

Kwanlin Dün Ch'a

"Kwanlin people of Whitehorse, how are you?"



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Kwanlin Dün's new council following the reading of the Oath of Office at the swearing-in community event hosted at the Cultural Centre following the election. Each member selected a feather prior to reading the Oath of Office.

Front, left to right: Alicia Vance, Judy Gingell, Chief Doris Bill, Jessie Dawson, Charlene Charlie. Back, left to right: Tayler Vallevand-Vance, Sean Smith, Howard MacIntosh, Dennis Calbery.

New Quarterly Updates from Council

This newsletter marks the first quarterly update from Council on a number of items that Council members have been working on.

The importance of timely, relevant and comprehensive communication between leadership, administration and KDFN Citizens was emphasized during the recent election.

Council recognizes that good communication promotes understanding, involvement and positive relationships.

As part of Council's commitment to good communication, KDFN is taking steps to review and update the

tools that we use to communicate with important audiences, including Citizens. Understanding our audience's preferences and access to different types of media will help us improve the ways that we provide information to Citizens and other key audiences.

Through this process, Citizens will be invited to provide their input to help shape our communications mix.

At this time, Council's quarterly update is combined into this newsletter, along with various Kwanlin Dün news items and updates from our program areas.



COUNCIL ORIENTATION

Council has now completed its 10 week detailed orientation. This briefing process was critical and helpful, as newly elected officials made the transition into government.

"There is no doubt there are many challenges ahead," said Chief Doris Bill. "We have been given some valuable insight into what has brought us to this point; and, at the same time, we have been equipped with information to assist us going forward. We very much appreciate our responsibility, as elected officials, and we are mindful that a well thought out process is essential to ensure fairness, accountability and transparency for Citizens."

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Kwanlin Dün First Nation annual General Assembly is scheduled for October 24, 25 and 26th at Nàkwät'à Kų Potlatch House.

Follow up notices and advertising will begin as the meeting date approaches.

Citizens can also monitor our website for updates.

KDFN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Kwanlin Dün regularly posts jobs. Qualified Kwanlin Dün Citizens are encouraged to apply. KDFN Preference Policy applies to all our positions. Remember to update your resume and cover letter for the job you are applying for. Also, please note that KDFN does not keep resumes on file - to submit your resume, you must be applying on an available position.

All KDFN's job postings are posted online at www.kwanlindun.com; on KDFN bulletin boards and at the Employment and Training office.

CITIZENSHIP OFFICE

Work is underway to open the Citizenship Office as quickly as possible. Watch for updates.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

Council wishes to assure Citizens that their concerns are important and that the Council is looking at avenues to ensure that concerns are dealt with in a fair and timely manner.

LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) PROJECT

There has been plenty of talk about Kwanlin Dün's proposed business partnership with Yukon Energy to construct a new liquefied natural gas (LNG) generating plant and storage facility near the Whitehorse Dam.

Council have been educating themselves on the project. Once Council has completed their information-gathering, a community meeting will be held.

Recent Crisis in the Community

Since the end of May, Council has been working with staff as it relates to the death in the community and the house fire on McIntyre Drive.

While the investigations continue, Kwanlin Dün is working toward establishing a Crisis Response Team and an Inter-Departmental Working Group which will play a key role in responding to crisis situations in the future. Services of "Citizens on Patrol" continues.

Community members who need support services are encouraged to contact the KDFN Health Centre at 668-7289.

If you have any information relating to either of the investigations call the RCMP, (867) 667-5555 or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS or (867) 633-8477.

Social Assistance Program Review

There is a new face at Kwanlin Dün. In May, Cindy Densmore was hired as the Director of Education and Social Assistance. She has come to the community with a wealth of knowledge and many years of experience. Part of Cindy's initial work within the department involves performing a review of the Social Assistance program.

Council has heard concerns about this review from Citizens who worry that cuts will be made. "I want to assure our Citizens that the intent of this review is NOT to make cuts to the program. The review is to ensure there is a fair and consistent policy in place."

Chief Bill also clarified the social assistance program was a big issue during the election. "As candidates, we constantly heard concerns from Citizens and through this review process, we are simply following up on those concerns."

In addition to community concerns, the auditor has declared the need to review this program. Kwanlin Dün has begun the process of establishing its own social assistance program and policy. Since the ratification of the KDFN *Self-Government Agreement*, the First Nation has continued to operate using the INAC policy. "It is time we move forward," says Chief Bill. "We need our own policies and we need to be accountable and transparent."

Over the next several months, the review will be completed, the strategic plan will be implemented and focus groups will be held with community Citizens. Once the work is complete, Chief Bill has committed to taking the information to the General Assembly.

Kwanlin Dün Hosts Networking Reception for Business Community



Chief Bill shares many of KDFN's recent successes with members of Whitehorse's business community on May 29th. KDFN Photo

Approximately 150 people from the Whitehorse business community attended Kwanlin Dün First Nation's "Business after Hours" networking reception for the business community co-sponsored by the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce, on May 29th.

"I want to thank you all for honoring us with your attendance as we gather in the spirit of open communication and sharing toward creating meaningful and enduring relationships between our community and yours," Chief Bill said, as she opened the event. Chief Bill also spoke of some of Kwanlin Dün's recent successes including— the success of the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre and the the Jackson Lake Land-Based Healing Program and the upgrades to the community infrastructure, to name just a few.

As part of the presentation, a short video was shared highlighting some of the accomplishments at Kwanlin Dün. The video received rave reviews from guests attending the event.

The video is called "*Kwanlin Dün First Nation - People's History & Recent Accomplishments*" can be viewed on our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com (search: Kwanlin Dün First Nation).

Information tables were also set up at the event representing a cross section of Kwanlin Dün's departments, helping the business community to learn more and get to know Kwanlin Dün and its operations.

In concluding her remarks, Chief Bill reached out to employers in the room to make them aware that Kwanlin Dün First Nation not only has its own Employment and Training Office to post available jobs, but that it also has a pool of Citizens looking for work.

"The office posts all available job opportunities and assists in connecting local employers with qualified Citizens who are ready to work. We encourage you to use those services," said the Chief.

Land Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC) Workshop

On May 14 and 15th, a delegation from KDFN attended the Land Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC) Workshop in Vancouver. The primary purpose of the workshop was to review fiscal arrangements, fiscal transfer agreements, own source revenue (OSR) structures and to identify common difficulties faced by First Nation governments.

The LCAC was established in 2003. The Coalition works to ensure that comprehensive land claims and associated Self-Government Agreements are respected, honored and fully implemented in order to achieve their objectives.

Through the years, land claims agreements were negotiated and entered into in good faith, with the belief and understanding that agreements would provide for appropriate recognition of rights and interests in First Nation Traditional Territories.

Numerous independent reviews have confirmed that the Government of Canada is neither fulfilling its obligations under the agreements nor made necessary improvements. “The federal government’s refusal to develop mechanisms for full implementation of land claims agreements continues to undermine the fundamental promise of these agreements, and some Coalition members are reluctantly turning to the courts. Coalition members report significant institutional barriers to the proper and meaningful implementation of their agreements. LCAC members are simply asking that the fundamental law of the land — the terms that the federal government agreed to — be upheld,” said Chief Bill.

LCAC is made up of First Nation governments from Yukon, NWT, Nunavut and British Columbia. For more information on LCAC, www.landclaimscoalition.ca.

Visit to Tsawwassen First Nation

While attending the LCAC Workshop, Chief Bill, Elder Representative Judy Gingell and the Acting Director of Governance Jacquie Shorty, took the opportunity to visit the Tsawwassen First Nation. The KDFN representatives gathered information during the visit about the First Nation’s economic development arm, legislative assembly and land registry.

Delegates also met with BC provincial officials to discuss their land registry. The BC government paved the way in that province in developing the registry.

“This was a valuable meeting for Kwanlin Dün as they provided us with some suggestions on how to move forward in these areas,” said Chief Bill.

Chief Bill Meets with City Mayor

Chief Bill had the opportunity to host a meeting with Mayor Dan Curtis and City Manager Christine Smith on June 19th. The occasion allowed for an open discussion about a variety of Kwanlin Dün agenda items.

Some of the topics included: an intergovernmental accord; representation in the City’s workforce for KDFN Citizens; job shadowing; clean-up of hazardous waste; the inclusion of KDFN in the City’s Emergency Response Plan; upgrades to bus stops; traffic control and the possibility of changing street names in McIntyre subdivision.

Building a Business Charter for KDFN's Development Corporation

Members of Council, senior KDFN staff and KDFN business entities attended a two-day workshop with Deloitte LLP to begin the process of developing a Kwanlin Dün business charter. Essentially, the business charter is the mechanism by which Council, on behalf of the Citizens, instructs the Board of Directors on their roles and responsibilities and defines the working relationship between business and government going forward.

“There are several steps to this process,” says Chief Bill, “but we wanted to include the key stakeholders for the

onset so they have a clear idea where we are going and to encourage their input.”

KDFN has recently posted a new position for a Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This individual will oversee the Kwanlin Dun Business Development Corporation and will be responsible for leading a group of companies forward and constructing a sustainable, strong, creative and progressive development corporation.

Once the document is drafted, Citizens will have the opportunity to review and provide input on it.

Chief Bill Meets with Premier Pasloski



Premier Pasloski Attended the Swearing in Event for KDFN's Incoming Council.
Photo: Fritz Mueller Visuals

On June 18th, Chief Bill met with Premier Pasloski. As part of their discussion, Chief Bill spoke of the continued need to establish a land registry; the need for improved Elder care and partnership possibilities relating to the Build Canada Fund.

“The land registry has been an on-going initiative and, as Council, we are committed to get that work done,” says Chief Bill. She also talked about Elder care and commented on the new extended care facility

the Yukon Government is proposing. “There is a real need for accommodations for our Elders, especially when they can no longer take care of themselves. The needs of First Nation people must be taken into consideration, as part of the government’s planning process,” said Chief Bill.

As well, general discussion was held regarding the Build Canada Fund. The Fund invests in public

infrastructure owned by provincial, territorial and municipal governments, and sometimes can include private sector and non-profit organizations. All projects funded through the Building Canada Fund are cost-shared.

In the territories, funding is administered through the Provincial/Territorial Base Fund.

Building the Foundations of a KDFN Land Regime

Kwanlin Dün First Nation's *Lands and Resources Act* was passed by Council this past February. Council, supported by the Land and Resources Department (LRD) and the Executive Council Office (ECO), is working a number of key items required to bring this *Act* into effect. The foundational building blocks are described below.

Laws:

The *Act* gives the Land and Resources Director general authorities. These need to be clarified in regulations and policies. Examples of areas requiring regulation include: timber harvest; authorizations for commercial leases, land use planning and residential authorizations.

The government recognizes that the most urgent need is for clarity on authorizations for Kwanlin Dün First Nation people to access Settlement Land for residential purposes. This is being worked on by LRD and ECO.

For more information on regulation and policy development, please contact Dave Sembsmoen (633-7814) or Geoff Cowie (633-7802).

Planning:

Planning of KDFN Settlement Land is needed to meet a number of objectives of the First Nation. These objectives include being able to provide land for Citizens for residential use, support for revenue generation, and support for traditional activities on the land.

The LRD proposes that all Settlement Land across KDFN's Traditional Territory undergo a high-level planning exercise. The goal of planning at this scale is to document an overall vision for the use of land. The Traditional Territory land use vision will establish

the values and principles that will guide longer term planning throughout the Traditional Territory. Based on the values and principles put forward in the Traditional Territory land use vision, subsequent planning initiatives will develop detailed ecosystem-based plans for all Settlement Land within Kwanlin Dün's Traditional Territory.

KDFN's Council, supported by LRD will be initiating a community discussion on this Settlement Land vision this coming fall. If you would like to discuss this please contact John Meikle (633-7859) or Geoff Cowie (633-7802).

Land Management/Administration:

The KDFN government is working on a number of tasks required to begin issuing authorizations for Settlement Land. This includes: finalizing a suite of forms for specific types of leases and other authorizations; gaining access to, or establishing a land registry. This is required for situations where lease holders require financing to build a house or business; and establishing the structures, such as development corporations, required to administer authorizations and collect revenue from lease holders (lease fees, property tax, etc).

Please call John Pattimore (633-7836) for more information about Land Administration systems.

Whitehorse-Southern Lakes Forest Resources Management Plan

Kwanlin Dün First Nation is working on a forest management plan for the Whitehorse and Southern Lakes region with the Yukon government, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Carcross/Tagish First Nation.

Planning for forests is a component of implementing Chapter 17 of the KDFN *Final Agreement*.

If you would like a say in how forests are managed within KDFN Lands and on commissioner's lands, please contact John Meikle, 633-7859 in the Lands & Resources Department.

You can also attend public meetings and check out the planning website at www.yukonforestplanning.ca.

Time for a Movie?



Check out KDFN's YouTube Channel!

Kwanlin Dün has its own channel on the popular online video-sharing website, YouTube. Visit our Channel to see our growing collection of KDFN videos <http://www.youtube.com/user/KwanlinDün>. Subscribe to our channel to be notified when a new video is posted.

Some of our recent videos include:

"Listen to the Stories" - Celebration Feast & KDFN History Book Launch Gala

A video journal of the "Listen to the Stories" Celebration Feast & KDFN History Book Launch Gala featuring vibrant storytelling and performances bringing the journey of Kwanlin Dün to life.

Kwanlin Dün First Nation - People's History & Recent Accomplishments

This video presents the history of the Kwanlin Dün people of the present-day area of Whitehorse, Yukon through the journey of becoming a self-governing First Nation, with recent highlights within the community.

Kwanlin Dün First Nation's Jackson Lake Healing Camp

Kwanlin Dün is widely recognized for its leadership and success in developing and implementing a unique First Nation cultural-and-land-based approach to its drug and alcohol treatment program at Jackson Lake Healing Camp located near Whitehorse.

Other videos on our Channel:

Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre Grand Opening:

Speech by Chief Rick O'Brien
Procession and Welcome
Arrival of the Canoe
Community Voices



Photo: Jessie Dawson pictured with Dr. Deb Bartlette, VP Academic and Students, as she receives her Honorary Diploma from Yukon College in Whitehorse. Cathie Archbould photo.

"It's not very often I find myself speechless..."

These were the words Jessie Dawson used to describe her experience in receiving an Honorary Diploma in Northern Studies from Yukon College.

Jessie was nominated for this honour by Yukon College students, in praise and recognition for her long-standing commitment to education.

College officials praised Jessie's commitment and remarked on her ability to attend and speak at important graduations and education events on behalf of Kwanlin Dün, despite the fact that Jessie does not drive a vehicle

Congratulations Jessie! Your strong public commitment and advocacy on behalf of Kwanlin Dün people has served as a motivator to countless individuals who you've supported with your encouragement and presence.

Thank-you for showing up and bringing your influence forth on behalf Kwanlin Dün people!

Building the Habit of Good School Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance! Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow instruction to help children catch up.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.



Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves.

Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important.

Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Cleanups to Improve Community Safety and Bylaw Compliance

Kwanlin Dün is asking for your cooperation as we take steps to remove unsightly property, hazardous materials and waste on our properties in McIntyre and on Crow and Swan Streets.

We are moving forward with this initiative with the safety, health, and welfare of the community and preservation of the environment in mind. Removing hazardous waste and junked vehicles, rubbish and garbage is very important to enhance community safety and to protect the residences in our community. These items pose many health, safety and environmental hazards to our community.

Kwanlin Dün is also required to adhere to the presiding laws of Yukon and the City of Whitehorse that are in place around property condition, storing

of junked vehicles, refuse and the storage, handling and disposing of Hazardous Waste. The Yukon Government's *Environment Act* legislation and the City of Whitehorse's *Maintenance Bylaw* both cover hazardous waste. Storing uninsured vehicles, hazardous waste and refuse items on Kwanlin Dün lots is also a violation of the City Bylaw. In addition, the City Bylaw includes provisions pertaining to appearance, storage and upkeep of property that falls within the boundaries of the City of Whitehorse.

Community Services staff are available to support tenants in the removal of uninsured vehicles, junk items and Hazardous Waste from Kwanlin Dün lots. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Community Services at 633-7833.

Gary Bailie Named Whitehorse's Volunteer of the Year

Gary Bailie is the City of Whitehorse 2013 Volunteer of the Year. Bailie was nominated by Kwanlin Dün for his volunteer work with the Kwanlin Koyotes cross country ski club and the Blue Feather Music Festival during the past 14 years. He founded the ski club and the music festival and has been a volunteer ski coach and a driving force behind the annual festival.

"It is an honour to be nominated by my First Nation. People need to step forward and volunteer. That's what it takes to build a community. I share this award with all of the nominees," said

Volunteer of the Year Gary Bailie.

Mayor Dan Curtis announced Gary Bailie at the annual Volunteer Reception on April 9th. Bailie was chosen from a group of 25 volunteers who were

recognized at the reception.

"I am humbled by the volunteerism and selflessness in our community. Whitehorse is as great as it is because of volunteers. It really is what makes Whitehorse a wonderful place to live," said Mayor Dan Curtis.

Volunteers were nominated for this award by a number of organizations who recognized their contributions.



Elder Representative Judy Gingell and Chief Bill Congratulate Gary Bailie. Photo: City of Whitehorse

Healing Together with Land & Culture: Gathering of Wisdom

At the end of March, Kwanlin Dün hosted a very successful three-day gathering on land and culture-based healing.

The Healing Together gathering offered the opportunity for wellness staff from First Nations and other agencies, Elders, youth and other community member to come together and share what they knew about healing with a focus on land, culture and community. The Cultural Centre's Long House was full to the brim with participants and speakers from all over the Yukon, North BC, NWT, Saskatchewan, Quebec and New Brunswick.

The event also gave Kwanlin Dün the opportunity to showcase its well-recognized Jackson Lake healing program.

“We wanted to share what we have learned about land-based healing with other projects across the country. We wanted to see our knowledge live on.” said Jeanie Dendys, Director of Justice for KDFN. “Our work isn't just about our own people, but about everyone that needs to find better ways of healing,

ways that are more appropriate for who they are and where they come from.”

A strong message throughout the three days was that it was important to begin with ceremony and rely on spirit and spiritual connection as a foundation for the work that we do. The gathering was opened with the lighting of a Sacred Fire which was kept burning by fire keepers throughout the gathering until it was closed. People also visited the fire keepers' tent to share and learn about cultures and ceremonies. Everywhere there was a strong sense of giving and connecting.

“It is time for our people to come together as a family, like we did throughout the gathering, to honour and hold sacred this spirit of wellness.” noted Phil Gatensby, one of the fire keepers and a member of the Jackson Lake Wellness Team. “We all need to carry it forward as we create a future of humanity.”

Funding for the Healing Together gathering was provided by Health Canada. Information from the gathering is available at www.kwanlindun.com.



KDFN's new Jackson Lake Wellness Team presented information at the gathering about their approach to healing and some of the plans for the future. Right to left: Phil Gatensby, Johnny Brass, Gina Nagano, Colleen Geddes, Ericka Smarch. Standing: Jeanie Dendys (Director of KDFN Justice), Andy Nieman (Panel moderator). Jennifer Ellis Photo

Sandi Gleason's Legacy Lives on in Local Sport Community

Softball Yukon's annual Dustball slow-pitch tournament took place in Whitehorse from June 19-22nd.

72 teams including 24 men's teams, 12 women's teams and 36 co-ed teams registered for play.

Even though the weather was cool and wet that weekend, it didn't dampen the spirit and determination of the Maggie May Bears team who were playing in memory of Sandi Gleason.

This spirited bunch were named the "D" Division Champions of the tournament! Congratulations Maggie May Bears!

Sandi Gleason was a very well-known and active member of the community.

This past winter, as part of the 37th annual Kilrich/Northern Yukon Native Hockey Tournament, the Yukon Indian Hockey Association honoured Sandi's memory by establishing a new award – the "Hockey Mom Award." The first presentation of this award went to Tahltan Elder (and hockey mom) Sylvia Cook.

In addition to a proud "hockey mom", Sandi was a driving force behind the tournament which is now widely known as "THE" hockey tournament of the season."

Sandi Gleason served as the Coordinator of Kwanlin Dün's Judicial Council prior to her passing.



Back (left to right): Keith Smith, Kailen Gingell, Rick Gingell, Karee Vallevand, Scott Hume, Lenette Hume, Doug Cook, Rick Smith, Jackie Callahan, Shecky Gingell, Allan Taylor, Kevin Smith
Front (left to right): Brittney Brown, Brenda Asp, Rose Kushniruk, Michelle Miller

Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre: National Design Award Winner

Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre and architectural firm David Nairne and Associates were recognized with an award for best Commercial/Institutional Design 2012-13 by the Canadian Wood Council's Wood Design Awards that pay recognition to ground-breaking designs from across North America.



Jackson Lake Hosts Clara's Big Ride to get People Talking about Mental Illness

Canada Day marked the completion of six-time Olympic medalist Clara Hughes' cross-country cycling trek.

Hughes completed her trek in Ottawa where she rode her bike across the stage in front of a crowd of Canadians as part of Canada Day celebrations.

The goal of Clara's Big Ride across Canada was to raise awareness about how common mental illness is and to get people talking about the topic openly. Clara's message came from her own personal experience battling depression. Even though she is a person who is in the public eye and who clearly possesses the mental strength required to compete at an Olympic level, even she experienced the extreme lows of depression.

During Clara's visit to Whitehorse in May, Kwanlin Dün was honoured to host her at Jackson Lake. Clara toured the camp and learned about the healing and wellness programming offered at Jackson Lake. She learned about the way that Kwanlin Dün integrates cultural activities and practices into the core of its programming that assists people who are dealing with the effects of trauma and substance abuse.

Kwanlin Dün is an active supporter of initiatives that may help to inspire positive

change toward health and overall wellbeing among our people.

Jackson Lake Land-based Healing Camp is offering two intakes over the summer. Those interested in learning more may contact Program Coordinator, Colleen Geddes at 633-2629 or 334-4697, or by visiting the Jackson Lake Wellness Team office at 21 McCrimmon Crescent in McIntyre.



New funding for Land-based Healing Camp

Kwanlin Dün has expanded its cultural and land-based healing options thanks to new government funding.

At the opening of KDFN's Healing Together gathering held in March, the Government of Yukon announced that it would be providing \$1 million spread over three years to help Kwanlin Dün offer more programs at Jackson Lake.

The Government of Yukon funding allows us to expand our on-the-land programs at Jackson Lake. We'll be able to offer comprehensive 4-week culturally based programs to meet the needs of Yukon residents interested in land-based healing.

The federal government has also contributed significant funding to our healing programs and services. Last fall, Health Canada committed to providing us \$1.5 million spread over three years.

The federal funding allows us to develop and provide cultural and clinical options through a range of prevention, outreach, assessment, treatment, counselling and case management services.

These new services will support and work with the 4-week land-based programs delivered at Jackson Lake. We will be working with other partner Yukon First Nations to develop a model of aftercare service delivery.

"The availability of all of these approaches will significantly expand treatment options and the likelihood of long-term success of participants," said Jeanie Dendys, Director of Justice. "Additionally, access to prevention and short-term cultural and land-based options will provide opportunities to people who want help but might not be able to go out on the land for four weeks. The outreach and aftercare will help people continue a healthier life after Jackson Lake. For example, youth we consulted with have asked us for more and shorter program options."

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Geddes at 633-2629 or 334-4697 or colleen.geddes@kdfn.net.

Kwanlin Dün's Employment Services Office

Kwanlin Dün's Employment Services Office assists Kwanlin Dün Citizens in meeting their goals no matter where they are in their employment journey.

The Employment Services Office can connect clients to other services within Kwanlin Dün or in Whitehorse to help them move through challenges that they face in securing rewarding employment.

The Office also has ties to employers, counselling services, schooling, labour market needs, job opportunities of all kinds and training opportunities.

Our Employment Services Office can help you:

- Learn how and where to look for and apply for jobs;
- Prepare for an interview and practice interviews;
- Create a relevant resume and cover letter;
- Link to information about jobs that are in demand;
- Find jobs to match your skills, interests and personality.

The Employment Services Office keeps updated:

- Job bulletin board postings including government and industry-specific jobs;
- Labour market information about which jobs are or will be in demand;
- Ongoing contact with local employers on their needs;
- Information on training, education and mentoring programs and opportunities;
- Workshops and information sessions on employment-related topics.

The Employment Services Office is located in the House of Learning and is open from 8:30-4:30p.m. Monday to Friday. Drop-ins are accepted, but appointments are recommended so that Roxane can prepare for your visit.

Call or visit the Employment Services Office today and find out what they can do for you. Call 633-8422 ext. 7897 or visit the House of Learning in McIntyre.

Replacing Lateral Violence with Acts of Lateral Kindness

Message on Lateral Violence

As a Nation, we came together to ask: What is Lateral Violence? How can we stop it?

We learned that it is violence that is directed at the people around us, instead of at our true adversaries. It includes many things: gossip, put downs, backstabbing, bullying, undermining, blaming, shaming.

We learned that Lateral Violence is a pattern of behaviour that comes from our experience of racism and oppression. It is not who we are. It is a way of surviving that we have learned, and it can be unlearned. It is not our fate.

We agreed that we all have the power to stop Lateral Violence. When we see or hear it, we will step in (as long as we feel safe). We will speak up and out about it, and we will not sweep cases under the rug. When a case comes forward, we will respond through a safe and fair process. We will listen to all parties with love and understanding.



Celebrating Lateral Kindness

We will replace Lateral Violence with Lateral Kindness. When someone does something good, we will say something about it.

We will lift each other up, appreciate each other, and support one another. By doing this we will give our children the future they deserve.

The good news is that we have already seen a lot of progress. We have witnessed many positive changes in the way our Citizens treat each other, and we are very proud of this.

We will continue to use our newsletter as a forum to share positive stories of KDFN people who are doing good things. In this edition, you will notice stories that celebrate KDFN people and their accomplishments.

Share the Love

We invite Citizens to share their stories with us in the spirit of Lateral Kindness.

We welcome stories that acknowledge and share appreciation for others, celebrate an accomplishment or success, and that compliment, encouragement and share positive recognition.

Bring your story of Lateral Kindness to the Main Admin building for KDFN's Communications Manager or email it to communications@kdfn.net.



KDFN's Cemetery Restoration "Conservation Project of the Year"

KDFN has been awarded the Yukon Historical & Museums Association's 2013 Conservation Project of the Year Award for its restoration work in two of its cemeteries.

The Association hosted a reception at Yukon Archives in April to present the awards.

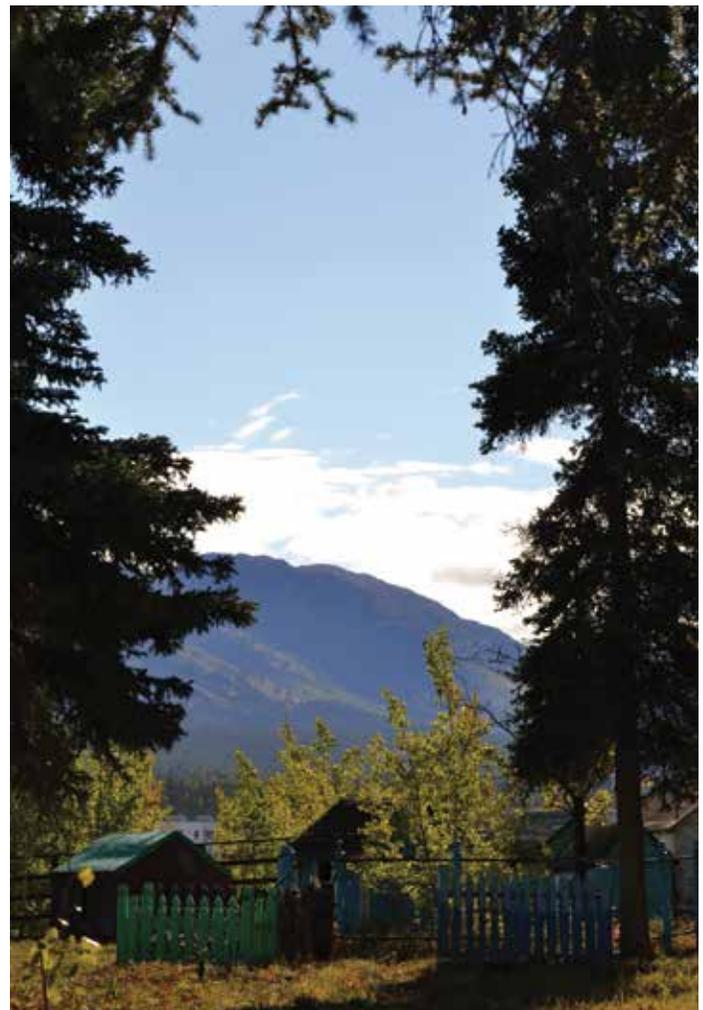
A funded portion of the project spanned the past two summers. Matching funding support was provided to KDFN by YG Historic Properties Assistance Program. The funding support enabled KDFN to complete a restoration project for its Two Mile Hill cemetery and its cemetery site located on atop the hill behind the Whitehorse General Hospital.

Kwanlin Dün personnel performed a detailed gravesite mapping exercise in order to identify and place markers on any unmarked gravesites within the cemeteries. This inventory work built upon existing work to confirm the names of those buried at these sites. With the help of ground penetrating, data identifying specific locations within the sites where soils had been disturbed was obtained. With this information, KDFN personnel were able to identify and place markers on several specific sites within the cemeteries that were previously unmarked.

KDFN's public works crew did brushing and vegetation clean-up at the cemetery sites, in addition to performing repairs and restoration of gravesite structures including replacing rotting boards, repairing structures and painting in addition to placing new markers.

The cemetery located at the foot of Two Mile Hill was officially closed in a ceremony for KDFN community members and the families of those buried at the site on the fall Equinox in 2013. A new cemetery developed by the First Nation for its people, located on Long Lake Road was officially opened on the same day in the fall of 2013.

Kwanlin Dün graciously acknowledges its Lands and the public works crew members who performed this important work on behalf of the Kwanlin Dün people, past and present.



Left page, lower right photo: Lester Wilson working on restoring and placing grave markers at Two Mile Hill Cemetery, fall 2012.

Lower left photo: Yukon government Minister Mike Nixon, Barb Hogan Manager, Historic Sites and KDFN Councillor Jessie Dawson at the awards reception. YG Photo.

Kwanlin Dün Waterfront Heritage Interpretation Project

An important provision of the *Kwanlin Dün Final Agreement* specifies the steps and process required to present the history of the Kwanlin Dün people along the Whitehorse waterfront.

A working group was formed in the summer of 2013 to oversee this project with representatives from Kwanlin Dün, Canada, Yukon, and the City of Whitehorse.

This significant project totalling over \$700,000 is to be completed within three years of the formation of the Working Group, as specified in the *Final Agreement*.



Photo of Kwanlin Dün Elder Louie Smith taken at the Cultural Centre as part of the Elders Portrait project. Photo by Mark Rutledge.

Phase 1 for this project has been completed and includes an extensive identification and master bibliography of materials held among numerous institutions relating to the Whitehorse waterfront, focussing primarily on the downtown area, but also including sites between Marsh Lake and Lake Laberge that relate to Kwanlin Dün's history along the Whitehorse waterfront.

Images, print materials, articles, existing heritage interpretation and audio recordings or interviews relating to Kwanlin Dün's waterfront heritage are all documented presently.

Phase II of this project will include the steps needed to prepare a Kwanlin Dün Waterfront Heritage Interpretive Plan and resource manual.

This phase of the project will also involve consultation with the Kwanlin Dün community to gather additional stories and materials that could be used in the interpretation of the history along the waterfront. Community members will also be asked for their input and guidance on themes that may be used to interpret the history and the stories of Kwanlin Dün people.

Plans include contracting a Kwanlin Dün community liaison person to assist in engaging the Kwanlin Dün community for their input on this project, including gathering materials that could be used in the history interpretation.

The Interpretive Plan will define the requirements that the physical interpretation of Kwanlin Dün's history along the waterfront should be based on available interpretive themes and audiences. This definition will be guided by extensive consultation and work with the community, to ensure that the stories and information is authentic and consistent with what Kwanlin Dün people believe to be significant.

For further information or to get involved, connect with one of Kwanlin Dün's project managers, Geoff Cowie (633-7802) or Lael Lund (633-7838).

Ajana'ttha - KDFN Elders Portraits Project

Ajana'ttha—the KDFN Elders Portrait Project has been underway since early January, with over ten Elders participating to date. Additional funding was recently secured, allowing the project to continue.

Elders are recording their life stories with researcher Linda Johnson, along with memories of events, people and places they have known over many decades. Each Elder is also photographed by Mark Rutledge, an Ojibwa from the Little Grand Rapids First Nation who lives here now with his family.

We have found that people who have participated in the project are proud to contribute their knowledge for future displays and programs at the Cultural Centre. Elders will receive a booklet with their images, recordings and transcripts to share with their families and future generations. We'll also have a



Elder Sophie Smarch taken as part of the Elders Portrait project. Photo: Mark Rutledge

celebration event to honour the Elders and their work on the project in the coming months.

The interviews really celebrate the rich wealth of oral traditions preserved by KDFN Elders regarding many facets of First Nations culture and lifestyles, plus their contributions to the Yukon over the last century.

The Elders who are recording their memories for this project range in age from their late 60s to mid 90s, meaning they all started life in traditional settings with their extended families, following a seasonal round as *“part of the land and part of the water.”* They heard first hand their Elders' stories and lessons about their values and responsibilities, the cherished resources of the land, ways of travelling and harvesting, along with the social and spiritual beliefs that sustained their ancestors through countless generations. They learned about the profound changes of the fur trade, the gold rush, the Alaska Highway and new technologies such as manufactured clothing, guns, metal implements, and the wage economy.

This group of Elders also lived through residential schools, the imposition of the *Indian Act*, the rise of post WW II mining activity, development of roads, movement of communities, negotiation of land claims and self government treaties, which all had huge impacts on their lives.

The Elders of today possess a unique perspective on the history of their people and the Yukon, important observations that are not recorded elsewhere. Each person has found a unique path in the world—now is their time to reflect upon those events, document their experiences, and consider the impact of so much rapid change for their descendants.

It has been a pleasure to meet the Elders and work with them over the past few months. I look forward to continuing this work in future.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the project!

Submitted by Linda Johnson, Project Coordinator

NHL star Theoren Fleury's Motivational Keynote Embodies Hockey School's "Learning to Lead" Philosophy

To kick-off the 12th annual "Learning to Lead" hockey camp, Northwestel Summit Hockey School and its community partners which included Kwanlin Dün joined forces with former NHL star, Stanley Cup winner and Olympian-turned healing motivator, Theoren Fleury.

Fleury delivered his signature keynote motivational talk "Don't Quit Before the Miracle" on the main stage at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre recently as part of the Adäka Cultural Festival. An autograph session and youth pizza party at the fire pit followed his main stage talk. Fleury also joined local and First Nation youth during his Whitehorse visit as a guest coach at the annual Northwestel Summit Hockey School camp.

The hockey camp credits its enduring success to its "Learning to Lead" philosophy that places a strong emphasis on helping participants to develop leadership ability, self-confidence and communication skills in addition to fitness and on-ice hockey skills training.

"Our commitment to developing young athletes and future leaders both mentally and physically has attracted elite-level athletes, trainers and coaches for years, and is attracting the support of like-minded organizations who are connecting with these values," explained hockey school representative Ranj Pillai.

"The Government of Yukon is pleased to support this event which brings a mentor and leader to interact with the children in our community," Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "Mr. Fleury's message of perseverance in the face of adversity is inspirational to children and adults alike."

"The work that the hockey school is doing aligns closely with Yukon Indian Hockey Association's focus on supporting athletic and leadership potential in our young people and in particular, among aboriginal youth," said association President Jeanie Dendys.

Of Kwanlin Dün's involvement, Chief Doris Bill said, "Kwanlin Dün understands the importance of community-based recreation and in placing a focus on cultivating leadership potential and self-responsibility in young people. Beyond the work that we do directly in our community to support these values, KDFN is proud to partner in support of community initiatives that inspire, motivate and elevate people toward positive growth and personal wellbeing."

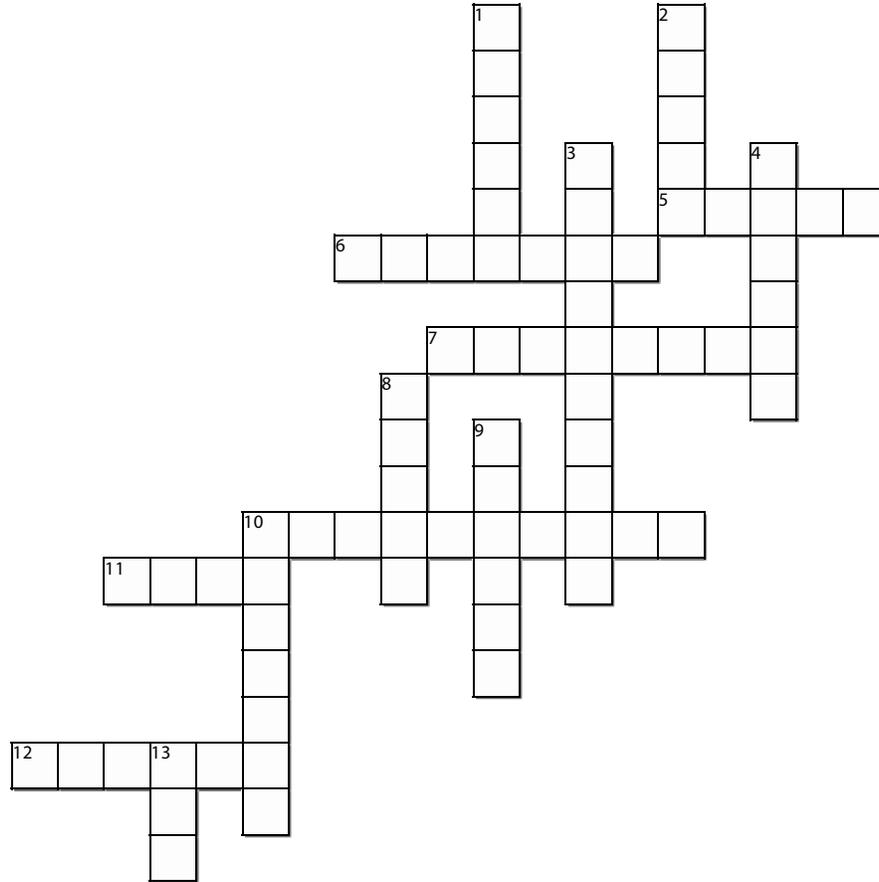
The 12th annual Northwestel Summit Hockey School took place in Whitehorse from July 2-6th at the Canada Games Centre. The camp features elite-level coaching and guest coaching by elite and Olympic level athletes, a youth leadership development program, fun recreational activities and lacrosse, off-ice training by NHL trainers and daily motivational talks by role models.



Northwestel Summit Hockey School Head Coach Joe Martin and Theo Fleury pose with youth leaders from the hockey camp following a news conference to kick off the first day of the hockey camp. Rick Massie photo.

Baseball Terms and Phrases

Complete the crossword below



Across

5. When a fielder bobbles the ball
6. Touch 'em all!
7. When the ball is not hit in fair territory
10. Swiping second gets you one of these
11. When you try to hit the ball without swinging
12. A hit for two bases

Down

1. The guy that calls you out or safe
2. What you catch the ball with
3. If you get two outs in one play
4. A hit for three bases
8. Get 4 of these and you get first base for free
9. A hit for one base
10. Get 3 of these and yer out!
13. What you hit the ball with

Correctly complete and submit your completed puzzle by Friday, September 26th for your chance to win a great prize! The winner will be drawn from a collection of completed, correct puzzles and announced in the fall edition of Kwanlin Dän Ch'a.

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Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement Common Experience Payment of \$3,000 Personal Credits

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The deadline of October 31, 2014 is fast-approaching!

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