



TAHLTAN BAND COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY REPORT 2016







## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Dear Tahltans,

This year has proven to be a busy year — I would like to thank the staff at the Tahltan Band and those who have worked with the band for your hours of dedication and support. Without each of you, we would not be where we are today. Medu.

I want to honour the Tahltans who have passed away and also welcome the new little Tahltans that have entered the world. Those who have passed have left a legacy of honour and respect that our Nation will transfer to the new generation of Tahltans to carry forward.



Over the course of the year, the Band has undertaken some exciting projects that we are excited to discuss with our membership. These include an update on the Sheslay Camp Project, what is happening with the new Tahltan reserve IR13, a wildlife update and the opening of a Tahltan Gas Bar... and more! It also includes an update on issues that are close to my heart — regarding Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Indian Residential Schools as well as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

I will be traveling throughout different communities this spring talking with Tahltans about these projects, hearing your concerns and answering as many of your questions as I can. I look forward to spending time with my Tahltan brothers and sisters.

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Chief Terri Brown



## BACK TO SHESLAY

We started the 'Phase 1: Back to Sheslay' project last summer. The old Sheslay Trail was restored so that we can make use of it during all seasons. We had two trail crews working and they cleared from Telegraph Creek to Sheslay — we are very pleased with the work of the crews who worked hard to make this happen. The use of the trail will be a significant step in reconnecting with our culture and traditions as many Tahltan people originated from the Sheslay area. The historic Sheslay Trail is restricted to Tahltans only — we will not allow use by any other user groups. The trail will be monitored and Tahltans can report seeing anyone using the trail that is not Tahltan.

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Our Ancestors had a large community in Sheslay where they stayed for the winter and travelled to Telegraph Creek for the salmon fishing season. The impact of colonization separated the Sheslay people from their homeland. Mandatory government policies such as the requirement for children to attend school were implemented resulting in families moving onto reserves in Telegraph Creek. Many families held strong ties to Sheslay, however; as more children became of school age it became more difficult to maintain their Sheslay homes. It is estimated that around 1950 we saw the last of the families walking the Sheslay Trail.

We had a construction crew in Sheslay last summer and they built a cook house, tent frames, and outhouse for use by Tahltan people. The camp is beautiful and we look forward to making use of



it this coming summer. The construction crew will be finishing off the cook house this year and we look forward to adding on cabins and other structures in years to come.

Once complete, we are excited to organizing culture camps, language camps, youth camps, trapping and hunting camps, healing camps and many other activities. The camp will be open for rent for Tahltan organizations to hold workshops, hunting, trapping, hiking and healing gatherings. The first event to be held this year is the “Back to Sheslay Walk”. This walk will be open to Tahltan People who are interested in participating and reconnecting to our precious land. Walkers, Elders and Youth will be flown to Sheslay where history lessons will be given about the area and our culture and practises. We are looking at making a film of this first walk and documenting the experience. The walkers will be flown to Sheslay on June 13, 2016 and will begin the walk on June 16 and will arrive in Telegraph on June 21, 2016.

### TAHLTAN RESERVE #13 DEASE LAKE

We have established an ‘Addition to Reserve’ (IR#13) in Dease Lake through INAC.

The Castlemain Group has developed a Tahltan Village Master Plan – a Development Vision for IR#13 dated January 2016. We held community meetings in January and presented the plan.

Everyone has great ideas for IR #13. However, currently the cost is a barrier to development.

Castlemain has taken the plan and is now looking for funds to make this development a reality.

The cost at the outset is \$11 million. That is to get the infrastructure set up such as water and sewer, electricity and lot development. The #1 priority identified in the community meetings is to build a long-term facility



for Elders. This is a priority since our Elders are put into homes in the south, which causes difficulty with separation from family, community and the Nation. We will keep members posted on this development.

### RED CHRIS MINE TOUR

Councillor Richard Jackson and I toured the Red Chris Mine. We met with the Tim Fische the Mine Manager and had the opportunity to meet with some Tahltan workers who were on site. Mr. Fische explained their plans of building another tailings pond. TNDC is the contractor for this project this summer. We asked about concerns regarding any breaches or potential hazard to the environment. They said there was no concern that there will be any problems. We asked about

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the number of Tahltans employed there.

They do not have a mechanism to track the number of Tahltans; however, they mentioned around 30%, which they seem to be pleased with in meeting targets. We brought the concern forward that Tahltans are being laid-off because

of not have a driver's license. We have established that the Mine's Act does not specify having a mandatory requirement of a driver's license. We understand that if they have to drive then this should be mandatory but not when they have jobs that do not require driving. We have taken our concerns to Tahltan Works and they are looking further into policies for us.





What we specified as another concern is providing opportunity and training for local Tahltans who are unemployed. We also want to see local Tahltans have opportunities and consideration for entry-level jobs to get the necessary experience to qualify for upcoming jobs at the mine.

We had interest from Elders to tour the mine. A tour will be organized with Lorraine Callbreath and Freda Campbell shortly. It is important for those who have questions to tour the mine so that they can see first hand the operations, construction and upcoming plans.

### TAHLTAN HEALTH

The Tahltan Health Department was established in December 2014. After careful consideration and review of the Tahltan Health & Social Services Authority (THSSA), the Tahltan Band Council decided by BCR to transfer all Health and Social Services back to the Band. We found that it was more expensive to operate two separate administrations to deliver services that are the responsibility of the Band. We did not see any turnover in staffed positions which proved to be effective since many of the employees are long term and knew their jobs well. All programs have been transferred to date. As with all of our services we strive to focus on the needs of the clients and those who have life struggles. We are not policy driven, we are people driven.



### TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION (TRC) AND INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

I have served on the TRC Survivor Committee for 6 years and other Indian Residential School Committees at the National level for the past 10 years. This work has been very rewarding and challenging. We travelled across Canada for national events in all regions. The stories of survivors were documented along with our own. While it was difficult to hear the stories, I found it strengthened my resolve to support other families who have suffered the harsh consequences. I discovered how resilient and strong our people and Nations are in the face of the worst treatment of human beings on earth. We have lost thousands of survivors and the ones left with us must be cherished and honored. Without them we would not have survived the assaults on our Nations.

Tahltan Band sent a delegation to attend the TRC Closing Ceremonies in Ottawa that was held from May 31 to June 3, 2015. Louie Quock, Flora Reid, Marge Loverin, and Richard Jackson, all Indian Residential School survivors, represented the Tahltan Band. Geraldine Quock and Cynthia Asp represented the intergenerational survivors. Terri Brown attended as a member of the Truth and Reconciliation Survivor Committee. The experience was a memorable and touching experience for all as they joined the 'Walk for Reconciliation' and heard the many speakers and attended the ceremonies in the Canada's capital city.

### MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN

I have been involved in this file for 20 years. When I was President of the Native Women's Association of Canada, I initiated the 'Sisters in Spirit Campaign' to bring awareness to the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Transition House Manager Geraldine Quock





organized a workshop to bring awareness to our concerns. The Liberal Government has called a Federal Inquiry since they were elected. I attended the pre-inquiry session in Prince George to bring forth Tahltan concerns. Our concerns included: 19 year old Lora Frank who was last seen in Whitehorse in late 1988. Lora has never been heard from or seen again. Shirley Lee Cletheroe was a 45-year-old mother of five when she went missing in Fort St. John on June 10, 2006. Angel Carlick went missing on May 27, 2007 and her body was discovered six months later. Her case is still unsolved. My sister Ada Brown was killed on April 9, 2001 the RCMP did not investigate and no charges were ever laid. We need to encourage families and friends to become involved in the upcoming Federal inquiry to have our voices heard to make sure we do not lose anymore of our women and girls.



# FORMER RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS (TAHLTAN ANCESTRY)

## LOWER POST

Bernice (Carlick) Ball  
Francis Carlick  
Walter (Mickey) Carlick  
Alice (Jakesta) Papineau  
Fanny (Jakesta) Vance  
Rose Jakesta  
Steven Jakesta  
Evelyn Tibbett  
Jessie (Tibbett) Porter  
Marilyn (Moon) Miller  
Melvin Tibbett  
Eddy Frank  
Charlie (Pete) Tibbett  
Jessie (Tibbett) Porter  
**DECEASED**  
Lorna Carlick  
Walter Carlick  
Minnie (Jakesta) Rowlands  
Eddy Jakesta  
Johnson Reid  
Sharon Tibbett  
Carlie Tibbett  
John Tibbett

## WATSON LAKE, YT

Gerald Edzerza  
Lyla (Brown) Corcoran  
Norman Jack

## ATLIN

Alice Carlick  
Jean Ann Carlick  
Allan Carlick  
Charlie Carlick  
Jackie Carlick  
Louie Carlick  
Richard Carlick  
Teddy Carlick  
Wayne Carlick  
June Jack  
Louise (Jack) Gordon  
Terry Jack  
Brian Jack  
Greta Jack  
Henry Jack  
Leonard Jack  
Lester Jack

Maxine Jack  
Melvin Jack  
**DECEASED**  
Harry Paul Carlick  
Evelyn Jack  
Gloria Jack  
Willie Jack  
Kathy (Jack) Carlick

## GOOD HOPE LAKE

Jeannie Carlick  
Minnie (Carlick) Dennis  
Brian Carlick  
Frank Carlick  
Newton Carlick  
Doris Carlick  
Evelyn Carlick  
Roy Carlick  
William Carlick  
Veronica Dennis  
Leo Johnny Jr  
Scotty Dennis

Vincent Dennis  
Bernie (Johnny) Wagner  
Lucy Reid  
Nelson Johnny

## DECEASED

Doris Carlick  
Newton Carlick Sr.  
Dalton (Adolph) Dennis  
Frank Dennis  
Joyce Johnny  
Ivan Johnny  
Isabel (Reid) Johnny

## DEASE LAKE

Louise (Louie) Carlick  
Pat Etzerza  
Joe Dennis Sr.  
Evelyn (Frank) Feldmen  
Dale Tashoots  
Nita (Tashoots) Brace  
Marge Loverin  
Lydia Russell  
Marie Tashoots



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Rosie Tashoots  
Penny Louie  
Gary Dennis  
Bernice Quock

**DECEASED**

Cecilia Tashoots  
Louise Johnny  
Howard Tashoots

**ISKUT**

Beal Carlick  
Bluebell Carlick Jr  
Feddie (Carlick) Louie  
Henry Carlick  
Susan Carlick  
Pauline Dennis  
Raymond Dennis  
Greta Dennis  
Marvin Quash

**DECEASED**

Jackie Carlick  
Charlie Dennis  
Herman (Dennis) Wilson

Alice Dennis  
Marie (Irene) Hunter  
Janet Louie  
Louie Louie

**TELEGRAPH CREEK**

Terri Brown  
Bill Adsit  
Earl Adsit  
Loveta (Bob) McNeil  
Willie Bob  
Joan Brown  
Sadie Brown  
Joe Dennis Jr.  
Billy Campbell  
Michael Campbell  
Eugene Etzerza Sr.  
Belfry Etzerza  
Sheila Frank  
Charles Frank  
Andy Hawkins  
Tommy Hawkins  
Holly (Jackson) Henry

Richard Jackson  
Nancy (Jackson) McGhee  
Ann Jack  
Jean Low  
Jimmy Low  
May Phyllis Low  
Nancy Ward  
Beatrice (Quash) McPhee  
Ernest Quash  
Sally (Quash) Khristensen  
Wayne Quash  
Bobby Quock  
Harrison Quock  
Johnny Quock  
Bertha Reid  
Flora Reid  
Evelyn (Woods) Jensen  
Fern Dennis  
Barry Dennis

**DECEASED**

Peggy Ann Brown  
Bill Etzerza  
Gordon Frank

Lilly (Frank) Kerr  
Harry Hawkins  
Herbert Hawkins Jr.  
Barry Quash  
Effie Quash  
Morgan Quash  
Ivan Quock Sr.  
Matilda (Reid) Vanbibber  
Eddy Reid  
Harry Brown  
Ronnie Carlick  
Caroline Brown  
Minnie Dennis



### WILDLIFE

In the fall of 2014, we set up a roadblock at 8 mile Tatcho Creek Reserve on the Telegraph Road. We have serious concerns with the lack of moose. It is noticeable that over the recent years we have more and more hunters who flock into our territory during moose season. We believe there is overhunting because the hunting is unlimited and large camps of non-Tahltan hunters continue to disturb our traditional hunting areas and camps.

Tahltan hunters are taking longer to get meat for their families and sometimes do not get any at all. While we watch as the many hunters drive south with their trailers loaded with meat and antlers during hunting season. Food security is the issue for Tahltan families living in the territory. The high cost of food is a challenge for families and the wild meats that supplement the Tahltan diet is both economical and a healthier choice.

The negotiation of hunting regulations is on-going between the Tahltan and the Province of British Columbia. There is a wildlife symposium planned for May 27th and 28th at the Stikine Ranch. Also,



while there are no results yet from the moose surveys to date, Jarett Quock has been hired by the Tahltan Central Government as the Tahltan Wildlife Guardian.

### TAHLTAN GAS BAR

We purchased the Marion Brothers gas station on IR #9 in Dease Lake. The grand opening for the Tahltan Gas Bar is planned for June 1, 2016. Our team is working to set up the buildings and gas station and convenience store to provide reasonable gas prices to our members.

### STIKINE RIVERSONG

We will also be opening the historic Stikine Riversong by June 1, 2016. We had interest from groups travelling up river from Wrangell, Alaska. We hope to accommodate the groups and other tourists and our Nation who travel home for fishing and visiting. Last year, we employed several students where they gained work experience and made some extra money for school. We look forward to having a full season this year.





### ABORIGINAL WEEK CELEBRATIONS

We will have a week of Tahltan celebration for Aboriginal Week.

#### Activities for Aboriginal Week

- Activities for Aboriginal Week
- Bingo (Fundraising for the Ice Rink)
- Fishing Derby at Sawmill Lake
- BBQ's
- Sheslay Walkers arrive on June 21





## BAND REPORTS

### BAND MANAGER

Band Manager: Shana Dennis

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My Name is Shana Dennis. I grew up in Telegraph Creek, BC and my education path has shaped my life. I spent a lot of time attending school in urban centres, and 10 yrs ago I moved back home to settle and start a family. I have been in this position for almost one year; May 6th will be my one-year anniversary of being hired by the Tahltan Band. It has been an insightful learning experience and I look forward to my future with the Tahltan Band. The staff and community make this job challenging, but the rewards far outweigh the challenges. We have great staff and beautiful, warm community members. The following report will give you a brief update on all the Tahltan Band department and business ventures.



# TAHLTAN BAND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

## TAHLTAN BAND CHIEF AND COUNCIL

1 Chief And 4 Councillors

### BAND MANAGER

Overall Management  
 Education  
 Housing  
 Economic Development  
 Language Nest

### FINANCE MANAGER

#### FINANCE STAFF

Human Resources  
 Accounts Payable  
 Accounts Receivable  
 Payroll  
 Purchasing

### O&M MANAGER

#### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Band Equipment  
 O&M Programs  
 Dease Lake Employee  
 Vehicle And Maintenance  
 Housing Maintenance

### DEASE LAKE OFFICE MANAGER

#### DEASE LAKE OFFICE STAFF

Justice Programs  
 Victim Services  
 Building Blocks  
 Family Wellness

### SAFE HOUSE MANAGER

#### SAFE HOUSE STAFF

Violence Against Women  
 Outreach Workers  
 Shelter Services  
 Safety  
 Crisis Response

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

#### SOCIAL PROGRAM STAFF

Band Social Worker  
 Adult In Home Care  
 Social Assistance  
 Family Wellness  
 Justice Worker  
 Mens Groups

### TAHLTAN HEALTH DIRECTOR

#### HEALTH STAFF/ PROGRAMS

Brighter Futures/  
 Youth Programs  
 Dental  
 Prenatal  
 A&D Program  
 Patient Travel  
 Headstart  
 Homecare  
 Community Health Rep  
 Water Testing



## EDUCATION

Program Coordinator: Isabel Reid

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- The annual post-secondary application for funding deadline is May 15, 2016.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

The education program provides funding opportunities, and occasionally short courses and training for post-secondary Tahltan students. The department contributes to, and supports, community events such as Christmas and Easter celebrations on an annual basis.

### UPDATE

- Currently, the program is working on a bus run for Telegraph Creek students attending the Tahltan School.
- The program will host and coordinate, free training courses offered by Work BC for unemployed community members this spring/summer.
- Program representatives will attend meetings and information sessions on the TEFA 2 agreement.
- The Education department is participating in Tahltan Nation planning, under the Socio-Cultural Working Group (SCWG) in creation of the Tahltan Nation Education Plan.



## MEMBERSHIP

Membership clerk: Isabel Reid

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

The Tahltan Band will accept transfers of Tahltan Ancestry members only.

### UPDATE

- The membership clerk will travel to Dease Lake for status cards.
- Please call Isabel at the office to book your appointment or ask questions about status.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Manager/Project Manager: VACANT

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

The economic development department oversees and implements the Tahltan Band economic development plan. The Tahltan Band has met many milestones in the plan, including the purchase of the Stikine River Song and Marion Bros Gas Station. These businesses are being reviewed and developed on an annual basis.

### UPDATE

- The Stikine River Song will have its annual opening in May/June of this year. There will be clothing by Alano Edzerza and local art for sale. The café will be open, and its hours will be posted soon. The website will be updated with a link provided in the Tahltan Band's website.
- This year there will be a focus on advertising of the Stikine Riversong business.
- The bat problem at the River Song has been resolved.
- The Tahltan Band purchased the Marion Bros Gas Station in Dease Lake on IR#9 and will be opening soon. The Gas Station is located on the Dease Lake Reserve/Highway #37.



- The Land Code process has been put on hold. No progress has been made on this file in the last two years.
- There is a new Tahltan Band Reserve (IR13) in Dease Lake. The master plan has been reviewed and the planning will continue this coming year, with more community input sessions, and details of development of the reserve. The Tahltan Band will be collecting housing interest from members for the new reserve.
- The Tahltan Band is working on getting the school bus running for next school year.



## TAHLTAN LANUGAGE NEST

Language Nest Coordinator: Melva Quock

Language Nest Coordinator: Tiffany Beaulieu

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

The Language Nest is a Tahltan immersion program for toddlers and infants to learn, and be exposed to, the Tahltan language. The program is ready to start, but there have been set backs due to no fluent speakers being able to teach at the Nest.

### UPDATE

- Fluent speakers are needed to work in the Language nest in Telegraph Creek as soon as possible.



## HOUSING

Housing Manager: Thelma Asp

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

The housing department provides social housing programs for on reserve members and develops new housing opportunities for Band members. It also implements renovation programs by INAC and CMHC.

### UPDATE

- Renovation programs are being reviewed and assessed to gauge how they will benefit our community members.
- New housing opportunities for Telegraph Creek are being worked on for this coming year.
- The housing manager will be working on the steering committee for the new Reserve in Dease Lake.
- Please contact Thelma Asp as soon as possible if you are interested in living on the new reserve in Dease Lake.



## SAFE HOUSE

House Manager: Geraldine Quock

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

The transition house provides emergency shelter needs for the region. The program is a 24-hour service and has a crisis line. This community-based program is vital to the health and wellness of the community and region. This program hosts community events and contributes annually to the fish camp and community garden. The house is always open and community members are welcome and encouraged to visit.



## KU WE GHAN JUSTICE

Program Manager: Kim Rowe

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

This past year was spent pulling together the Ku We Ghan Justice program and pursuing a positive direction in helping our community members through the Legal Justice system. Hazel Sharko is our Justice Worker who has been working very hard to keep everyone involved and updated and continues to meet the community's needs. This past year has also found us working closely with our RCMP detachment and other community organizations. Much of our year focused on training and implementing services.

### UPDATE

- We have been working with Probations out of Terrace with our clients and making sure that Legal aid application, court appearances, and community work hours are dealt with.
- Our program now has staff that is trained in Peacemaking Circles, Community Justice Forums, Mental Health First Aid, Suicide Prevention, and Domestic Violence Prevention.
- Dease Lake Court Circuit now has a Court Worker (Les) who comes up from Terrace with the court and provides services to our community members.
- The program has been involved in working with SD87 to provide services to youth in the Dease Lake School in providing Restorative Justice Circles and information and awareness.



## FAMILY WELLNESS/BUILDING BLOCKS

Program Manager: Kim Rowe and Richard Jackson

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

This past year the Wellness Team has focused on providing services to families in Telegraph Creek and supporting events in Dease Lake such as the TNDC Christmas Party, Winters Ball, Youth weekend in Iskut and a Minor Hockey Tournament. Richard (Rocky) Jackson does family support and Men's support in Telegraph Creek, Nikita Tashoots does the Youth programs in Dease Lake, and Penny Louie does cultural sewing and teachings in our community and the school. We have been able to be much more active in the school in Dease Lake this past year. Sandy George is support for the wellness program activities with the youth. There has also been a focus on working with specific, at-risk youth and their parents on a one-to-one basis. Our Building Blocks worker Teneal is taking training in the Tahltan Language program, supporting the Tahltan Language Nest here in Dease Lake, and brought in the Aboriginal Sports Program to do training in Run, Jump, Throw and other sports activities.

### UPDATE

- Our priority this past year has been to focus on the children and youth in the communities — Dease Lake now has an after-school and evening youth program.



- The youth from Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek participated in 2 sessions with Earl Lambert who is a motivational speaker that spoke in Iskut.

## SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Social Development Manager: Richard Jackson

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

The program provides social programs for on reserve members in Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek. Child benefit programs, social assistance, men programs, adult in home care program, and food and nutrition programs.



## HEALTH

Health director: Christine Ball

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

The Health Department includes programs delivered out of the Telegraph Creek Health Centre, Rec Centre and People's Haven.

- Children & Youth Programs – Head Start and Prenatal Nutrition
- Mental Health & Addiction Programs – A & D Abuse Program, Mental Health, Brighter Futures
- Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention – Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative, Community Health Promotion
- Communicable Disease – Communicable Disease Control, HIV/AIDS
- Drinking Water Safety – Water Sampling
- Primary Health Program – Home & Community Care, Children's Oral Health Initiative (COHI)
- Patient Transportation
- Dental Program



## UPDATE

- We began January with a New Years Resolution Health Challenge to promote healthy eating and healthy activities. This was a two month challenge and focused on most weight loss, most combined inches lost and # of hours (30 minute workouts) at the gym. We had 8 participants in Telegraph Creek and 13 participants in Dease Lake.
- Dr. Candice Griffith, a Naturopathic Physician, visited our community in January. She saw community members and also delivered a workshop on Healthy Eating. We would like to bring her in three times per year to provide alternative services for our communities.
- We were successful to extend the Northern Health contract that provides the funds for counselling services — counselling services is are provided one week per month by Devin Pollitt, RSW. This will soon change as First Nations Health Authority has provided long-term funds for three therapists who will work out of Stikine Health Centre and have regular weekly schedules to Telegraph Creek & Iskut.
- Our annual Health Fair was on February 16th with a focus on Community Safety.
- Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), Angie Maxwell provided services February 16 – 19. She is scheduled to return in May 2016.
- David Rattray was scheduled in to do the Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) or ‘Tapping’, this is a technique used for trauma and well-being. He is rescheduled for May 2016.
- A Diabetes Conference was held in Penticton, March 14 – 17. Seven community members attended.



- IRS program counsellor, Sharon Moore, is attending monthly. She is working with community and at the beginning stages of working on a community project for Tahltans.
- The Plant & Medicine booklet is in the final stages of completion. We should have a draft copy by May 2016. Leigh Joseph (Msc. Ethnobotany) is preparing with information provided through interviews from our Elders and community members. This is for Tahltans only.
- At the Rec Centre, the programs for our youth are provided by two youth workers. They took the youth to Iskut to participate in a youth gathering, Earl Lambert who is a youth motivational speaker facilitated.
- Meals on Wheels – provides a healthy meal for 22 community members, two times per week.
- Nursing Services – we have had rotating nurses scheduled in since last summer until recently. Adam Pratt will be a regular nurse working five weeks in & five out. Also it has been confirmed that Nancy Norby-Quock will be returning within the next two months.



## TRAINING

- Mental Health First Aid – 5 staff participated from Telegraph Creek and 1 from Dease Lake.
- National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) Conference – Our Community Wellness Worker attended this valuable conference.
- First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) provided training for the Suicide Prevention Toolkit called ‘Hope, Help, Healing’ in Smithers. We had a participant from staff from Telegraph Creek & Dease Lake attend. They will be launching this program in the coming months.
- FNHA provided a 3-day ‘train the trainer’ event regarding Diabetes in Prince George. We had three staff participate from both communities.
- FNHA provided a Data Governance workshop in Prince George – Health Director attended. This information ties into our Health & Wellness Plan we are currently working on.



### UPCOMING

- RAP 2 Grow training — April 8, 9, & 10. This course is for those who work with children and youth to enhance their daily interactions with young people and other adult supporters.
- Pursuit of Excellence — April 15, 16, & 17. This program supports professional & personal growth.
- Men's Dinner — April 27. Launch of a program for men to increase their knowledge about their personal health.
- Earl Lambert — June 17 – 19. Motivational Facilitator for the Youth Empowerment gathering
- Garden Planting — May 20 – 30. Please come out and participate and learn more about gardening and healthy eating.





## REC CENTRE

Health Director ☒ Christine Ball

Community Development Worker ☒ Elliott H. Brown

Youth Worker ☒ Allysha Fryer Thomas

Youth Worker ☒ Felicia Quock

Youth Worker ☒ Savanna Reid

Custodian ☒ Joe Dennis

## HOURS

Tuesday ☒ Saturday

1:00pm ☒ 5:00pm

& 7:00pm ☒ 10:00pm



### INTRODUCTION

The Recreational Centre in Telegraph Creek is an environment that promotes a healthy and active life style. Our primary focus is to provide a safe and drug-free environment where the youth and members of the community can get together and play sports, work out at the gym, be involved in many of our clubs, outdoor activities and many of the community events.



### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

During the winter months we have a weekly schedule of clubs. Tuesdays is guitar club with Elliott H. Brown, Wednesday we have Haley's book club, Thursday is Art club with Cara Sharp and Friday is creative writing with Allysha Fryer-Thomas. These clubs have been really successful amongst the youth, but when the snow melts and the isolation of winter releases its grip, allowing us to do more outdoor activities, some of the clubs become less popular. So we change up and adapt and do more activities outdoors such as fishing trips and campfires where we can share stories and roast hot dogs.



## YOUTH TRIPS

Apart from all the clubs and activities the staff at the Rec Centre plan youth trips to give the youth a chance to get out of Telegraph Creek and share experiences of personal growth, new activities and skills together amongst their peers. As the youth are from a small isolated community, the staff think these trips and life skills are essential for the youth they get used to and prepare



them for the modern and fast-paced city life style.

The Rec Centre staff took a number of youth who demonstrated good behavior in school, in the community and at home to Whitehorse. These youth were given the opportunity to do their Christmas shopping, see

movies, go ice skating and many activities at the Whitehorse Sports Complex. We also have taken the youth to Iskut for a weekend to hear Earl Lambert who is a motivational speaker that gave a workshop there. Some of the trips we have planned for the youth this year are the Kluane Bluegrass Festival in Haines Junction, the Atlin Arts and Music Festival, Terrace Carnival and a big fly-fishing trip at Buckley Lake in Mount Edziza National Park.





# TAHLTAN BAND COUNCIL: ELECTION 2016

Tahltan Band members will be going to the polls this summer, here are some important dates and details to remember:

## MAY 18, 2016: NOMINATION MEETING

Location:

Recreation Centre

1A Sawtooth Rd., IR#12, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Time: 6:00pm ~~9~~:00pm

- Purpose is to nominate Chief and Council candidates for positions on the Band Council for the next ensuing term
- There are five (5) Councillor positions and one (1) position for Chief available

## JUNE 29, 2016: TAHLTAN BAND ELECTION

Locations:

1. Recreation Centre,  
1A Sawtooth Rd., IR#12, Telegraph Creek, B.C.
2. Tahltan Central Government Office,  
#13 Hill Street, IR# 9 Dease Lake, B.C.
3. 1075 West Georgia,  
Erickson Boardroom on the main floor  
Vancouver, B.C.

Time: 9:00am ~~8~~:00pm

*We will be sending ballot packages to Tahltan Band members very soon ~~if~~ if you need to update your contact information please call our Electoral Officer Fred Schiffner at 604~~43~~~~522~~ or 604~~86~~~~51~~ 2 (cell), or simply email [askus@tahltan.ca](mailto:askus@tahltan.ca).*

*Note: for the most up~~to~~date information about the upcoming election, please join the conversation on the Tahltan Band Facebook page, send us an email to [info@tahltan.ca](mailto:info@tahltan.ca) or call the band office 250~~35~~~~151~~ .*

