

# Kwanlin Dän Ch'a



Kwanlin People of Whitehorse, How are you?



Alastair Maitland

## COVER PHOTO

KDFN hosted the 31st Annual Yukon Hand Games Tournament at Jackson Lake Healing Camp August 9-11.

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# Chief's Message



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Things have been very busy this fall. There are a lot of really exciting things happening across the KDFN government.

You may have noticed this year's fall newsletter is coming out a few weeks later than normal. This was intentional because we wanted to include some key information: on October 17, the draft KDFN Lands Act passed first reading by Council, triggering a 90 day consultation phase. It is important that citizens engage with the Lands Act consultation, to learn about this new legislation, and to provide feedback before the Lands Act is finalized. Once the Lands Act is finalized, the KDFN government will be in position to begin granting settlement land to beneficiaries and citizens. Read more about this on page 3.

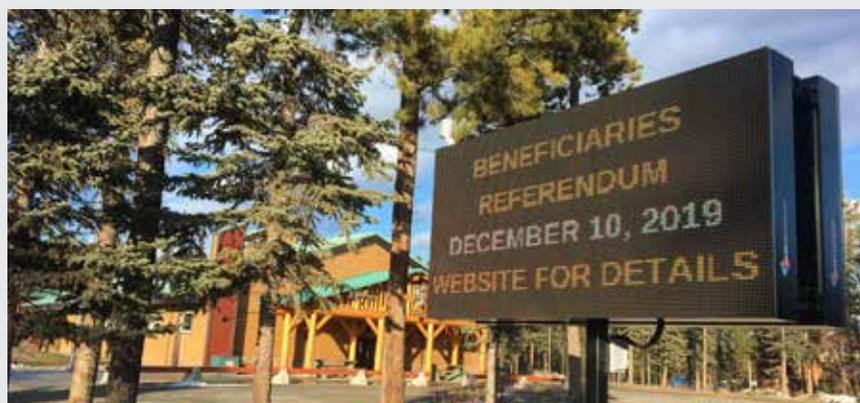
Kwanlin Dün beneficiaries held a meeting October 7 to discuss an updated Beneficiaries' Settlement Land Policy. At that meeting, beneficiaries voted overwhelmingly in favour to have a referendum vote about the proposed policy. The referendum is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10. For the proposed policy to be adopted, 329 Kwanlin Dün beneficiaries over the age of 18 would need to vote 'yes'. Be sure to read more about this on page 4. You can also find key referendum information on the KDFN website.

While moose hunting season has officially ended for non-First Nations across the territory, it's still important to emphasize the importance of taking only what we need from the land. Wildlife populations – especially near Whitehorse – are delicate. To ensure that

the land will provide for future generations, please always avoid shooting cow moose and respect the voluntary moratorium on caribou hunting until their population returns to healthy levels. Low salmon numbers have impacted our traditional way of life. Without responsible stewardship, the same thing could start happening with big game. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure big game populations will be healthy enough for fall harvests for generations to come.

The school year is now well underway. School attendance is very important, and it is the responsibility of parents and/or legal guardians to ensure students are at school on time, well-rested and have a full belly so that they're ready to learn. There is an attendance problem across the Yukon. If a child misses more than just nine days of school over the course of a school year, it can be hard for them to keep up. If a child has difficulty with reading and/or math by the time they are in Grade 3, statistics say their likelihood of graduating high school are much lower. Remember that resources are available to you and your child at the House of Learning, but the number one way to ensure your child succeeds at school is strong attendance.

Stay warm out there, everyone. Enjoy these cooler months as winter approaches.



A digital sign was installed in front of the Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch House this summer. It is a great way for the KDFN government to share important information – like the upcoming Beneficiaries Referendum.

# Consulting on Kwanlin Dün First Nation's new Lands Act



Kwanlin Dün First Nation is one step closer to adopting a new Lands Act. The Lands Act will be an important step to allow KDFN to manage, protect, and enforce laws on settlement land. The Lands Act will open opportunities for Beneficiaries and Citizens to live on settlement land and allow KDFN to process existing expressions of interest.

The draft Lands Act passed first reading at Council on October 17. KDFN is now reaching out to Beneficiaries and Citizens for feedback on the Act.

A 90-day consultation period began at the Fall General Assembly on October 19, 2019. KDFN will hold a series of consultation sessions in November and December to gather feedback from Beneficiaries and Citizens on the Act, clarify any parts that are unclear, and answer questions.

KDFN invites all Beneficiaries and Citizens to have their voices heard, and have their questions answered through this process.

The Lands Act was developed with guidance from the KDFN Traditional Territory Land Vision, which is available on the

First Nation's website. The Land Vision was created with direction from KDFN Beneficiaries and Citizens and ensures land use planning and management is consistent across KDFN's Traditional Territory.

A draft of the KDFN Lands Act and Regulations are available at [kwanlindun.com](http://kwanlindun.com), along with a series of information sheets to help KDFN Beneficiaries and Citizens better understand the draft legislation.

One-on-one and family meetings are also available to any Beneficiaries and Citizens who wish to review the Act with staff. These meetings are a great way to provide feedback, ask questions and get answers. They will also be an opportunity to discuss individual expressions of interest, as well as discuss current land needs and interests.

The Lands Act consultation will end in January 2020. Feedback collected during consultation will help improve the draft Lands Act before a final vote by Council

If the Act is passed by Council this winter, it would come into effect in the spring of 2020.

**Join the Heritage,  
Lands and Resources  
Department**  
at Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch  
House for a consultation  
session this fall.

**Presentation to  
Kwanlin Dün  
Elders Council**

November 13  
9-3 p.m.

**Consultation Sessions  
for Kwanlin Dün  
Beneficiaries and  
Citizens**

November 13 and  
December 3  
6-9 p.m.

**Consultation Session  
for Kwanlin Dün  
Beneficiaries**

November 21  
6-9 p.m.

**Open House  
for Kwanlin Dün  
Beneficiaries  
and Citizens**

December 17  
12-8 p.m.

For more information,  
visit [kwanlindun.com](http://kwanlindun.com)  
or contact the Heritage,  
Lands and Resources  
Department  
**867-633-7800** ext 128  
**Lands@kdfn.net**



*KDFN Beneficiaries at the Beneficiaries meeting, held October 7. Beneficiaries had the chance to vote whether or not to hold a referendum regarding an amended settlement land policy. They voted to initiate a referendum, which will happen December 10, 2019.*

# Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries cast referendum vote on December 10

On October 7, 2019, Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries voted in favour of putting proposed changes to the Beneficiary Settlement Land Policy to a Beneficiary referendum. Beneficiaries adopted the original Settlement Land Policy in 2010.

As part of developing a new Lands Act, Council reviewed the 2010 policy and determined that it needed to ask Beneficiaries for direction.

Council brought the 2010 Beneficiary Settlement Land Policy to Beneficiaries in September with some proposed changes to help clarify the policy. Working with the Beneficiaries, Council revised the policy several times based on feedback received during a series of information sessions.

Under Chapter 3 of the Constitution, Council must bring any changes to a Beneficiary policy directly to the Beneficiaries. The Beneficiaries must vote whether to put the changes to a referendum. If the referendum passes, the changed policy will be adopted by Council.

The voting process will begin in November.

Kwanlin Dün First Nation is encouraging all Beneficiaries to update their contact information with Honey-Starr Sidney, Citizenship Registrar. Honey-Starr can be reached by phone, 867-633-7800 ext. 131. or by email, honey-starr.sidney@kdfn.net.

## Beneficiary referendum

The Beneficiary referendum will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Elders Lounge at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre.

Any person on Kwanlin Dün's Beneficiary list, who is 18 years of age on December 10, 2019, is eligible to vote in the referendum. A voters' list and information about the proposed policy change have been posted in Kwanlin Dün offices, as well as on kwanlindun.com.

Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries living outside of Whitehorse will be sent a mail-in voting package. Voters can choose to cast their vote in person or by a mail-in ballot. Mail-in ballots received by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2019 will be counted in the referendum.

A voter can also apply to vote by special ballot. Voters who are housebound or in an institution can arrange to vote by special ballot by calling Lois Moorcroft, Chief Returning Officer at 867-335-5028.

Advance voting will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 from 12-7 p.m. at the Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch House.

All votes will be counted on Monday, December 16 at 5:15 p.m. at the Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch House.

## Important Dates

### Advance voting

Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch House  
Tuesday, November 26, 2019  
12-7 p.m.

### Regular voting

Elders Lounge  
Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre  
Tuesday, December 10, 2019  
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### Mail-in ballots

Must be received by 5 p.m. on  
Monday, December 16, 2019

## Contact Information

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**Chief Returning Officer**  
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kdfnvote@gmail.com



Monica Dawson, Emma Menzie, Louis Thompson, Seth Sutherland, Peter Henryu and Brody Calbery: 2019's KDFN graduates from ESES school. Emma Menzie won the "Caught You Being Good - Most Improved Student" award.

## School attendance is the key to success

### Why are Kindergarten to Grade 3 the most important school years?

- This is when kids learn to read
- This is when kids learn basic math
- This is when kids form attendance habits

Good attendance habits in Kindergarten to Grade 3 also sets the stage for good attendance habits throughout future school years. This means students are way more likely to graduate with the skills to go on to further education or employment.

### What can parents (and older siblings) do to support their children's education and good attendance?

- Send your child with a nutritious breakfast and a good night's rest.
- Make playtime and reading together a part of every day.
- Get involved at the school and attend Back-To-School BBQ's, Parent-Teacher Conferences, etc.
- Get kids involved in the cultural activities that take place at the school.
- Send your child to school on time every day (unless they are sick).

Kids need to learn good school habits early. Kids with good school habits graduate.

Have a great school year, everyone! Remember that there are resources available at the House of Learning. Contact HOL Reception at 633-8422 for more information.



New signage has been posted at the trailhead on the north shore of Fish Lake asking hikers to avoid the area during hunting season.

# Jackson Lake goes Solar

by Alexander Gatensby



KDFN has installed solar power generation at the Jackson Lake Healing Camp. Using renewable energy such as solar power has many benefits, including saving money, and saving otherwise finite resources. This new source of energy will be able to supply power to tent frame cabins which means they can now be equipped with items such as lights and smoke detectors.

It is estimated that once the panels are built in, there will be diesel savings of 15,000 litres per year. Generator run time will be reduced by over 80%. This also means that it is far less likely for the surrounding environment to be contaminated by diesel, and unwanted noise will be kept minimal as there will not be a large generator running constantly. Williams Engineering conducted a full engineering assessment of the camp to bring it up to code and ensure it is safe for public use.

The Solar array consists of eighty solar panels mounted on the ground. It is connected to a battery system that can be automatically recharged by a generator when the solar panels are not generating enough power. This will secure continuous power for the Healing Camp throughout the winter when there is minimal sunlight.

The power system, consisting of inverters, batteries, controls and a backup generator, exists inside an insulated shipping container. The solar panels are now in place at the south-west end of the camp (south of the driveway as you enter).

The Government of Yukon's Energy Solutions Centre provided \$200,000 in funding to help make this project possible. An additional \$325,581 came from the Gas Tax fund. That money, along with contributions from KDFN, was used to renovate existing cabins and roofs, convert tent frame sites to cabins, upgrade the cook shack to a commercial kitchen and purchase gravel required for the various projects.



## For more information

Contact **Shawn Wood** at [Shawn.Wood@kdfn.net](mailto:Shawn.Wood@kdfn.net)  
or call (867) 633-7800 Ext. 407



Participants of the Housing Maintainer Program, at the open house on July 10.

Top Row (left to right): Kathleen Dawson, Tyra Mullin, Simon Vincent (instructor), William Obrien-Burns  
Bottom Row (left to Right): Lauren Passmore (HOL staff), Phillip Asp

## Housing Maintainer Program teaches important skills

by Alexander Gatensby

Starting in February 2019, a group of KDFN citizens participated in the 20-week Housing Maintainer program. This was a pilot project offered through a collaboration among the KDFN departments of Education and Community Services, and Yukon College. Students participated in the renovation of a house in the McIntyre subdivision. Over the course of 20 weeks, Instructor Simon Vincent provided instruction on carpentry, electrical work and plumbing.

Graduates of this program in 2019 are: Phillip Asp, Gerald Bill, Merlin Charlie, Kat Dawson, Tyra Mullin, and William O'Brien-Burns.

Four of the graduates became carpentry apprentices and became a plumbing apprentice. Their time at the Housing Maintainer Program was recorded as credit toward their apprenticeships. "Some students started from far away, now they're well on their way to have their certificate[s]." Explained Simon Vincent, the program's instructor.

Simon also explained that some of the key skills developed were punctuality, working in a team, carpentry, as well as English and Math skills from first to 10th grade levels in a classroom setting. Graduates were presented with a certificate for completing each of the following courses: Asbestos Awareness, Confined Space Entry, Fall Protection, and WHMIS.

**"I think if I want to build something on my own I'm more knowledgeable with the tools and more knowledgeable on how to install things," described Kat Dawson.**

On July 10, the participants hosted an open house to showcase all of their hard work. Going through the house you could see that what was once a much-damaged property, is now completely renovated with the workers clearly proud of what they have done.

### For more information

Contact the Housing Maintainer Program, **Justine Copestake** at **Justine.Copestake@kdfn.net** or call **(867) 633-8422 Ext. 507**

# National Gathering of Elders in Winnipeg

by Alexander Gatensby



*KDFN Elders proudly hold up the KDFN Flag at the National Gathering of Elders, in Winnipeg.*

July 1, 2019 marked the second bi-annual National Gathering of Elders, taking place in Winnipeg. Kwanlin Dün First Nation was one of two Yukon First Nations to attend the gathering, along with the Ta'an Kwach'an Council.

The Gathering was organized to bring Elders from all Indigenous groups across the country together - something that had previously only taken place on a provincial scale. The goals for the gathering, as listed on their website, are:

- To build and strengthen the gap of education between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.
- To promote environmental responsibility and sustainability through cultural knowledge.
- To work with schools and universities to build a bridge on knowledge on the importance of Indigenous knowledge.
- For Elders to work in collaborative setting to put for recommendation on cultural preservation for the purposes to promote positive mental health and belonging.
- Discussion of traditional knowledge frameworks.

Elders had the chance to engage in forums regarding topics such as: family and youth, reconciliation, missing and murdered indigenous women, and climate change. Their concerns and recommendations were collected and summarized at the end of the gathering. Elders who wished to participate were invited to celebrate ceremony each morning.

KDFN Elders left the gathering with good feelings about the event.

## For more information

The next Gathering is in 2021. Contact **William Carlick** at [William.Carlick@kdfn.net](mailto:William.Carlick@kdfn.net) or call (867) 633-7800

# Navigating Non-Insured Health Benefits

by Alexander Gatensby

In September 2018, Judy Anderson started working at the Natsékhi Kù Health Centre as the NIHB (Non-Insured Health Benefits) Navigator. In this position, she links eligible Yukon First Nations and Inuit people who live in the Yukon with the health services they need, and supports and advocates on their behalf.

"Any First Nation or Inuit person living in the Yukon can come access Judy's services" explains Crystal Edzerza, Manager of Home and Community Care at the Natsékhi Kù Health Centre. "She is here to help people navigate the complicated health-care system."

Accessing NIHB services by going on the computer or calling on the phone can be complicated, but Judy is here to help. Her position at the Natsékhi Kù Health Centre exists for any eligible Indigenous person living in the Yukon region who is looking to access Non-Insured Health Benefits.

It is the NIHB Navigator's responsibility to advocate for clients' voices in their health decisions, identify gaps and challenges in program delivery by listening to client experiences, assist with appeals on denial of benefits and reimbursement claims, and ensure client cultural competency. On top of that, she collects feedback and experiences for the NIHB/AFN joint review committee to help improve NIHB program delivery.

Having somebody who knows the right wording, the right people to call, and how to follow up is very important.

## If you need to access the NIHB Navigator



Contact **Judy** by calling the **Natsékhi Kù Health Centre** toll free at **1-833-668-7200**; by calling **(867) 668-7289**, or via email [judy.anderson@kdfn.net](mailto:judy.anderson@kdfn.net).

# Construction updates in McIntyre



Concrete footings for the new Community Hub being poured in late October

KDFN's Community services department continues to work on two significant projects (the Multi-purpose building/Gymnasium and the Community Hub) in the McIntyre subdivision. Updates are as follows:

## Multi-purpose Gymnasium Project

- The design is complete
- The foundation is complete
- Clark Builders have started construction at the site
- Completion of the building is expected in March of 2020

This building will be a community recreation space and the home for youth programming. It will also provide additional KDFN government office spaces as needed.



The Multi-purpose Gymnasium is quickly taking shape.

## Community Hub

- The design has been completed and funding from the federal and territorial governments (\$25.8 million) has been approved
- The construction contract has been awarded to Wildstone Construction & Engineering Ltd. They have committed to work with Canyon City Construction, a KDFN-owned company
- Construction began mid-September
- Wildstone held a very well-attended job fair on October 24 at the Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch House. It is planned that the building will be ready for occupancy by late 2020 or early in 2021

## Housing Projects

- In September, Council approved the construction of five new houses on McCauley Road in McIntyre.
- The houses will be small, two-bedroom single detached units.
- Construction began in September
- Houses should be ready for occupancy in Winter 2020

### For more information

Contact **Larry Turner** at **Larry.Turner@kdfn.net** or call **(867) 633-7800 Ext. 402**

# Youth Recreation Update



Mountain biking on Mt. Mac. with Youth Recreation and Contagious Mountain Bike Club. Photo by Dylan Sherrard.

KDFN Youth Recreation was very busy throughout summer 2019. Highlights include:

- Weekly afternoon sport drop-ins such as McIntyre Field Sports on Mondays, Softball Skills Training on Wednesdays, and Run + Fun on Fridays
- Movie Night – Hosting one of the first community screenings of the movie: “The Grizzlies”
- Mountain Biking on Grey Mountain and Mt McIntyre
- Kayaking on the Yukon River (in partnership with the Yukon Canoe and Kayak club), and White-water rafting on the Tatshenshini River
- Educational camping and canoeing trips
- Tuesday outings to youth-suggested spots like the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, Takhini Hot Springs, mountain biking, and swimming in lakes
- A total of six daytrips to Carcross
- Youth Rec. community dinners with meals cooked by youth
- Hosted Yukon College Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) kids camp
- Wilderness Wellness Expeditions with the Youth Achievement Centre

## Programming for the Fall is as follows:

- Now that it’s fall, youth rec has returned to Nàkwät’á Kù on Mondays and Fridays after school from 3:15-5:15 p.m. for activities including arts, crafts, cooking, T-shirt making, and other programs.
- There is the option to learn juggling and other circus arts as part of Monday after school programming.
- After school outings will continue on Wednesdays. These activities may include swimming at the Takhini Hot Springs, sports and games at the CGC, and more! Plans for Wednesday outings have not yet been finalized.

## For more information

Contact **Kaitlyn Charlie** at [Kaitlyn.Charlie@kdfn.net](mailto:Kaitlyn.Charlie@kdfn.net) or call **(867) 334-8728** for more information about Youth Recreation programming.



Left: Youth Recreation visited the Carcross Desert, swam at Bennett lake and visited the cultural centre during several day trips this summer.



Right: Youth Recreation is so proud to work with so many young artists! Here, youth from KDFN Youth Recreation and Youth Achievement Centre display one of many murals they have created.



Youth Recreation took a tour of the Wildlife Preserve and got to see many iconic Yukon animals including caribou and arctic fox.



Left: A highlight of the summer! Youth Recreation went whitewater rafting on the Tatshenshini River and the day was filled with laughter and excitement.



Right: Youth Recreation on an overnight canoe trip on the Yukon River. We love to be paddling, rain or shine!

# Elder Louie Smith Receives Literacy Award

by Alexander Gatensby

On September 10, 2019, KDFN Elder Louie Smith, and his tutor Ted Ackerman were both given the Council of the Federation Literacy Award. The award, presented by Premier Sandy Silver, was given to Louie for his outstanding achievement of learning to read the English Language at the age of 86.

The Council of Federation Consists of all 13 provincial and territorial premiers in Canada. The Council of the Federation Literacy Award is presented every year for outstanding achievements in literacy.

Ted and Louie have been working together since 2015. Although Ted is the tutor who teaches Louie how to read English, he has learned a lot from Louie about the Southern Tutchone language and First Nation Culture along the way. Ted describes their partnership as two-way tutoring. It has also become a friendship over the years.

Louie, who only attended school for a total of two weeks as a child, never learned how to read or write. He was raised in a traditional lifestyle and spoke Southern Tutchone and Northern Tutchone, taught to him by his father. Now, at age 86, Louie has made strides toward his lifelong desire of learning to read in English. At the award ceremony, Louie commented that he no longer needs help to do tasks like taking money out of the ATM.

Louie continues to meet with Ted two times a week at the Kenādän Ku House of Learning for tutoring sessions, and he has no plans to stop. It just goes to show that it's never too late to learn something new.



*Elder Louie Smith accepting his Council of the Federation Literacy Award with his tutor and friend, Ted Ackerman and Premier Sandy Silver looking on.*

**"Although Ted is the tutor who teaches Louie how to read English, he has learned a lot from Louie about the Southern Tutchone language and First Nation Culture along the way."**



## **KDFN Post-Secondary Education Program**

The Financial Assistance Deadline for the Winter 2019 Semester is

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019**



# Flu Season is Here



Here are some FAQs with info that can help you stay healthy.

## 1. What causes flu?

The flu is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs. It is caused mainly by 2 types of viruses: influenza A or influenza B.

## 2. How is flu spread?

The flu spreads easily from person to person. Even before you notice symptoms, you may spread the virus to others by sneezing, coughing, or talking. You can become infected if droplets contaminated by the virus land on your nose, mouth, or eyes.

Infection can also happen if you touch any of these body parts after touching objects contaminated by infected droplets (doorknobs, phones, television remotes, someone's hands).

## 3. What are the risks of getting the flu?

In Canada, your risk of getting the flu is higher in the late fall and winter months.

The flu is ranked among the top 10 leading causes of death in Canada.

The flu is usually diagnosed by a health care provider based on symptoms and laboratory tests. Mild flu symptoms can be treated with rest, fluids, and medicine to reduce any fever or aches.

## 4. How can flu be prevented?

The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine, also known as a flu shot. Flu vaccine is safe and effective. You cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine. Most people do not have reactions to the flu vaccine. Severe reactions are very rare.

Everyone 6 months and older should get the vaccine. This is important for people who are at high risk of complications and those who are capable of spreading the flu to those at higher risk.

Getting your flu vaccine is a great time to make sure all your vaccinations are up to date.

It is important that you get a new flu vaccine every year. Flu shots are available at the Natsékhi Kù Health Centre beginning October 21, 2019.

You can also protect yourself and those around you from the flu by washing your hands frequently, coughing and sneezing into the bend of your arm, avoiding touching your face with your hands, cleaning objects that a lot of people touch, and eating healthily, exercising and resting well to keep your immune system strong.

If you do get sick, stay home and avoid contact with other people until your symptoms are gone.

Source: Government of Canada website



*Paddling on Bennett Lake*

## Our Trip from Bennett City to Carcross

*by Alexis Taylor-Mervin*

This summer I went on a canoe trip to Carcross for the Haa Kusteeyí Celebration in Carcross. The trip was part of the Wilderness Wellness Expeditions program, run in partnership with KDFN Youth Recreation and the Youth Achievement Centre. The trip was six days in total.

First, we took the train from Carcross to Bennett City. People were excited to go on the train. I enjoyed seeing the nice, clear blue water, the mountains, and getting to stand outside of the train on the little back deck. We got dropped off at the Bennett City train station. First, we went on a walk up a hill to see St. Andrew's Church, and then we explored the exhibits inside the train station. The artifacts inside the station were cool to see. Our group ate burritos that we made in the shelter, and then camped for the night at Bennett City.

In the morning, we started paddling on Lake Bennett, which we did for 3 days. We got up early (at 5:30 a.m. each day) to pack up our stuff and beat the wind and the waves. We connected the canoes into catamarans to help people feel comfortable instead of nervous. We had fun in the catamarans, spending

time singing along with each other, telling jokes, and making weird and funny faces while we paddled.

We made stops at some pretty spots and islands for lunch breaks. My favourite stop was an island with really clear water- it was sunny and hot out. We made a stop at an old railroad station, Pennington Station. We explored a few abandoned places ... looking inside if we could. It felt scary to explore the abandoned places, but it was also really cool. Getting back into the canoes, we saw another small abandoned cabin right away and decided to explore it too. I liked exploring all the abandoned places we found along the way. I thought it was really interesting.

We were treated with amazing views while we paddled. As we got nearer to Carcross, the group was excited. I think everyone felt proud to make it back to Carcross – we had paddled about 45 kilometers on Lake Bennett. It was a lot of paddling!

Arriving at the Haa Kusteeyí Celebration in Carcross by canoe was lots of work, but a special way to travel there. I was excited to check out the celebration. I am glad that I went on this canoe trip!



Entering the Yukon



Group shot upon arrival in Carcross



The train at Bennett City



Favourite Spot - Relaxing on the beach for lunch break

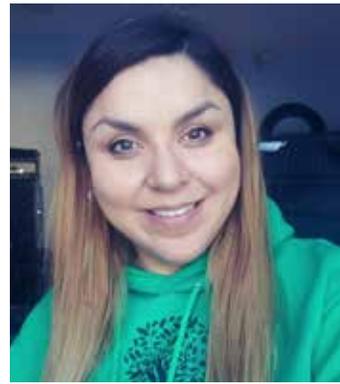
# Housing Liaison Support Worker Advocates for You

by Alexander Gatensby

In January 2019, Krystle Buchanan started work as the Housing Liaison Support Worker – a new position to KDFN. The Housing Liaison Support Worker, located at KDFN’s Community Services building, acts as a connection between Community Services and tenants. Krystle describes herself as an advocate for tenants to have a safe place for their voices to be heard by the KDFN departments. As well as advocating for tenants in KDFN housing, she supports citizens who may be having trouble with housing outside of the community.

Some of the things the Housing Liaison Support Worker can do:

- Provide housing advocacy to KDFN citizens
- Support citizens who are looking for affordable housing
- Connect clients to services and resources
- Assist in completing tenancy agreements, tenancy packages, and income support
- Help tenants understand the Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, and the KDFN Housing Rental Policy



For assistance with your housing situation

Contact **Krystle**, the **Housing Liaison Support Worker** at **(867) 633-7833 Ext. 405**

**“The most important part of my work is to try and keep our citizens housed, and in a safe environment,” says Krystle. “Another big part of my job is to be that Liaison between the various KDFN departments, so better support and service can be offered to tenants and citizens.”**



*Dusk'a Head Start Family Learning Centre staff and students in front of their newly-acquired van. The van will be used for outings such as field trips to Rotary Park.*

# Chu Níkwän Development Corporation hosts open house

On October 24, KDFN citizens were invited to an open house at the new Hammerstone Business Centre across the street from Lot 226. Those who attended were treated to an impressive showcase of completed and ongoing projects, such as construction at the F.H. Collins and new French language school site in Riverdale and the residential development at 606 Jarvis. Attendees were also given sneak peeks at plans for the new waterfront hotel, which is expected to begin the detailed planning phase in spring 2020.



CNDC Open House

## For more information

Please contact **Jesse** at (867) 633-6585



*Isaac Bill, KDFN's new Youth Councillor was sworn in on September 24, 2019. "I'm excited to meet new people, learn new things, and bring forward some ideas." Isaac expressed after the ceremony.*

# Community Fun Day

The Kwanlin Dün First Nation Council declared August 24, 2019, as KDFN Community Fun Day. The Youth Advisory Committee to Council was tasked with organizing a day of community festivities in McIntyre.

The event was a big hit. The day included face-painting and art projects for our littlest people; a photo booth; mural painting – the results of which now adorn the KDFN hockey rink; a youth councillor election, seeing Isaac Bill elected; and, the “Empowering our Youth Workshop”, delivered by Don Burnstick.

Live performances, on the main stage included: Jeremy Linville, Jeremy Parkin, Jerry Alfred, Dirt Road and Dena Zagi. A special appearance and reunion by Grandma Susie and Grandma Sarah also graced our stage.

On behalf of the Youth Advisory Committee to Council, we would like to express our appreciation to the Boys and Girls Club of Yukon and the Youth of Today Society for bringing their assistance and expertise to this event.



*Community members painting a mural, prepared by Youth of Today Society on Community Fun Day.*

## For more information

A committee will be established in November to begin planning for another event in 2020. If you are interested in sitting on this committee, contact **Eileen Duchesne** at **(867) 633-7800 ext. 105**



*In August 2019, House of Learning Staff were lead though a Blanket Exercise, put on by Aurora Hardy and Teagyn Vallevand of Youth for Lateral Kindness.*

## Pathways/Social Assistance: Holiday Service Hours

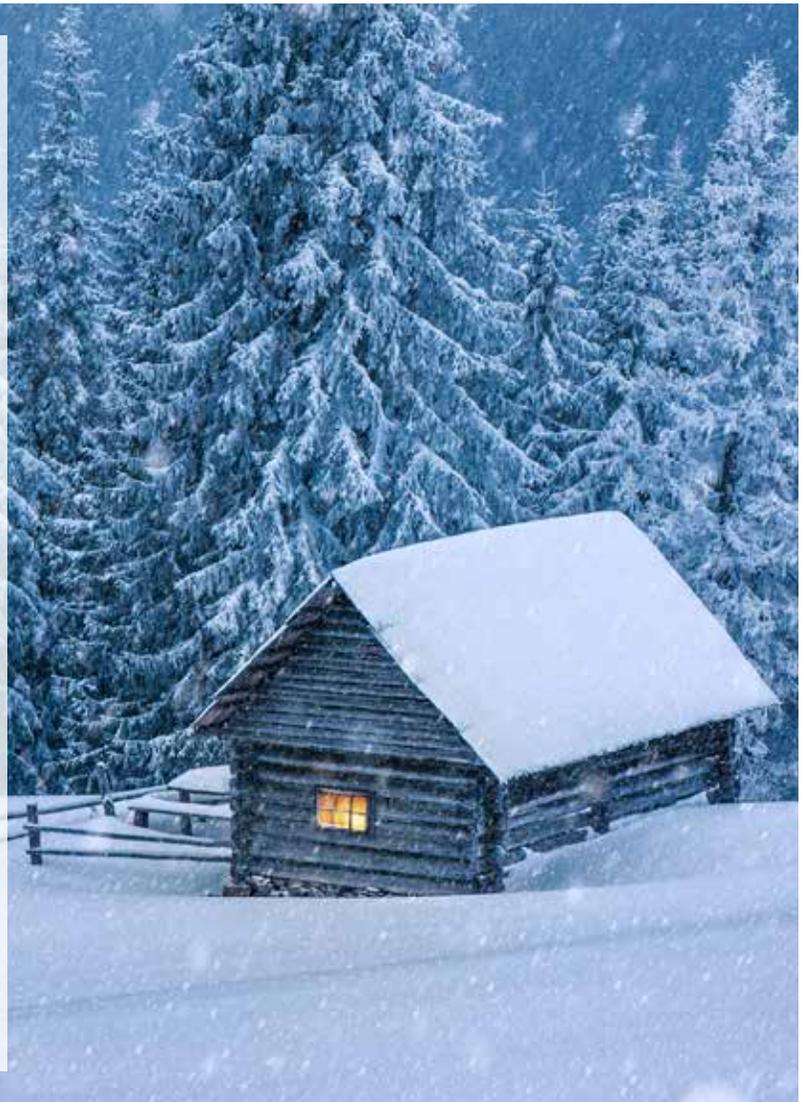
We would like to inform you of our revised “Holiday Service Hours.”

As with other KDFN businesses we will be closed on Christmas day, Boxing day and New Years Day. In between the holidays SA will still be open for client services on “special holiday hours”:

DATE	HOURS
December 23, 2019	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
December 24, 2019	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
December 27, 2019	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
December 30, 2019	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
December 31, 2019	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
January 2, 2020	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
January 3, 2020	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wishing you and yours a safe and warm holiday season from the Pathways Team at KDFN Social Assistance (SA).

As with other KDFN departments we begin regular office hours on January 6, 2020 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



The digital sign being installed in front of the Nàkwat'á Kù Potlatch House this summer.

# Kwanlin Dün First Nation Judicial Council

by Alexander Gatensby

The Kwanlin Dün First Nation Judicial Council is set up under KDFN's Constitution to protect the rights and freedoms of Kwanlin Dün citizens.

The Judicial Council is a neutral body separate from the rest of the KDFN government. Its purpose is to help resolve disputes, hear appeals to government decisions, and protect the rights and freedoms of KDFN citizens. It rules on citizen challenges of decisions of the KDFN Council or another branch of KDFN's government; however, it does not deal with any residential tenancy matters.

The Judicial Council has the authority to deal with concerns about how the Citizenship Code or the Elections and Referendum Code are applied. It also can exercise any authority specifically assigned to it anywhere in KDFN's Constitution, or KDFN law.

A decision supported by a majority of the members of the Judicial Council is the decision of the Judicial Council in that matter.

Members of the judicial Council are selected via recommendations from the General Assembly, Council and Elders Council.

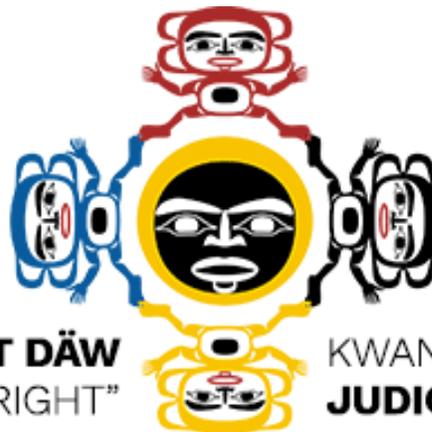
Members of the Judicial Council are:

- Chair: Linda Moen
- Bill Webber
- Margaret Mckay
- Haily Bill
- Debra Thibodeau
- Administrator: Chantelle Blackjack

The Judicial Council Administrator, who is liaison for the Judicial Council members, can be contacted via email at [kdfnjudicialcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:kdfnjudicialcouncil@gmail.com) or telephone at 867.335.6726. Their office is located in the Yukon Inn Plaza.

## For more information

Information about the KDFN's Judicial Council can be found online at [kwanlindunjudicialcouncil.ca](http://kwanlindunjudicialcouncil.ca) or in KDFN's constitution.



**SHÄW THÄN NÄ KUTTHAT DÄW**  
"SO THINGS COULD GO RIGHT"

**KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION**  
**JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

*The Judicial Council logo: the four figures represent many people from all nations. The round centre image represents an eclipse of the sun and the moon. This idea is that of the elements lining up in perfect alignment. The human figures are circled as in agreement of cooperation. Balance, respect, honor, fairness and justice.*

# KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION LANDS ACT CONSULTATION



**THE HERITAGE, LANDS AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT** has begun a 90-day consultation period on the new Lands Act. Consultation will include a series of sessions to walk Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries and Citizens through the Act, answer questions on the draft legislation and receive feedback from the community.

For more info, visit [kwanlindun.com](http://kwanlindun.com) or contact the **Heritage, Lands and Resources Department** 867-633-7800 ext 128 / [Lands@kdfn.net](mailto:Lands@kdfn.net)

## JOIN THE DEPARTMENT AT A CONSULTATION SESSION THIS FALL.

### **Presentation to Kwanlin Dün Elders Council**

Nàkwät'à KùPotlatch House  
November 13 9-3 p.m.

### **Consultation Session for Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries and Citizens**

Nàkwät'à KùPotlatch House  
November 13 6-9 PM

### **Consultation Session for Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries**

Nàkwät'à KùPotlatch House  
November 21 6-9 PM

### **Consultation Session for Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries and Citizens**

Nàkwät'à KùPotlatch House  
December 3 6-9 PM

### **Open House for Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries and Citizens**

Nàkwät'à KùPotlatch House  
December 17 12-8 PM

# Events Calendar

**M** = Mondays

**T** = Tuesdays

**W** = Wednesdays

**TH** = Thursdays

**F** = Fridays

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Education, Apprenticeship or Employment Planning	Daily by appointment	Kenädän Kù House of Learning
Wednesday Youth Outings	Wednesday October 9th-January 29th	<b>W</b> Various locations. Transportation provided unless otherwise stated
Tutoring Club	For dates and times contact HOL	Kenädän Kù House of Learning
After School Youth Recreation	October 4 to January 31 Mondays and Fridays 3:15-5:15 p.m.	<b>M F</b> Nàkwät'á Kù Potlatch House
Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding at Mt. Sima	Start date TBD. Every second Sunday 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Mt. Sima
Dusk'a Family Luncheon	Last Thursday of every month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	<b>TH</b> Dusk'a Learning Centre
Lunch and Learn	First Wednesday of every month 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	<b>W</b> Meet at Natsékhi Kù Health Centre
Elders Walking Group	November - ongoing Tuesdays and Thursdays 2 - 3	Health Centre
Chronic Conditions Luncheon	Ongoing Every 3rd Wednesday	<b>W</b> Meet at Natsékhi Kù Health Centre
Lands Act Consultation Presentation to Kwanlin Dün Elders Council	November 13 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Nàkwät'á Kù Potlatch House
Lands Act Consultation Session for Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries and Citizens	November 13 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Nàkwät'á Kù Potlatch House
KDFN Post-Secondary Deadline for Winter Semester	November 15	
Lands Act Consultation Session for Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries	November 21 6-9 p.m.	Nàkwät'á Kù Potlatch House
Beneficiaries Referendum Advanced Voting	November 26	Nàkwät'á Kù Potlatch house
Lands Act Consultation Session for Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries and Citizens	December 3 6-9 p.m.	Nàkwät'á Kù Potlatch House
Beneficiaries Referendum	December 10 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Elders Lounge, Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre
Beneficiaries Referendum Mail-in ballot deadline	December 16	
Lands Act Open House for Kwanlin Dün Beneficiaries and Citizens	December 17 12-8 p.m.	Nàkwät'á Kù Potlatch House
Holiday shutdown	December 23 to January 3	

ABOUT	CONTACT
Do you want to go back to school but don't know where to start? Are you looking for a job but the paperwork and resume process is hard? We are here to help with education applications, employment or apprenticeship.	Come to Reception at the Kenädän Kù House of Learning to meet with one of us from the Education and Employment Team.
Youth ages 5-18. A variety of outings in the Whitehorse area including Takhini Hot Springs and CGC.	Kaitlyn Charlie: 867-334-8728 Courtney Terriah: 867-334-8718
By appointment. One-on-one tutoring catered to individual learning styles	House of Learning Reception: 633-8422
Youth ages 5-18. Various indoor and outdoor activities. Games, sewing, arts and crafts, and yummy food.	Kaitlyn Charlie: 867-334-8728 Courtney Terriah: 867-334-8718
Youth ages 9-18. Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding at Mt. Sima. Transportation, gear and lift passes provided.	Kaitlyn Charlie: 867-334-8728 Courtney Terriah: 867-334-8718
Healthy lunch for the families of children who attend Dusk'a	Dusk'a Reception: 393-3775
Everyone welcome. Different topics every month	Clinic Nurses 668-7289 ext. 211
Elders meet at Canada Games Centre, or rides can be arranged with Denise Peter.	
Healthy lunch for Elders who have chronic conditions.	Main desk: 668-7289
Elders Council meeting	For more information, visit <a href="http://kwanlindun.com">kwanlindun.com</a> or contact the Heritage, Lands and Resources Department at 867-633-7800 ext 128 or email <a href="mailto:Lands@kdfn.net">Lands@kdfn.net</a>
Learn about the draft Lands Act and have your say	For more information, visit <a href="http://kwanlindun.com">kwanlindun.com</a> or contact the Heritage, Lands and Resources Department at 867-633-7800 ext 128 or email <a href="mailto:Lands@kdfn.net">Lands@kdfn.net</a>
The financial assistance deadline for the fall 2019 semester is November 15, 2019	
Learn about the draft Lands Act and have your say	For more information, visit <a href="http://kwanlindun.com">kwanlindun.com</a> or contact the Heritage, Lands and Resources Department at 867-633-7800 ext 128 or email <a href="mailto:Lands@kdfn.net">Lands@kdfn.net</a>
Advanced Polls Beneficiaries referendum on the amended settlement land policy. Every beneficiary over the age of 18 as of Voting Day on Dec 10, 2019 is eligible to vote.	Denise Peter - (867) 668-7289 ext. 138
Learn about the draft Lands Act and have your say	For more information, visit <a href="http://kwanlindun.com">kwanlindun.com</a> or contact the Heritage, Lands and Resources Department at 867-633-7800 ext 128 or email <a href="mailto:Lands@kdfn.net">Lands@kdfn.net</a>
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Mail-in ballots must be received by 5:00 PM, Monday December 16, 2019.	For more information, visit <a href="http://kwanlindun.com">kwanlindun.com</a> or contact Lois Moorcroft, Chief Returning Officer at 867-335-5028 or email <a href="mailto:kdfnvote@gmail.com">kdfnvote@gmail.com</a> .
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KDFN offices closed. Will reopen January 6, 2020.	



There was a Youth Gathering on August 23 in response to a series of losses in the community throughout the spring and summer. If you or someone you know is struggling, reach out to friends, family or the KDFN Health Centre at 668-7289.

**RETURN ADDRESS:**

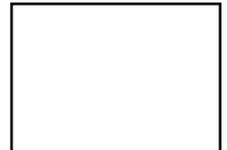
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