



# ECDEV NEWS

## KDFN IS HARD AT WORK!

Kwanlin Dun's land claim agreements require that large projects in our traditional territory provide benefits to Kwanlin Dun and its citizens. These benefits are negotiated in agreements called "Yukon Asset Construction Agreements" (YACAs for short).

KDFN's Economic Development Department negotiates these agreements with Yukon Government. These agreements provide many different opportunities for Kwanlin Dun citizens such as employment, training, sole source contracts and research.

The following projects are examples of some of the benefits that are currently flowing to Kwanlin Dun people as a result of these construction agreements.

### CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

KDFN crews are building the Transitional Women's Living Unit at the jail. This building is separate from the main correctional centre and will house women who are almost ready to return to their communities.

A regular crew of six KDFN construction workers and a back-up crew of six workers started construction earlier this year and the building will be complete this fall. Hats off to all crews involved, a job well done!

### INGRAM SUBDIVISION

Almost half of the people working on the new Ingram subdivision development are KDFN citizens. This new subdivision is located next to the McIntyre subdivision.

KDFN crews will also soon start on the construction of six "green" townhouses. These townhouses are called "Green Homes" as they are energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

Construction of these townhouses will provide both jobs for KDFN people and build our expertise to meet the growing demand for new "green" housing.

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## LOOKING FOR WORK?

In 2008, Economic Development carried out the "Skills and Business Survey." This survey collected information about the education, skills and future training needs of KDFN citizens between 19-60 years old.

The information we collected is used all the time to help us match KDFN citizens up with job and training opportunities that come up.



For example, we helped Fred Holway secure the contract for the demolition of Yukon Hall. Make sure we have your business' information so we can help you too!

It is very important that the information we have is complete and up-to-date. We need the right contact information if we are going to help people find work or training.

### Get us your information!

If you are 19-60 years old and you did not participate in the survey, or if you have recently moved or started a business, please contact us so we can get the right information.

If you are looking for work, please come see Peter Turner and bring your resume. He might be able to provide you with opportunities. Contact: Peter Turner at 633-7862.

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### AIRPORT EXPANSION

A new terminal building is being added to the Whitehorse Airport. Currently 4 out of 15 people employed on the site are KDFN citizens. This project will take about two years to complete.

Under the YACA agreement, the contractors who are building the new terminal are encouraged to maximize employment for KDFN citizens.

Job opportunities on this project with contractors and sub-contractors will continue into 2010.

Additionally, KDFN will have the opportunity to construct a second passenger bridge, which people use to get on and off planes, and to realign the airport service roads.

Finally, the Yukon government will be commissioning \$20,000 of artwork by KDFN citizens for display in the new terminal.

## DKD JOINT VENTURE

### IT BUILDS MORE THAN BUILDINGS



In 2008, the **Dominion-Kwanlin Dun Joint Venture (DKD)** was set up. This joint venture was created to build KDFN's capacity in the construction industry, to help KDFN take advantage of more economic opportunities.

KDFN has a holding company with a number for a name "42135 Yukon Inc." This is the company that works with Dominion Construction in this joint venture.

Ray Webb, Bill Webber and Elaine Shorty are the Directors of 42135 Yukon Inc.

The Dominion-Kwanlin Dun partnership is involved in two major construction projects. It provides Construction Management for the construction of the correctional centre (in photo) and it will be in charge of the construction of the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre.

# BEHIND THE SCENES

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & THE CULTURAL CENTRE

The Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre is about to become reality. At the end of September there was the ground-breaking ceremony and the special gifting of the healing canoe—created this summer by the Sundog Carving Program—to the centre.

Preparation of the site for the Cultural Centre will start in early October. The building is scheduled to open its doors by fall of 2011.

KDFN's Department of Economic Development has played a strong role in helping to make the Centre a reality. The department has taken the lead on securing federal and territorial funding, negotiating a long-term lease for the Whitehorse Public Library and, together with the Cultural Centre Steering Committee, supported the development of a design for the Centre. The architectural firm *David Nairne and Associates (DNA)* did the design for the building.

Now that the construction is starting, the next step is the exciting task of working out the programming, artwork, exhibits and storyline of for the Centre. And there is a need to recruit and train staff to run the centre.

Economic Development and the Cultural Centre Steering Committee are looking for KDFN community members who are interested in being part of the next phase of the planning for the Cultural Centre. If you would like to join the Steering Committee, or a subcommittee, please contact us.

Also, if you have artifacts or artwork that you would be willing to display at the cultural centre, please let us know. For more information contact Saskia Bunicich at 633-7869.

*Check out our separate Cultural Centre newsletter for more detailed information on this exciting project!*



In December 2008, KDFN Council members and the Cultural Centre Steering Committee traveled with the architects to the Haida Heritage Centre on Haida Gwaii. This facility has some similar design features that will be in the KDFN centre.

*Front left to right:* Councillor Helen Charlie, Elaine Shorty, Councillor Jessie Dawson, Councillor Ray Webb. *Back left to right:* Councillor Jennifer Edzerza, Dave McIntyre (DNA), Saskia Bunicich, Andy Mill (DNA) and the Haida Heritage Centre tour guide.

### EMPLOYMENT CENTRE NEWS

Economic Development has teamed up with Human Resources to research the possibility of developing a Kwanlin Dun Employment Centre. Funding for this feasibility study was negotiated as a benefit in the construction agreement for the Airport Terminal Building.

The employment centre study will focus on the different employment needs of Kwanlin Dun community members. Some people may need help with developing resumes or interview skills. Others might want to know where jobs are available or how to get training that will help them get better jobs. The study will tell us more about these different needs.

The study will also look at the cost of providing employment services, where a centre might be developed, and the funding that would be available to create and run it. This research is expected to be finished by March 2010.

# A GREENER FUTURE

## THE INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

The federal and Yukon governments have money set aside to help First Nations and municipalities build more sustainable and energy efficient infrastructure in their communities. "Infrastructure" means the things that help a community function like roads, sewers, water, telephones, power or garbage disposal.

Projects that might be funded could include things that deal with community recycling, public transit, active transportation (like bike lanes), energy efficiency of buildings or drinking water systems.

Before it can get funding for projects like these, Kwanlin Dun must first develop an *Integrated Community Sustainability Plan* (ICSP). This plan will describe the current infrastructure situation in Kwanlin Dun and identify the needs of the future.

KDFN has hired *Inukshuk Planning and Development* to create this plan for us. The planning will involve lots of community input as we need to understand the values, sustainability principles and vision of the Kwanlin Dun community.

Consultation on the creation of this plan will start shortly. Contact Peter Turner at 633-7862.

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#### Senior Economic Development Advisor

This position is currently vacant



John Smith is one of the Kwanlin Dun citizens currently working on the construction of the new terminal building at the airport.



ABOVE: Wayne Jim started a new position as a Project Officer with the Government of Yukon's Property Management Division. This training position was set up under the construction agreement for the new airport terminal. Training positions like this one help to build KDFN's capacity to take on future construction projects.

BELOW: The Transitional Women's Living Unit at the jail is being built by KDFN crews.

