

Kwanlin Dän Ch'a



Kwanlin People of Whitehorse, How are you?



New Fire Pit

KDFN Elder Louie Smith described the new fire pit at Nàkwät'à Kù as looking "like an old time cache."

Photo: Karee Vallevand

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Message from the Chief



Chief Doris Bill

Photo: Alistair Maitland

As the weather cools and the days get shorter, we take pause and reflect on the successes and challenges in our community. There is no doubt KDFN has had many successes, but at the same time, our citizens have faced great loss as well. It is times like these that we all must pull together and support one another.

The recent loss of former chief Mike Smith is one that won't only be felt here at home, but across the territory and as far away as our nation's capital, Ottawa.

Undeniably, we have lost one of the great leaders of our time, and one of great historical significance to our First Nation. After all, it's his signature on the KDFN Final and Self-Government Agreements. His commitment to our Nation will be there for

all to see for generations to come. Mike had the capacity to translate vision into reality and we witnessed his resourcefulness and abilities throughout our treaty negotiations.

Chief Smith was an outstanding leader who was passionately devoted to his people and Aboriginal self-determination. He consistently shared the vision of the many leaders he worked with in an attempt to build a better future for his people.

History will rightly record his most celebrated accomplishments, and his memory will live on each day in the hearts of his family and each one of us. He is part of our past, and will forever be part of our future as the KDFN people make their journey to self-determination and enact the provisions within our Final agreement.

Government of Canada announces settlement with Sixties Scoop survivors

If you or members of your family are 60s Scoop survivors, please contact Merchant Law at 1-888-567-7777.

More information:
sixtiesscoopclaim.com

In early October, the federal government agreed to settle an outstanding class action lawsuit for survivors of the Sixties Scoop. What does this mean?

It means that First Nations and Inuit children who were taken from their homes by the government between 1951 and 1991 are entitled to financial compensation. People will receive between \$25,000 – \$50,000, depending on the number of claimants who come forward.

The settlement includes *Indians* and *Inuit*, as defined under the Indian Act, who were removed from their homes and lost cultural identity between 1951 and 1991.

Settlements will only be paid to eligible claimants in the class action lawsuit. If you or members of your family are Sixties Scoop survivors, please contact Tony Merchant of Merchant Law at 1-888-567-7777.

Merchant Law represents Sixties Scoop survivors who live in Yukon. It is one of four

law firms across Canada that **will not charge a fee** for their work on this lawsuit. For more information, visit sixtiesscoopclaim.com.





Left: Frank Charlie Jr and Keigan McLaren-Charlie playing together this summer.

Photo: Alistair Maitland

Kwanlin Dün Dads Get Together

For just over a year now, a group of Kwanlin Dün dads have been meeting up in the evening twice per month. They enjoy activities, share meals and some laughs, but most importantly, they give and get support. It's called the KDFN Fathers Group, but it's not just for dads: uncles, grandpas, stepfathers, and other male caregivers are welcome. Kids can come too.

The program is offered by the Health Centre but is led by the fathers themselves. Every few months they'll meet to decide what activities they'll offer for upcoming sessions. There's been net setting and ice fishing at Fish Lake, skiing, sledding and stick gambling, to name a few. In July, Elder Louis Smith joined them for a shared meal and stories around a fire.

"There was a need for fathers to have the same kind of opportunities for support that the mothers were getting with the Healthy Babies, Healthy Generations program," said Renee Roy, Maternal Child Family Support Worker at the Health Centre. "To get together and meet and have support from one another benefits the fathers—but

also benefits the kids to have more father involvement."

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Below: Fathers group hand games event.

Photo: Alistair Maitland



New Improved Potlatch House

Many renovations and upgrades made to Nàkwät'à Kù in the past year have helped make it ready to better serve citizens.

Below: The new exterior walkway.

Substantial improvements and an expansion of the Kwanlin Dün Nàkwät'à Kù (Potlatch House) are complete. "It's like a brand new building now," says Gary Bailie, Manager of Capital Projects with KDFN. "It's a building we can be proud of and will serve our community well. I'm really happy with it."

The potlatch house is a central gathering place for KDFN citizens, other

First Nations and the broader Yukon community. The renovations improve safety and functionality of the space while also reflecting Kwanlin Dün's culture, art and history.

Funds for the project include \$375,000 from CanNor, \$50,000 from Kwanlin Dün First Nation and \$75,000 from Government of Yukon. Canyon City Construction was contracted to complete much of the work and many KDFN citizens were employed.



IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- A 20-foot addition to the building
- Renovations to the kitchen including new energy efficient LED lighting, additional storage space and a walk-in cooler freezer
- New tables and chairs
- New bathrooms
- Interior renovations in the main hall: removed wainscoting; installed big, new windows
- New surround-sound system with a built-in cabinet, a new wireless projector, 15-foot motorized screen, and wireless microphone
- New siding and attractive stone work at the front of the building
- New concrete along the front and sides of the building
- New KDFN flag and flagpole
- Beautiful new closed-in fire pit
- New exterior LED lighting

Governor General award for Darlene Scurvey

This past June, our very own Darlene Scurvey received the Polar Medal from Governor General David Johnston in Ottawa. Darlene received the award in recognition of her work promoting traditional language and culture. The award is handed out at the same ceremony as the Order of Canada and aims to recognize people who provide “extraordinary services” in Canada’s North. As an early childhood educator at the Dusk’a Head Start Family Learning Centre, Darlene works with local elders and young pre-school aged children. She facilitates language instruction, social and cultural interaction opportunities, and has even produced children’s books, DVDs, and YouTube videos.

“It’s really a lifetime achievement award,” says Erin Pauls, Manager-Director at Dusk’a. “Darlene is a great leader in language and culture, arts and crafts, and has a lot of traditional knowledge on the land. She’s



Darlene Scurvey received the award in Ottawa from Governor General David Johnston. She is seen here (left) at Dusk’a.

been working in education for a long time and in many capacities. We’re so lucky to have her here at Dusk’a.”

Five-year Anniversary for Cultural Centre

It’s been five years since the grand opening of the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre. It opened on June 21, 2012, hosting huge celebrations including Aboriginal Day and the launch of the 2012 Adäka Cultural Festival. The Centre has been busy ever since, hosting events and celebrations non-stop.

“It’s been almost a vertical chart,” says Patrick Matheson, Operations Manager at the Cultural Centre for the last three years. “It’s just been going strong since day one.”

The KDCC holds many different types of events: community, corporate, cultural, and political. It hosts potlatches, celebrations of life, Christmas parties, music festivals, and First Nation graduation ceremonies to name a few. Important events held here over the last five years include hosting the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, the launching of the “Healing Canoe”, the Truth and Reconciliation hearings, and sessions of the Missing and Murdered Women and Girls Inquiry.

The building continues to grow and develop. The client base and services offered are also expanding. When it opened in 2012, they had only four staff members. Now, when one includes part-time staff, they have 30.

“But by far the greatest accomplishment of the Cultural Centre is bringing the Kwanlin Dün people back the waterfront,” says Matheson. “It feels great to see it happening.”

Below: The Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, our home on the waterfront.





Want to See Change? Get Involved!

Above: The Summer General Assembly took place June 23-24, 2017

We are a busy First Nation. There is always a lot on the go. This includes the many new government acts and policies that your Council is working on.

This is important: We should all get involved to help shape our future!

Yukon self-governing First Nations are the only governments in Canada where there is an actual branch of the government just for citizens to work together on important topics that affect everyone. This branch is our General Assembly. At the General Assembly, we all have the right to speak.

Where did this come from? It came from our decisions in 2005 when we finalized our self-government agreement and our Constitution. That was over 12 years ago. It is our Constitution, our Government and our General Assembly. Things can only change if we decide we want to change it.

The Constitution is clear about the importance of all of us being involved in our Government. It says in the preamble:

"We have the inherent right to govern ourselves as an Aboriginal people within Canada.

Together we are determined... to exercise effectively the power of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation."

To be effective, we must remain active and engaged. At our community meetings we discuss important issues like housing, substance abuse, jobs and safety. But these meetings are only useful when we are there and when we bring our ideas to the table.

The General Assembly is a great opportunity to talk with our family, friends and neighbours — all Citizens of our First Nation — about things important to us that the government (all of us) need to think about. Our Constitution empowers us with the responsibility to deal with all matters of importance to governing ourselves: setting policy guidelines and mandates; input to budgets; input to key appointments; providing direction through resolutions; and recommending development of laws.

Of greatest importance are amendments to the Constitution, our supreme law. We must vote on any changes to the Constitution through a referendum. Whenever there is a referendum, it is very important that citizens participate.

This is our way. It is about all of us coming together to shape our future through respectful dialogue and contribution.

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESCHEDULED

The Fall General Assembly has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 25, 2017.

See page 7 for details.

Fall General Assembly Rescheduled

The Fall General Assembly was postponed out of respect after the passing of former chief Mike Smith. After discussions with his family, a feast was held in Mike's honour at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre on Friday October 21. Comedian Don Burnstick later lifted hearts and filled the room with laughter. It was a fitting tribute to Mike, as he was always smiling and joking with others.

The Fall General Assembly has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 25, 2017 with a shortened schedule. There will be presentations about the government's audited financial statements and budget and housing, as well as a referendum update. There will of course also be a citizens' forum. Attend the General Assembly and have your voice heard!

Below: Don Burnstick performing at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre on October 21, 2017.



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Have a story idea you want to see in the next issue of Kwanlin Dän Ch'a?

The Kwanlin Dün Communications Department produces the Kwanlin Dän Ch'a Newsletter every winter, spring and fall. Send us your story ideas, photos, and information to see it in the next issue.

We want to highlight our citizen's accomplishments and successes!

Please contact us at communications@kdfn.net or (867) 633-7800.

Photo L-R:
Community Safety
Officer Team
Leader, Elias Park,
Community Safety
Officer, Jesse Ryder,
Land Steward, Tyler
O'Brien. Michael
Carlisle (far-right), the
newest CSO, started
in October.



Community Safety Officer Program Gains Momentum



Community Safety Officers and Land Stewards

867-332-9551

Reasons to call CSOs:

- Suspicious activity
- Property damage
- Noise complaints
- Unusual traffic or people
- Unsafe activities
- Misuse of traditional territory
- Wildlife concerns
- Animal welfare

RCMP, Fire Dept., EMS and Conservation Emergency
911

Animal Control/City Trouble Line
(867) 667-2111

RCMP Non-Emergency
(867) 667-5555

Bylaw Complaint Line
(867) 668-8317

Whitehorse Fire Dept. Non-Emergency
(867) 668-2462

EMS Non-Emergency
(867) 667-3333

S.C.A.N.
1-866-530-7226 or
456-SCAN (7226)

Conservation/ Environment Canada
(867) 667-5652

Kaushee's Place
(867) 668-5733

Mae Bachur Animal Shelter
(867) 633-6019

Salvation Army
(867) 393-8322

Youth Emergency Shelter
(867) 633-7693 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday to Friday
(867) 633-7699 - 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.
7 days per week

Email: Elias.Park@KDFN.net
7 O'Brien Road • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Since launching the Community Safety Officer (CSO) program this June, the new team has been busy with training, planning and setting up a new office at 4 O'Brien Road. Now, with the brunt of training behind them, along with the hiring of a fourth CSO, the team is about to get more community focused.

"We've gone through lots of training—from bear safety, to off-road vehicle operation, as well as occupational health and safety training," said Elias Park, CSO Team Leader. "We're now up to speed and prepared for CSO duties, so the community can expect to see us out on more patrols."

The four officers, Elias Park, Jesse Ryder, Tyler O'Brien and newest member Michael Carlisle, run regular community and land patrols. They don't carry weapons and are not enforcement officers. They patrol in partnership with the RCMP, Bylaw and Conservation Officers. The Community Safety Officers' role is to support the day-to-day safety of citizens. It also aims to build and maintain trust and positive relationships among citizens and external partners.

CSOs have also started working on a larger road-safety initiative. In partnership with Youth of Today's Society, they painted wolf and crow crests on the road as you enter the McIntyre subdivision with the message to slow to 30 km/hr.

"We've been laying the groundwork to set up this important program," says Gina Nagano, acting Director of Justice. "I'd like to thank the community for being supportive and patient."

Kwanlin Dün Counselling Services

Who can come to counselling?

Adults, youth, children, families and couples. We mostly meet with people at the Health Centre but sometimes see people at their homes, work with families at Jackson Lake, go to see people at WCC, or work with children at Elijah Smith Elementary or other schools.

What is counselling?

Counselling is a chance for you to look at your troubles and figure out ways to handle them. It is also a time to recognize the healing steps you are already taking.

What do people talk about?

It depends on what people feel they need to talk about. It can be anything: relationships, grieving, depression, anxiety, trauma, addictions, parenting, or family issues.

How is counselling at KDFN different than other places?

We believe in the importance of culture and its role in healing. We work in a holistic way, which means you can talk to us about whatever is going on for you. We work with your strengths, values and commitments. We know that this community has suffered incredible losses and that this affects all of us. We also see the incredible gifts, talents, and skills of the community and the people in it.

Who are the counsellors?

Evann, Louise, Kim, Tandi, Jen, and our manager Jeremy. Added up, we have been working with KDFN for 33 years (Jen for 8.5, Tandi for 8, Jeremy for 6, Evann for 6, Louise for 3.5 and Kim for 1.5). We all have different ways of working; some of us specialize in working with kids, art therapy, mental health or trauma.

How do I start counselling?

Call the Health Centre at 668-7289 and ask to speak to the Intake Worker.

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Left: Kwanlin Dün Health Centre Counselling Team: (L-R) Louise Hardy, Kim Scott, Jen Olson, Evann Lacosse, Jeremy Baumbach and Tandi Brown.



Shākāt: The Millennial Revitalization

Above: Chief Doris Bill visits the Youth of Today Society to talk with the youth about issues in the community.

by Cassis Lindsay

It's mid-September and members of the Youth of Today Society—myself included—are tucked away in a building in downtown Whitehorse hard at work. Our focus is on finalizing the Shākāt Journal: The Change Project, for its launch in the coming days.

Shākāt Journal is a new magazine that will be produced both online and in print.

This magazine is by, for and about young people and the issues that affect them directly. For many of us, the publication has helped us find our roots; it has grounded us and opened up a whole world of possibilities.

"We need this kind of communication so that we can hear Yukon stories from a unique northern perspective," said Elder Judy Gingell, reflecting on the importance

Right:
The Shākāt team





Left: On September 19, 2017 the Shākāt team, guest, family, friends and dignitaries celebrated at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre with the launch of the Shākāt journal.

of Shākāt. "It is exciting and inspiring to see our young people take on such a challenge."

Our team includes over a dozen hard working young people, a myriad of amazing ideas and the common will to make our voices heard. We live as youth in a new technological age, facing the same old problems that have been around forever. Although these demons try to drag us down, we have fought our way tooth and nail to the top. Most people on our team have had to fight against racism, sexism and unfortunate circumstances. The Shākāt Journal is the best way for all of us youth to prove ourselves.

The Shākāt launch event was a great success. It was a packed room full of excitement and energy. At the event, we reflected on both the history and the future of the Shākāt Journal, and the community

support was overwhelming.

Shākāt, with its mix of fun and serious stories, has huge potential. We present a raw perspective, one we dug up from the bottoms of our souls. We have poured our hearts and creativity into this magazine and it shows. And we aren't the only ones proud of our achievements. Elder Judy Gingell clearly expressed her feelings for the Youth of Today Society's work. "I am so proud!" she exclaimed. "I praise the people that are involved and are behind it." Of course, she isn't just talking about the Shākāt Journal but also the Youth of Today Society mural workers.

All in all, this past summer has been a creative one, whether working on the Shākāt Journal project or the town-wide murals. It is hoped this coming year will bring changes and new opportunities with it for all!

Visiting the Ice Patches

On August 8, 2017, KDFN Lands and Resources staff visited the southwest ice patches to conduct their annual archeological inventory in partnership with the Government of Yukon. The team visited ice patches on Mt. Granger near Fish Lake and travelled as far southwest as Primrose Lake, with several stops in between.

One artifact – a piece of an atlatl throwing dart – was found. "We estimate it's at least 1,200 years old," said Lands Specialist John Meikle. "It was really special because people would come to hunt caribou at the ice patches, and shortly after we found that atlatl dart, we found ourselves very close to a caribou."

The team also stopped at a series of known hunting blinds near the ice patches – and took a lot of photos.



Left: Aurora Hardy in a hunting blind.



A Vision for Fish Lake Area Plan

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KDFN citizens are concerned about Fish Lake. As the area gets busier with tourists and recreation groups, the negative impacts are increasing.

A few examples of concerns people have:

- eroding trails
- garbage in and around the lake
- mis-managed horse, dog, and human feces
- overfishing in the lake

People have lived around the Fish Lake area for thousands of years. It has been a significant hunting, fishing and gathering area for the Kwanlin Dün people for many generations. The Kwanlin Dün community continues to hunt, fish, and gather in the Fish Lake area. As well, some Kwanlin Dün citizens have land parcels at Fish Lake reflecting their long-standing family ties to the area.

Together, the Government of Yukon and KDFN are in the very early stages of developing a Fish Lake Area Plan.

KDFN Lands and Resources has met with Elders numerous times regarding interests in the Fish Lake area. Most recently, they met over two days this past August at Jackson Lake to hear concerns but also to start working on a vision for the area. Some

great ideas came out of this workshop.

More pre-plan meetings are being scheduled for this winter and citizens are encouraged to attend. Lands and Resources staff hope to gather existing traditional knowledge and information, establish a clear and detailed vision for the land and write and map it.

How can I get involved?

Attend pre-plan vision workshops to take place this fall and winter. Nominate yourself or others for membership on the planning steering committee.

What to expect?

- Workshops for KDFN citizens will be held this late fall and winter.
- Lands and Resources will review products from the workshops to ensure KDFN citizens have a consolidated vision that citizens support.
- YG and KDFN are beginning to discuss plan boundaries.
- A planning steering committee will be set up with representatives from both YG and KDFN.
- An official plan start-up is anticipated for the spring of 2018.
- We are at the very beginning of a multi-year process.

Hunting with Principles

When it comes to hunting, we all have to do our part to maintain healthy wildlife populations.

Healthy wildlife populations have sustained the Kwanlin Dün people since ancient times and hunting and fishing remains very important today. But in recent times, moose have been harvested at unsustainable rates. There is also a growing concern about the health of sheep populations.

The *Land Vision* reminds us of our shared values around wildlife stewardship and our relationship to the land. The *Land Vision* was passed by Council in 2016 and was finalized this summer. Let's remember these values and principles when we're out hunting this fall.

A Goal of the *Land Vision* is: *To conserve areas of high ecological value and maintain the health of wildlife populations.*

Some of the Guiding Principles of the *Land Vision* are:

- **RESPECT:** The land and all animal life must be respected. Decision-making and the use of land must reflect a respectful relationship with the land.
- **CARING FOR THE LAND:** People have a responsibility to care for and protect the land.

- **CONSIDERING FUTURE GENERATIONS:** All land use and decision-making must take into consideration the ability of future generations to continue to benefit from the land.

Attempts are being made to recover and better manage some of these impacted wildlife populations throughout the Traditional Territory, particularly near developed areas and in those areas accessible by road. You can do your part by making responsible choices when you hunt.

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Below: Hard copies of the KDFN Land Vision are available at the Administration building. It is also available on the KDFN website.



Taking Time to Do It Right: Waterfront Heritage Project

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The Waterfront Heritage Project is a big project. It's important to tell the story of the Kwanlin Dün in a way that properly captures the history of our people along the waterfront all the way from Marsh Lake to Lake Laberge. Staff are sorting through materials from focus groups, review teams, visioning sessions and surveys, story weaving workshops, Tagish Kwan workshops as well as photography collections and audio transcripts.

Because there is so much information to collect and organize, the timeline of the project has changed. The unpublished manuscript should be completed by March 2018. It is not known when the actual finished book will be available, as working with a publisher can be a long process.

number of participants at these meetings has been low. As a result, the next meeting, scheduled for November, has been canceled.

In an effort to reach KDFN citizens both near and far, the Waterfront Heritage Project team is changing how it interacts with citizens. "We're trying to deliver and receive information in a new way. We want to engage with people who aren't living in the territory by providing more of an online presence," said Rae Mombourquette, the project manager. A new video will also be shown to different groups like the Elders Council and any other committees that want to see it. In the meantime, keep your eyes open for new Waterfront Heritage Twitter and Instagram accounts, and please be in touch!



Above: Hootalinqua Johnnie and two of his wives, Alice & Nelly taken in 1945.

*From the
Baker/Suits/Viksten
family photo collection*

Thus far, we have been building community consensus on the themes and concepts of the Waterfront Heritage Project book through a series of public meetings. We have also been gathering stories and photos of KDFN experiences on the waterfront and on the land. Citizen turnout and engagement has been incredibly valuable, but unfortunately, the

The main message of the video is that this project is taking quite a bit longer than was anticipated. "There is a lot of pressure to do it right," says Mombourquette. "We realize that it can't be everything but it can still be an integral piece for the community." The team has support for the new timeline and hope people understand the challenge of compiling almost three years of community research into a publishable book.

"This project is going to be a catalyst," says Mombourquette. "While it may not come out of this project or this fund, the leadership at KDFN realizes the importance of the cultural and heritage information and more projects like this will hopefully be funded in the future."

The Waterfront Heritage team is still looking for personal photo collections if anyone has any to contribute. And there's a contest! Check out the back cover of this newsletter for your chance to win Air North travel credits.

Waterfront Tour for City of Whitehorse Staff

On a sunny day in July, over 20 City of Whitehorse employees partook in a full-day tour of the city—through the lens of the area's First Nations people. Hosted by Kwanlin Dün Lands and Resources staff, the group was given a crash course on KDFN history and traditional use of the waterfront. The City contingent included Mayor Dan Curtis, as well as many city councillors, urban planners, Parks and Recreation staff, and the City Manager.

"It's important for city planners to have a better understanding of how the KDFN community has a presence in these places," said Geoff Cowie, Urban Planner with KDFN Lands and Resources. "We wanted to provide them an opportunity to reflect that understanding in their planning process and work. We had a good response from everybody and good chance to get to know everybody. It's important to share that story and encourage those connections."

The tour started at Miles Canyon where participants were asked what they knew about the history of the area. None of them knew that the word *Kwanlin* in Southern Tutchone means "water running through a narrow place" in reference to this canyon. Nor did people know that Miles Canyon was named after a US general best known for his role in the U.S. Indian Wars.

"It was an important place for our people to meet, to fish, to fortify alliances and friendships and stories," said Rae



Above: KDFN and City of Whitehorse staff and officials hearing stories about the waterfront.

Mombourquette, the facilitator of the tour. "And then suddenly indigenous people were removed from the waterfront and the fishery collapses in the 50s." The tour went on to other sites where Kwanlin Dün people once had a historical presence. They toured the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre for an overview on the final agreement and its success story of bringing our people back to the river. The tour ended with a BBQ back up in McIntyre.

"It was so fantastic to see the city and the KDFN communities interact," said Mombourquette. "At this point there was lots of laughter and engagement and I haven't seen that before. It was all about connection. Communications with the city have been really solid and respectful but there is a little bit more of a connection now."

"Kwanlin"

is a Southern Tutchone word meaning "*Water running through a narrow place*"



The New Social Assistance Program: Pathways

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What happened to Social Assistance?

Over the last year, a team from the Health and Social Development Department completed a review of the Social Assistance program. With input from the community, the review team designed a new program called Pathways.

“Pathways is the new, improved social assistance program,” says Carmen Gibbons, Director of Health and Social Development. “It is designed to help you with the obstacles you face so you can move forward with your life. Income assistance is there for you, but Pathways will help get you in position to not need it anymore.”

What can people expect?

As Pathways rolls out, everyone who accesses income assistance will have their own individualized Pathways Plan. As we work with you to start developing your

plan, you can expect to be asked things like, What would you like to do with your life? and What do you think it would take to get there? You can expect to have a conversation about what you need to do to meet your goals, be it more education, counselling, traditional healing, or help finding a job.

Pathways is being implemented in phases. The first group of people to develop their Pathways Plans are people who are 19 to 29 years old. Becky Broderick, the Pathways Program Coordinator, started implementing new support services this summer.

Who can enrol in Pathways?

All citizens on income assistance will have the opportunity to be enrolled and supported by the program. Any person on social assistance who needs support can request the support of Pathways—even if you are not a younger person.

Right: KDFN citizen Aurora Hardy was the civilian VIP who officially accepted the salute to begin the RCMP Musical Ride in August. Aurora was nominated by the Office of the Commissioner of the Yukon, as this year's Musical Ride will honour outstanding youth in our community. Congratulations, Aurora! You are an amazing young leader and a great role model.



Äsuą K'e “Grandmother’s Ways”

**Mondays from 4:30-6
Sept 18th-Dec 18th 2017***

**Excluding Statutory Holidays*

**@ Dusk’a Learning Centre
47 McIntyre Drive**



Parent/Child story time—taught in Southern Tutchone

Storytelling/Rhymes and Songs are an integral part of this program and these will be taught in Southern Tutchone along with Ta'an oral histories. The program is facilitated by Linda Harvey and Nicole Smith

A healthy meal will be provided at each session.

Geared to families with children aged 0-6 but all ages are welcome



This is a collaboration between
Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and
Kwanlin Dün First Nation.

For more information call:
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Southern Tutchone Language: Personal Introductions

Southern Tutchone:

Andal ka kwadidur

How it Sounds:

Unn-aal ka kwah-did-err

English Meaning:

In my presence for
your story

Southern Tutchone:

Niyiinshi duyeyä?

How it Sounds:

Nee-yin-zhee Doo-yaay

English Meaning:

What is your name?

Southern Tutchone:

Ye nan nch'an?

How it Sounds:

Yay-nun-nn-ch'un

English Meaning:

What clan are you?

Southern Tutchone:

Mach'j Nishaw?

How it Sounds:

Ma-ch'i Nee-show

English Meaning:

Who are your parents?

Southern Tutchone:

Mach'j nisua ye nisia?

How it Sounds:

Ma-ch'i nee-suu-aah

ye nee-see-aah

English Meaning:

Who is your grandma
and grandpa?

Southern Tutchone:

Jäw kwats'an Nkeyi?

How it Sounds:

Johw kwats'an

nn-kay-ee

English Meaning:

Where are you from?

Events Calendar

 = Special Event

 = Mondays

 = Tuesdays

 = Wednesdays

 = Thursdays

WHAT	WHEN		WHERE
Fall General Assembly	Saturday, November 25 9:00 am – 5:00 pm		Nàkwät'à Kù Potlatch House
Äsüq K'e Grandmother's Ways	Mondays (until Dec 18) 4:30 – 6:00 pm		Dusk'a Learning Centre
Dusk'a Family Luncheon	Last Thursday of every month (until Feb 22) 11:30 am		Dusk'a Learning Centre
Lunch and Learn	First Wednesday of every month 12:00 – 1:00 pm		Natsékhi Kù Health Centre
Chronic Conditions Walking Group	Every Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 – 3:00 pm (until April)	 	Canada Games Centre
Healthy Babies Healthy Generations Drop-in	Every 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of the month 12:00 – 2:00 pm	 	2nd Tuesday @ Dusk'a 4th Thursday @ Health Centre
Fathers' Group	Every 3rd Wednesday of the month (until April) 5:30 pm		Natsékhi Kù Health Centre
Ice Fishing	December to February Dates TBA		Kenädän Ku House of Learning
Wood Harvesting	All winter Dates TBA		Kenädän Ku House of Learning
Small Game Camp	February Dates TBA		Kenädän Ku House of Learning
Hand Games	Every Thursday all winter 5:30 to 9:00 pm		Health Centre
Women's Support Circle	Every second Tuesday (until Dec 19) 5:00 to 7:00 pm <i>Possible additional dates</i>		21 McCrimmon
Men's Support Circle	Every second Wednesday (until Dec 13) 2:00 to 5:00 pm <i>Possible additional dates</i>		21 McCrimmon
Sewing Circle	January Dates TBA		21 McCrimmon
Second Annual Elders and Youth Camp	March Dates TBA		Jackson Lake Healing Camp

ABOUT	CONTACT
Rescheduled Fall General Assembly	Michele Taylor 633-7800 ext. 130
Southern Tutchone language storytelling and games. Meals provided. In partnership with Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. For families with children aged 0-6.	Roberta Behn 668-3613 ext. 403
Healthy lunch for the families of children who attend Dusk'a	Dusk'a Reception: 393-3775
Everyone welcome. Different topics every month	Elizabeth Savoie 668-7289 ext. 211
Walks at Canada Games Centre in winter and Rotary Park in summer. 55+. Call for a ride from your home.	Denise Peter 668-7289 ext. 204
Healthy lunch, cover a health topic around parenting and nutrition. For pre- and post-natal clients	Renee Roy 334-3128 or Kathryn Laloge 335-4477 kathryn.laloge@kdfn.net
Activities for fathers and their children to enjoy together. Includes an activity and a healthy meal. Different starting locations and times, so please call ahead.	Renee Roy 334-3128 or Kathryn Laloge 335-4477 kathryn.laloge@kdfn.net
Various locations. Day trips snacks food transportation provided.	Lauren Passmore 668-7289 ext. 210 or see Winston Smarch at House of Learning
Harvest wood for young families in need and elders	Lauren Passmore 668-7289 ext. 210 or Winston Smarch 633-8422
Set snares for rabbits, hunt ptarmagin and other small game on your traditional territory	Lauren Passmore 668-7289 ext. 210 or Winston Smarch 633-8422
Learn more about what Movember events and sign up for anything that interests you. Open to everyone! Men, women and children!	Winston Smarch 633-8422 winston.smarch@kdfn.net
Learn self-care strategies, check-in, enjoy dinner and activities	Jackson Lake Wellness Team reception: 633-2629
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Bring unfinished projects or start something new	Jackson Lake Wellness Team reception: 633-2629
Learn how to build shelters, play hand games, drum, and learn about the land	Jackson Lake Wellness Team reception: 633-2629



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