling a community update meeting with a more in-depth report. This meeting is intended to be held in Pelly Crossing in the spring. Please watch for postings.

If you have any concerns and questions for Selkirk Group of Companies, please do not hesitate to contact Bonnie Roberts in writing or by email to broberts@selkirkdevcorp.com



Minto Project SFN Technical Team Update

The SFN Minto Project technical team has been working closely with the Lands and Resources Department and under the direction of Chief and Council on the Minto Mine project. We are working collegially with Minto Explorations Ltd. (MEL) to identify solutions that achieve SFN interests of keeping the land and water healthy and achieving a stable, reclaimed site at closure. Below is a list of who we are, what we have been doing, how the technical team works and what work is ahead of us this Spring.

There are six members on the technical team with varying skills, expertise and responsibilities. Bill Slater, an environmental consultant, is focused on site water and other potential environmental related effects. He has worked with SFN since 2006. Bud McAlpine and Milos Stepanek are engineers considering the performance of current and proposed structures as well as site stability concerns (e.g. tailings, pit walls, waste dumps, and water diversion structures) plus other geotechnical aspects of both site operations and future plans. Jim Kuipers is a mine environmental consultant and engineer focusing on the content and adequacy of MEL's Phase IV detailed Closure Plan as well as on the adequacy of security associated with closure plans.

Lindsay Staples is a social scientist and is considering both socio-economic effects arising from the mine as well as providing leadership and guidance on a project effects monitoring program to track effects and recommend changes as needed. Lois Craig is the technical team coordinator working with SFN and MEL to coordinate many aspects of the technical team work (e.g. scheduling, presentations, followup) as well as liaison on community engagement and contributions to both socio economic and project effects assessment.

SFN and MEL agreed in October 2012 to form technical working groups with leads and representatives from each party to tackle the significant work ahead. SFN technical leads for each key area include:

1. Water management – Bill Slater
2. Stability and structures – Bud McAlpine
3. Closure Planning and financial security – Jim Kuipers
4. Socio- economic and project effects – Lindsay Staples
5. Scheduling, coordination and engagement – Lois Craig

Since Fall 2012, there have been three key components to our work:

1. Contributing to Phase V/VI concepts, plans and study design for MEL's submission to YESAB Designated Office (Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board). This includes discussions on proposed new pits, underground mining, waste rock and tailings management, reclamation, options for water management and discharge, stability of proposed structures, collections systems for 'clean' and 'dirty' water, and consideration of how project effects, including socio-economic effects, will be addressed.
2. Identifying principles and content for MEL's Decommissioning and Closure Plan (DRP) to MEL and YG (Energy, Mines and Resources). This includes identification of what is expected in a robust Closure Plan to be submitted to regulators (EMR and Yukon Water Board) by June 1, 2013; participation in effects' assessments and implications of possible failures on site during closure phase, and assessing adequacy of security held by YG (led to increase in security to almost \$24 million Fall, 2012).
3. Identifying to SFN and MEL the adequacy of company proposed studies, plans and actions to address existing site challenges and MEL's reporting requirements to regulatory bodies. These include contributions to, and review of, several proposed reports and activities including data gathering, plans to address Dry Stack Tailings movement, reclamation covers, site see page collections systems, water diversion plans and

SFN Minto Advisory Team

There are six members on the SFN technical team assisting Selkirk First Nation on various aspects of the Minto Project.

Bill Slater is an environmental consultant with a university degree in agricultural engineering and 20 years of Yukon experience in environmental assessment, water management and mine closure planning. He has been a technical consultant for SFN on Minto Mine since 2006. Bill provides technical leadership on MEL's water management proposals, potential environmental effects as well as consideration of alternatives that could lead to reduced effects, and is an expert witness on water and other project effects at Minto Project Water Board hearings. Bill currently provides SFN with technical team leadership for Minto project water related components including Phase V/VI plans, ongoing water regulatory licence matters and water implications of MEL's reclamation and closure plans.



Bill Slater



Milos Stepanik



Bud McAlpine

Bud McAlpine and **Milos Stepanek** are engineering consultants. Bud is SFN's technical team leader regarding structural stability and geo-technical aspects of mine structures including waste dumps, diversions, seepage collection, dams, and tailings facilities. Bud brings over 35 years of experience in engineering, water use regulation, mine development and closure assessment issues in the Yukon as well as regulatory expertise. Milos has over 58 years of geo-technical engineering experience in North America, Europe and South America. Bud and Milos work as a team and are currently advising SFN and working with MEL on matters associated with the Dry Stack Tailings Storage Facility (DSTSF), Mill Valley Fill (MVF), and current and planned waste rock placement and dumps, and diversion and collection structures for YESAB and Water Use and Quartz Mining Licencing submissions. Both have been expert witnesses before the Yukon Water Board.

SFN Minto Advisory Team

Jim Kuipers is a mining environmental consultant, a consulting engineer and the principal with Kuipers and Associates based in Wisdom, Montana. He has a Bachelor of Science from Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology in mineral process engineering, and is a registered professional engineer in Colorado and Montana. Jim has worked on mining and environmental projects including engineering design, permitting, operations, reclamation and closure, water treatment and financial assurance



Jim Kuipers



Lindsay Staples



Lois Craig

Lindsay Staples is a social scientist and brings over 25 years experience in land claims negotiations and implementation, resource management plans, environmental assessment reviews and in facilitation regarding resource use conflicts. He has worked with aboriginal peoples across the north as well as in BC. Lindsay is working with SFN, YG and MEL to launch a Project Effects Monitoring Program and provide guidance so that monitoring and outcomes will be useful. He is also providing leadership in development of a cumulative effects framework so that cumulative effects arising from the Minto Mine and other projects can be understood and addressed. Lindsay is working with SFN and MEL to consider how results from the traditional knowledge study can inform mine planning, operations and closure and he and Lois are working with SFN and MEL to consider how socio-economic effects arising from mine activities can be addressed.

Lois Craig has a Masters of Applied Environmental Studies and brings 29 years of Yukon experience working in government and more recently in her own company. Her government responsibilities included economic development, resource management, environmental assessment, Yukon land claims implementation and devolution of responsibilities to Yukon. Over the past six years she has worked with clients on effective community engagement, assessing training priorities, program evaluation, resource and economic development opportunities and provided project management. Work with SFN and Minto Project technical teams includes coordination of technical teams (e.g. scheduling and meeting followup), liaison with SFN/MEL on community engagement, work with SFN on regulatory requirements and with SFN/MEL on socio economic and project effects.

A message from the Selkirk First Nation Enrollment Office

Greetings Selkirk First Nation (SFN) Citizens:

The Enrollment Office has been very busy. We are still processing new enrollment applications which were reported at the Annual General Assembly.

We thought we would put out a short article to answer some commonly asked questions on Enrollment and Status Registration.

If I am registered as a Status Indian under Selkirk First Nation, am I automatically enrolled under the SFN Final Agreement?

No. The two are entirely different registrations. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (formerly Indian and Northern Affairs Canada) owns and controls the Status Indian Registry.

SFN owns and controls the SFN Enrollment Registry. This enrollment is voluntary (you decide if you want to be enrolled with SFN). There is an application process and eligibility criteria set out in the SFN Final Agreement under Chapter 3.

What is the difference between Status Registry and Enrollment Registry?

Status Registry: This is still required for Status Indians to access programs and services which SFN has not assumed responsibility for. The most common examples are the Non-Insured Health Benefits program and Post-Secondary Education. The Enrollment Office currently is able to assist you if you wish to apply for a Status Indian card.

Enrollment Registry: A person is eligible for enrollment as a Yukon Indian Person under one of the Yukon First Nation Final Agreements (as determined by eligibility criteria for that First Nation). Enrollment is a voluntary decision. There is an application and review process that each application goes through. To be eligible for enrollment under the SFN Final Agreement, a person must meet the criteria in Chapter 3 and also meet the

SFN Constitution requirements for Citizenship. When a person is enrolled with SFN, they become a Beneficiary of SFN as per the SFN Final Agreement and the SFN Constitution. A person who is a Beneficiary with SFN, is also a Citizen of SFN. A Citizen's rights includes access to use and occupy SFN land, right to participate in the benefits and opportunities arising under the Final Agreement and Self Government Agreement, to support and participate in the governing institutions of SFN, to vote in Elections (if 16 and older), to have a voice and vote at an Assembly, to hold office in a governing institution of SFN if 19 and older, etc. Please see section 5.0 of the SFN Constitution for the complete text.

Who decides who gets enrolled with SFN?

There is a SFN Citizenship Committee, as per the SFN Constitution, that reviews the applications and makes recommendations to Chief and Council for approval or disapproval. Chief and Council make the final decision with the advice and recommendation of the Citizenship Committee, Enrollment Staff, and in difficult cases – Legal advice.

Who is on the Citizenship Committee?

The Committee has five seats. Three Elders are appointed by the Elders Council, and two are SFN Citizens.

Who do I contact to discuss applying for Enrollment?

Enrollment Officer – Jerry Alfred

867-537-3331, Ext. 265

alfredjerry@selkirkfn.com

If you have moved recently, please contact the Enrollment office to update your address in the SFN Enrollment Database. It is important to keep your address updated to ensure you receive important information from time to time.

Recreation News

Hello Pelly Crossing residents! The dark days of winter are over and a lot is happening in the Recreation Department as spring approaches! The ice rink has been well used with kids, youth and adult hockey. School gym activities, volleyball evenings and youth center movie nights continue, and archery training is back. Check the posted recreation schedules for details.

The fitness gym is seeing more use, and is still open Mon and Wed from 6-8, so come on out and use the great new equipment we have! Our gym leader will be there to answer any questions, help with equipment use or give training ideas.

Recreation has several new youth employees hired through the Youth Leadership Program. They recently joined me at the Recreation Leadership Summit in Whitehorse which was an amazing learning opportunity as well as a chance to speak to national leaders in sport, recreation and active living in order for them to bring our input to the national agenda, and help "Yukonize" the country's policies. Currently these youth are busy working on the River of Life aboriginal suicide prevention course, and helping publicize events in Pelly.

Recreation has not had a board since 2005. Several people have put their names forward already to restart the Recreation Society, which will allow us access to the funding in the society's bank account, not to mention the Rec department will be able to hold more events and programs with the added help from board members. Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of the board. A first meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

March will be a busy month. Several youth from each community in the Yukon have been chosen for leadership training in Whitehorse, followed by them forming a Yukon youth committee to address issues in their communities and gain the training necessary to become leaders. This will be followed by the youth Tatelman trip, a collaborative effort from several

departments, and the mini carnival. We are also hoping to host an ice fishing event at Lhutsaw Lake. If you would like to volunteer for any of these, please contact me.

Recreation also has several brand new programs! The fiddle program is well on its way. Lessons are held after school. Contact me to sign up. There is also a new cooking/nutrition program which runs once a week. Learn easy and healthy recipes, make dinner with friends and take leftovers home. We will be looking for a new leader to run this program. Lastly, Recreation is continuing the traditional music and dance program Arla Good implemented last fall. Classes will be held after school with Carmen, open to all Pelly residents! Come dance with your children and grandchildren, let the culture thrive and the spirit of the Gala night continue!

Melanie Hackett, Recreation Coordinator

867-537-3837



Chief, Council, Youth

Doòli – Traditional Self Government Report

Doòli research has been going on for 12 years since the Selkirk First Nation (SFN) Elders GA Resolution in 2000. This work has brought back many Doòli laws and Traditional Governance ways to help our Citizens and communities.

- SFN Fish and Wildlife Laws – Further Implementation Required
- May Gathering
- Salmon and Fish Camp Doòli
- Traditional Self Government – More Implementation Is Required
- Land Use Plans for all SFN Lands – Complete. Needs to be updated again
- A Consultation System – Dan Ki – More Implementation Is Needed
- Trapline Doòli (not complete)
- Potlatch - Noho'é Book – Complete; Implementation is ongoing.
- Personal Doòli Information Gathering – 5 interviews of LSCFN Elders still to be done; 20-30 interviews of SFN Elders to go

In the spirit of our Traditional Ways, Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation (LSCFN) took over management of the Traditional Governance Project work in 2009 until SFN was able to work together with them again. In 2012, SFN Chief and Council re-hired for the position of Traditional Dooli Coordinator.

The Doòli Technical Working group helps the Elders keep the project moving forward. This is your DTeam:

- May Roberts **UKÁ YETS'EDINCHIN**
- Lizzy Hall **HETT'E TADDÁ**
- Rachel Tom Tom **DADDH'A**

- Emma Alfred **SANEWA**
- Evelyn Skookum **TA'THEY**
- Agnes Charlie **HALAAZHAN**
- Roger Alfred **TÁ CHE TE**
- Shirley Bellmore **CHU ZRA**
- Viola Mullet **MINJI**
- Maizie Profeit **UTŞETWA**
- Doug Urquhart **CHET**
- Chris Alway **DEK'ANA'ZRA**

We are really proud of what we've done this year...

- Successful Running of an Uncle's Retreat at Airport Lake
- Hosting a Hats'adän (Learning) Planning Session to map out our path using the stories and knowledge of our Elders to develop materials for:
 - ⇒ Traditional Parenting Tools
 - ⇒ Early Childhood Education – Daycares
 - ⇒ First Nation Based learning in our Northern Tutchone schools

Right now, we are working on finishing:

- A first draft of the Northern Tutchone Code of Ethics and Conduct (history component);
- The story of Northern Tutchone Men's and Women's lives and responsibilities;
- Bringing back past Doòli project posters and books to get them out into NT homes, daycares and schools; and
- Telling our Elders stories in booklets in Northern Tutchone and English.

Doòli – Traditional Self Government Report

The Focus of the work still to do, with the help of Northern Tutchone Governments and Elders is:

- Finish gathering what is known about Personal Doòli from today's Elders;
- Continue work on finalizing our Northern Tutchone Code of Ethics and Conduct for NT Elders review and presentation at SFN and LSCFN General Assemblies;
- Run one session of Auntie's and Uncle's Retreats on the land in each community to help our younger generations learn traditional skills;
- Digitize and organize all of the Doòli and Traditional Governance information;
- Gather materials and information from our past that is kept in basements of our First Nation's offices, museums and archives in Whitehorse, Ottawa, England and the USA;
- Help our Northern Tutchone Governments implement our Traditional Governance with today's governance needs to find a new path forward for our communities as per self-government agreement 2.1;
- Continue making our Elders knowledge and stories into educational materials for parents, daycares and schools; and
- Work together on figuring out and making sure every Northern Tutchone knows their 'Indian Name';
- Keeping balanced budget and work plan on schedule.

Please come and visit your Elders at the annual Northern Tutchone Elders meeting at Uk ädek'ets'ene (LSCFN Heritage Hall) in Carmacks on March 19-21.

The Elders are working together to help our future generations...



Elders Roles and Responsibilities Meeting Feb 12-13, 2013

It was a productive day with a lot of positive feedback. Chief and Council was present and the need for an open and joint setting was expressed by the Elders. The following are only some of the minutes extracted from the meeting. If you would like a full report of the minutes they are available in the Communications office. Thank you to the facilitators Chris Alway and Doug Urquhart.

Elders

- 75% quorum to make decisions and 11 family heads to pass quorum
- Elders taught youth how to hunt, fish, make net, track moose, use moose hide properly (rope, raft, clothing), and to read the river and land to travel safely
- Northern Tutchone people were nomadic (travelled from place to place depending on food resources and seasons)
- Elders taught Dooli through stories
- Long ago families took care of each other and Dooli law treated everyone with love
- Elders want to walk hand in hand with youth
- Elders know about medicine
- Songs teach about spirituality, identity, and the land (Every family had their own songs)
- Justice; It was the Elders job to deal with troublesome people and teach them right from wrong (This is how it was done the old way)
- Kids can learn their modern education but also need their traditional knowledge
- Elders Council must work with Chief and Council
- Elders expressed the need to protect the land, water, and wildlife
- Elders can teach the use of plants, herbs, and medicine for a strong wellbeing
- Elders should be going into the school to teach tradition

- Elders Council's role to teach younger Elders
- Elders Council should have more power
- More communication between all bodies of governance
- Elders Council is more unified
- There is a need to clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of all councils
- Three day festival (Gather, share, recognize)
- Strengthen Elders Council and Family Heads
- Recognition for talents and accomplishments
- Take families to trap lines
- Seasonal outings and celebrations

Chief Kevin McGinty

- We need Elders support and all bodies of government behind us when we go through Casino negotiations
- Integrate who we are into modern day
- Respectful, open, and positive meetings
- Follow constitution
- Lay strong foundations for generations to come
- Strengthen all bodies of government to form a stronger First Nation
- Improve communication
- Community support (Empower your leaders)

Elders Roles and Responsibilities Meeting Feb 12-13, 2013

Deputy Chief Lori Sims

- All notes from Elders Roles and Responsibilities are guidelines and solutions from Elders for a smoother operating First Nation
- Make governing bodies strong and positive
- Elders participation and input
- Encourage this type of forum to continue
- Recommend a working group for Elders budget to cater to Elder's wishes
- Communication must come from all bodies of government and community
- Information sessions about what roles departments play and what each one offers

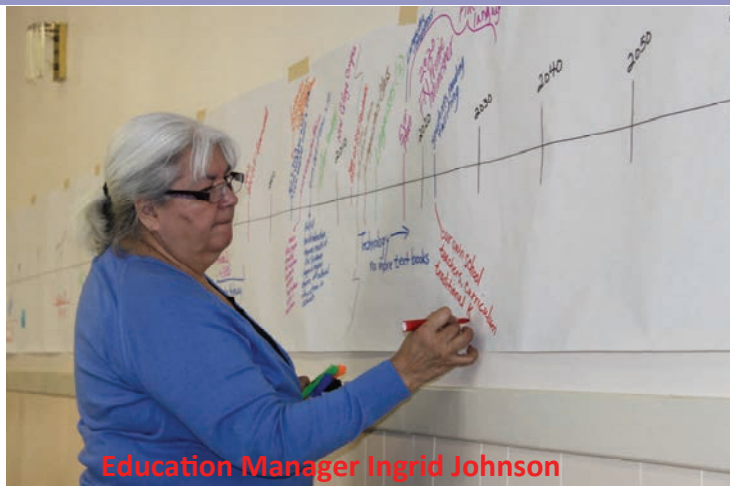


Peter Isaac, Frank Johnson, Terry Simon



Elders identifying ancestors from heritage exhibit

Education Forum Feb 26, 2013



Education Manager Ingrid Johnson

Selkirk First Nation's Chief and Council have identified Education as a priority to further advance their Citizens and self-government. Education Manager Ingrid Johnson hosted an Education Forum to retrieve community feedback on various education topics. The following are only some key areas of focus that the community would like to see:

- Balance between traditional knowledge and modern education. It was expressed that traditional knowledge is important for identity
- The need for strong role models (inspiring success stories, accomplishments)
- Incorporating cultural components into the school
- Life skills (self-esteem and confidence building)
- ENCOURAGEMENT
- Identifying what training people want
- Career Counseling (individual education plan, goal setting, research, assessments, skillset survey)
- Cultural Education Committee (traditional knowledge = identity)
- More training opportunities through partnerships
- Concerns of modified education (strive, support, and encourage students to ensure they graduate at a grade 12 academic level)
- NORTHERN TUTCHONE LANGUAGE

Solution oriented brainstorming and group activities took place throughout the day. Group activities caught momentum and the Education Manager was able to retrieve a lot of positive feedback from Elders and Citizens. A lot of constructive information was gathered and a full report of the Education Forum will be developed for Leadership to have community input and focus to move forward with Education. Leadership has the ability to make changes and implement education in to the community. Partnerships are currently underway to cater education and training opportunities to SFN citizens.



Yukon College Coordinator Dorothy Johnson



**Community Education Liaison Coordinator
Julia Joe**

Five-Year Strategic Planning Meeting Feb 27, 2013



Darielle Talarico and Chief Kevin McGinty

Darielle Talarico of Tipping Point Strategies facilitated the Five-year Strategic Planning meeting. The goal of the meeting was to provide opportunity for community feedback. The following priorities are key areas of focus identified at the Strategic Planning Meeting:

Finance

Jobs and employment

Land Use

Culture and Language

Education

Housing infrastructure

Economic Development

Wellness

Minto Mine

A lot of community input was provided to Leadership. Darielle Talarico will be returning to host another Strategic Planning meeting that will assist in prioritizing these key areas. Talarico will also be attending the SFN Youth Conference to get community input from the youth. Plans are underway.

Community attendance is of great importance and SFN will do it's best to keep citizens and the community informed and accommodated at these future meetings. Watch for postings!



Executive Director Joseph Gosnell

CYFN Chief's Summit Gala



SELKIRK SPIRIT DANCERS

The Selkirk Spirit Dancers strike again! This talented group was given an opportunity to entertain and honor past and present leaders at the CYFN Chiefs Summit Gala; Together Today for our Children Tomorrow. The children of the Selkirk Spirit Dancers set the mood for celebrating and left an intense impact in a venue full of Yukon Leaders. The group got positive and encouraging responses from the crowd for their outstanding performance and also received a standing ovation. The group was approached, praised, and recognized by various First Nation leaders from around the territory. Selkirk First Nation is in full support of the group and will be investing in more regalia and expenses for the dance group to travel and perform at other First Nation events. The SFN Communications office will also be partnering with Carmen Baker to promote the talent of the Selkirk Spirit Dancers and will be researching opportunities for them to display our rich Northern Tutchone culture. Any ideas or suggestions can be forwarded to either Carmen Baker or the Communications office.

Support your local dance group!



Tate VanBibber and Ranon Sawyer



Dorothy Johnson and Jared Tom Tom

CYFN Chief's Summit Gala



Rachelle Hager

MLA of Old Crow Darius Elias

"I would like to say that we are here together today for our children tomorrow. These are the children of tomorrow. It enriched my heart to see such living culture, living language and vibrant beautiful people from Selkirk First Nation. It made me proud and brought a tear to my eye. My Chief, Joe Linklater, came to me and said we have to shake their hand, because they put their hearts and souls out there. In this day and age we are celebrating our accomplishments and for those young people to come forward and share their culture with us, it is just absolutely phenomenal. I want to tell them that from the bottom of my heart, I will never forget that performance, because they did it for not only us, but for the Elders and leaders that have passed on. It gives me, as a leader, encouragement. That's what makes me get up in the morning, is those kinds of things. It was a proud moment and I think that they're going to remember that for the rest of their lives. Those are what leaders are made of, and I believe they've got a bright future."

Leadership Feedback:

Grand Chief Ruth Massie

"I would like to say congratulations to Selkirk First Nation on their amazing dance group. I think it's absolutely wonderful to see so many children engaged in displaying their culture to us. It's very important for the future of our culture. I would also like to congratulate the supportive parents and Elders and also the community as a whole for encouraging their youth."

Ta'an Kwach'an Chief Kristina Kane

"I thought they were absolutely amazing. It was uplifting and I think it brought our people's hearts to a really good place. It was good to see the little ones getting out there in the middle of everyone and coming out so fearless and giving it their all. I think that's very respectful and admirable. These are the little people that are going to be our leaders in the future."



Jaden Morrison

CYFN Chief's Summit Gala

Selkirk First Nation Chief Kevin McGinty

"I think the performance went really well. I was a bit nervous for them and wasn't sure how it would unfold. The performance really speaks to the title of their name, Selkirk Spirit Dancers. I think the spirit did come out and show the excellence of the performance. I had a sense of pride belonging to the community of Pelly Crossing. I don't have children, but it felt like they were all my children there. I was the proudest person in that room and I think all credit should be given to the kids. SFN and other supportive people are appreciated, but this is the hard work of the children and they need to be recognized for it."



Shaheen Baker



Shannon Morrison

Vuntut Gwitchin Chief Joe Linklater

"I thought it was amazing, especially the number of members in the dance group. The youth and the little ones did so great. They are an inspiration to myself and everyone here. I hope that we can do something similar in Old Crow."

Pelly Crossing Elder Audrey Baker

"They were so awesome, and I was so proud of them. I had tears in my eyes. I am so proud because they are such a young group and it was so awesome to see those little ones dancing their little hearts out. I really support them and I want them to continue to learn more songs and dancing as I know they will. Carmen I would like to say to you personally," "You go for it girl! You did an awesome job and I love you."

Pelly Crossing Road Upgrades

Yukon Engineering Services was retained by Yukon Government to:

- Conduct a site to review constraints and deficiencies;
- Provide a desktop geotechnical analysis conducted by EBA Engineering;
- Establish a road design criteria;
- Complete conceptual road and drainage design drawings;
- Provide a priority matrix and cost estimate;
- Conduct a public meeting

Any questions or comments, please contact:

Christine Benedek at (867) 668-2000 or cbenedek@yes-group.ca

Regulatory/YESSA Work	December/January 2012
Detailed Engineering Design	January and February 2013
Construction Tender Period	March 2013
Construction Award	Early April 2013
Pre Construction Public Meeting	May 2013
Start Construction (Tree Clearing for Street D and E	Mid May 2013
General Construction	June to September 2013
Paving with BST (As per highway surface)	August 2013 (May be postponed to following season)





Idle No More: What is this? Provided by Teslin Tlingit Council's "Deslin Neek"

What is Bill C-45?

What is Idle No More?

Idle No More movement was created to raise awareness of native issues/concerns over Bill C-45. "To support and encourage grassroots to create their own forums to learn more about Indigenous rights and our responsibilities to our Nationhood via teach-ins, rallies, and social media. "

That's the number of the bill introduced by the Harper government on October 18 with the title, "A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 29, 2012, and other measures."

The bill passed and then received royal assent on Dec 14 and is now known as the "Jobs and Growth Act, 2012. That doesn't sound like something that would spark a protest movement, especially an aboriginal rights movement. What's the issue?

C-45 is better known as the second omnibus budget bill. The act changes legislation contained in 64 acts or regulations. The act itself runs over more than 400 pages. The changes that most concern the Idle No More movement are the ones to these acts:

- Indian Act
- Navigation Protection Act (former Navigable Waters Protection Act)
- Environmental Assessment Act

In addition to the changes, those involved in the movement were angered by what they call a lack of consultation with Indigenous peoples. The movement has also expressed concern about other acts and bills from the Harper government.

Why was this created?

Bill C-45 is a bill that violates First Nation's treaty rights as well as human rights.

C-45 would bring significant changes to the Indian Act,

including changes to land management on reserves which will make it easier for the federal government to control reserve land and reduce the protection of millions of lakes and rivers. It's another bill to control land and control water perpetuating Agenda 21. This bill is one of the omnibus bills forced through the House of Commons this year. All of this legislation has been passed without proper consultation and debate with First Nations people.

How will this affect First Nation Governments?

It allows the Harper government to pass more laws and legislation that will further erode treaty and indigenous rights and the rights of all Canadians.

Indian Act: First Nations communities can now lease designated reserve lands if a majority attending a meeting called for that purpose vote to do so, regardless of how many people show up. Previously, approval required the support of a majority of eligible voters. The Aboriginal Affairs minister can call the meeting to consider surrendering band territory. The minister can choose to ignore a resolution from the band council that's in opposition to a decision at the meeting. Idle No More says these changes allow "for easier opening of treaty lands and territory."

Navigation Protection Act: Under the act, major pipeline and power line project proponents aren't required to prove their project won't damage or destroy a navigable waterway it crosses, unless the waterway is on a list prepared by the transportation minister. Idle No More claims the amendments remove the protection for 99.9 per cent of lakes and rivers in Canada.

Environmental Assessment Act: The first omnibus budget bill had already overhauled the assessment process and the second reduces further the number of projects that would require assessment under the old provisions. Idle No More objects to the faster approval process.



SFN COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED

The Selkirk First Nation is requesting applications from SFN Citizens
who live in Pelly Crossing for nominations on the following Committees:

SFN Finance Committee

SFN Constitution Committee

SFN Housing Committee

SFN Lands Committee

In addition, we are seeking 1 Elder for each Committee to sit as an Advisor

Information on the above mentioned Committees and application forms can be obtained from
Selkirk First Nation front desk.

Applicants are encouraged to read the complete Terms of Reference.

Deadline for Applications

March 29, 2013 before 5:00 pm

Contact Information:

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Email: gosnellj@selkirkfn.com

THE PELLY MOONLIGHT WALKERS

Would like to say a great big THANK YOU to our sponsors in the Canadian Cancer

Society's 2012 Relay for Life:

Capstone Mining Corporation

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Selkirk First Nation

Your generous donations allowed us to participate in the

Relay event held in Whitehorse on June 2, 2012.





The Adäka Cultural Festival will take place from June 21-27, 2013 at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre in Whitehorse!

Call for Artists, Crafters, & Performers

Are you interested in being part of the Adäka Cultural Festival?

We are still accepting artist applications until April 19th. If you are an artist, crafter, or performer who is interested in participating, please fill out an artist application form available on our website or from your local First Nation office.

We are also seeking items to be showcased in our Fashion Show. If you or anyone you know is interested in submitting pieces or being a model, please contact us at 667.7698 or via email at programs@adakafestival.ca

Keep in mind that we'll also be looking for volunteers to help out during the week of the Festival! Come be a part of the action and celebrate with family and friends on the banks of the Yukon River!

For more information:

www.adakafestival.ca

867.667.7698

info@adakafestival.ca

SFN Chief and Council Calendar

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 STAT holiday (SFN office closed)	2 (SFN office closed)	3 SFN office re- opens	4	5
6	7	8	9 C&C Regular Meeting 10-5	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 C&C Regular Meeting 10-5	23	24	25 C&C meeting / update from MEL Tech working group	26 Whitehorse Citizens' Information Session (Minto)
27	28	29 C&C meeting re: Enrollment	30	31 C&C (Shareholders) meeting with SDC		

SFN Chief and Council Calendar

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 C&C meeting (called in camera)	5 Council mem- bers at Capacity & Governance	6 Council mem- bers at Capacity & Governance	7	8 C&C / Minto Exploration Limited (MEL) Governance	9
10	11	12	13	14 Chief and Council attend- ance at CYFN Chiefs Summit	15 Chief at CYFN Chiefs Summit C&C / SDC (completion of meeting from Jan 31)	16 Chief and Council at CYFN Gala event Perfor- mance by Selkirk Spirit Dancers)
17	18	19 Chief and Council regular meeting 10-5	20	21	22 STAT Holiday	23
24	25	26 C&C & L&R / Casino meeting 11-3	27 5-Year Strategic Planning Com- munity	28		

A message from School Council member Kevin Nelson

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO RAISE A CHILD

A message from School Council member Kevin Nelson

I am pleased to be serving another term on the Eliza VanBibber School Council. I wanted to share my personal thoughts on where I would like to see the School Council focus during our term. These are my personal thoughts and do not necessarily represent the thoughts of the Council as a whole.

I got in to this position because I wanted to help the community be successful in educating their children in order for the First Nation to be prepared for future employment openings. To be successful in educating the children, it will take the collaboration of all parties involved (parents, teachers, principal, Selkirk First Nation, School Council, community members). It is my hope that the School Council and School will work towards building relations and partnerships with the community during my term.

Some positive things I have observed since taking office are: I was really impressed to see there is a high number of SFN Citizens employed at the school. Reports from other agencies in the community indicate the children in the school are very well behaved, compared to other communities they have been in. A breakfast program started by the teachers and funded through the school. Teachers volunteering to take children to the Hot Lunch Program. More culture in the school and the children learning Northern Tutchone songs and dance. More SFN Citizens being hired for short term projects. An excellent report from Quest participants about the meals provided by the students for fundraising. I really like the school plan presented by the Principal Keith Clarke which included such things as a new play area for the children, benches and picnic tables made by the students with the help of SFN qualified carpenters, possible landscaping and building of a roundabout – to be contracted to SFN business entrepreneurs. Another idea the Principal had was to

have the older students tutor the younger students and to use tutoring funding to pay the older students as a part time job.

The School Council receives a small budget of \$5,000.00 per year to put towards things the school needs. When we took office, we were informed the signatories have not been changed for many years. As a result, the \$5,000.00 has not been spent by previous Councils and the School Council has not received any additional dollars for several years. We recently attended to the paperwork required by the bank and once all signature cards are complete, we will have access to these funds again. The Council will need to decide where the funding will go. Unfortunately, we will not be able to access the funding for past years.

We have our School Council meetings every first Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear what the school has been doing for the month.

If you have any ideas or issues or concerns about the school, please feel free to contact me at home 537-3771. I look forward to building relationships with all agencies and parents in the community as IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO RAISE A CHILD. Source: YTG Website:

School councils provide a rewarding opportunity for Yukon people to get involved in the education of their children.

They are a voice for parents and community members.

They work with students, teachers, administrators and the Department of Education to provide high-quality education.

They can have an impact on issues that go beyond their school.

Along with teachers and administrators, school councils are a key source of information and support for parents who have questions about their children's education.

A message from School Council member Kevin Nelson continued

All Yukon schools operated by the Department of Education have an elected school council made up of three to seven members. School councils reflect the value the Yukon government places on the participation of parents and the public in the operation of the territory's schools.

What School Councils Can Do:

School councils can influence everything from school programming to discipline policies. They help with problem-solving and decision-making. They review and approve school plans, which are the blueprints for the school's activities and priorities. They participate in the hiring of the school's principal. They make recommendations on how the school's budget is spent. They may propose locally developed courses. They may also advise on the length of the school year, on staffing needs, on school renovations, on school programming, and on student transportation.



Courtney Alfred

Native Language Conference

Gunalchish/Mussi Cho to Sean Smith for the invitation and donation.



Cody Gill



Ranon Sawyer



Angell Johnnie



Children of the Selkirk Spirit Dancers



Congratulations to Terri-Lee Isaac and William Smith on their new baby boy, Evan!

Faro Mine Information Session
Watch for postings

Happy Birthday to Crystal Edwards.
Love from your nephew Addison!

Happy 25th Birthday to Kerri Edwards. Love from your family.

Happy Birthday to Danny VanBibber, love Patti

Stat Holidays for 2013:			
January 1, 2013	New Years Day	August 19, 2013	Discovery Day
February 22, 2013	Heritage Day	September 2, 2013	Labor Day
March 29, 2013	Good Friday	October 14, 2013	Thanksgiving Day
April 1, 2013	Easter Monday	November 11, 2013	Remembrance Day
May 20, 2013	Victoria Day	Christmas Holidays are determined by Chief and Council	
June 21, 2013	Aboriginal Day		
July 1, 2013	Canada Day		

Congratulations to Rebecca Roberts and Scott Sawyer on the arrival of their first daughter, Mila Sawyer.

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SFN ELDER PROFILES

If you or anyone knows of Elders that would like to be profiled for the Newsletter please contact the Communications office. Profiles will also be archived to ensure preservation. Thanks

EVB School—Important Dates:**March 4-15, 2013—Spring Break****March 18, 2013—Students Return for School****March 29, 2013—Good Friday
(school closed)****April 1, 2013—Easter Monday
(school closed)****JUNE 13, 2013—Grad date for Duran Simon
and Desiree McGinty****Editor's Note**

Good Day SFN Citizens and readers,

Its been good working for SFN. I like the idea that I can work from the outside in. I feel I've learned a lot in the short time that I've been on board and have built strong working relationships. I have a lot of respect for Elders and Leadership and find it refreshing to be living and working in a Northern Tutchone community. (Those of you who know me know that my father is of Northern Tutchone descent). Now that the first 2013 Newsletter has been printed, I'm on to another workload, SFN Youth Conference. I definitely feel that your Youth are one of your greatest resources for future investments. I have a lot of previous experience working with Youth and look forward to planning and developing a conference/forum for them. One last thing, I have taken great pride and pleasure in following and documenting the Selkirk Spirit Dancers. SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL DANCE GROUP! Communications is in full support of the group and will be partnering with Carmen Baker to help where ever it is needed. Gunalchish/Mussi Cho

Martin Morberg
Communications Officer

Renew your Trapping Concession or Seal your harvested Pelts. Dean McLean will be at the Selkirk First Nation Administration Building/Lands Department in Pelly Crossing. March 26, 2013 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Eliza VanBibber School

EVB school council has two vacant seats and are looking for people who are interested in becoming a council member. School council sits as an advisor to the principal, as well as works with parents and the community to help make our school a better place for our students. We encourage anyone who wants to help to apply. Please contact Mike Tuck at 867-537-3060 extension 24 or 867-332-7744