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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF

My Council and I are so excited to unveil, in this Newsletter, our new Tahltan Band Brand. The Tahltan Band has gone without its own true brand identity; indeed, the logos we have used have not truly been ours. We have finally changed that.

The Edgar Frank logo that we have chosen to represent our Band has always been held dear to our Tahltan Band community and we are excited and feel it fitting that it has now been adopted as our Band logo.

Since our last newsletter, our Tahltan Band Language Program has been working closely with the TCG Language Department to provide our people with more language resources.

Earlier in the year we started to record our elders speaking. Verna Vance was part of the language team who recorded Auntie Janet Vance and Auntie Margie Inkster. They recorded over 1500+ words. Such a wealth of knowledge! I would like to see us record our elders a lot more and use their traditional knowledge and skills.

We started a snowshoe-making class which has been very successful. The group went out on the Telegraph Creek Road to gather sticks for the snowshoes. After the first week, most participants were done with their frames and began working on getting the mesh put in. We are very happy to have Andy and Linda Carlick (knowledge keepers) from Whitehorse join us and pass on this traditional knowledge.

For COVID-19 relief, we worked with our staff to provide meat hampers, Super A food cards, Elder COVID-19 relief, and COVID-19 relief for those who are off reserve and in need. Please note that this assistance is provided when we are successful with funding applications. We hope to do one more call out, funding dependent.

As your Chief, a lot of my time is spent trying to assist our staff and provide support to all our Departments, from our Emergency Management Team to Operations and Maintenance, and from Housing to supporting those who are needing mental health support or drug and alcohol support. I am blessed to have such an amazing Council, Band Manager and Band Team who are doing such amazing work.

Finally, I would like to thank Freda Campbell (Skeena's Community Relations Manager and Tahltan Band Council member) and Skeena Resources for their initiative that saw eight of our youth – interested in art – go to the Audain Museum in Whistler for the opening of Dempsey Bob's exposition. And thanks to Dempsey Bob for the time he gave our kids in Whistler. As well, I would like to thank Newcrest/Red Chris for the delivery of hampers to all three of our communities.

Mëduh!

Carmen McPhee
Chief

Tahltan Band

TERRACE STANDARD

Binny Paul, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

March 21, 2022

TAHLTAN FIRST NATION SENDS CUSTOM-MADE GIFTS TO BIG BROTHER CANADA CONTESTANT JOSH NASH



Josh Nash (right) and fellow Big Brother Canada housemate hold up the clothes sent by Tahltn Band in one of the episodes.

Screenshot from Big Brother Canada

We wanted him to know that he's loved and we're watching and rooting for him

The Tahltn band surprised Big Brother Canada contestant Josh Nash by sending him big love from northwest B.C. Nash is among the 16 house guests on the game show that premiered its Season 10 on March 2.

In a recent episode, the housemates gave a shout out to Tahltn First Nation after they sent sweaters and hoodies for Nash. The 28-year-old paediatric doctor got emotional after receiving the gift from his Nation and spent time talking about Tahltn Nation with other contestants.

Tahltn band Chief Carmen McPhee got to know about Nash's participation in the show through his mother, Tina Creyke, and wanted to send him a gift on behalf of the community.

Nash who grew up in Alberta and now lives in Vancouver has never been up to the Tahltn territory in northwest B.C.

"We just wanted something to give him, he's never been up here before and we wanted him to know that he's loved and we're watching and rooting for him," McPhee said.

Although McPhee wanted to send Nash a gift, she was not sure about how to get it delivered to him. Her problem was solved when the Big Brother Canada team got in touch seeking permission for Nash to wear a Tahltn shirt on the show.

McPhee gave them permission and also went one step ahead and got three custom-made hoodies and sweater made for Nash with designs by the late Tahltn artist Edgar Frank.

"It had a wolf and a crow representing our clan," McPhee said about the designs on the hoodie, adding, "I wanted him [Nash] to be proud of our Nation."

TERRACE STANDARD

Terrace Standard Staff

December 10, 2021

TAHLTAN'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WINS 2021 AME AWARD

Association of Mineral Exploration recognized the team's efforts during wildfire and pandemic season

The Tahltan Central Government's (TCG) emergency management committee (EMC) has been recognized with an excellence award from the provincial Association for Mineral Exploration (AME).

TCG's EMC committee, headed by its director Freddie Louie and deputy director Jodi Nishima, was the recipient of the AME David Barr Award for its leadership and innovation in mineral exploration health and safety.

"The committee is recognized for creating an inclusive and agile forum to facilitate communication between Indigenous communities and industry in northwest B.C. The committee demonstrated exemplary leadership during both the COVID-19 pandemic and the wildfire season," stated AME while announcing the winners.

The EMC committee also includes Chad Norman Day, TCG president; Marie Quock, Iskut Band council chief; Carmen McPhee, Telegraph Creek Band chief; Gordon Infanti, director of communications and external relations; Jodi Payne and Ann Ball.

Tahltan members also part of the EMC are Tina Etzerza, Shana Dennis, Kim Rowe, Maggie Dennis, Natasha Callbreath, Terrilynn Nole, Peggy Abou, Annabel Nole, Melva Quock and Christine Ball.

"The AME Celebration of Excellence Awards recognize the achievements of individuals who contribute to successfully finding, funding and building safe and responsible mineral exploration and development projects," said Jill Tsolinas, chair of the AME board of directors.

The winners will be felicitated at the AME Awards Gala on February 2, 2022.

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Freddie Louie, director of Tahltan Nation's Emergency Management Committee which won the 2021 AME award.

Tahltan Central Government

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE ARCHIVES



1910s

Tahltan girls.

Stone, Andrew Jackson, 1859-1918



1900s

Cattle on the ferry, Telegraph Creek.

British Columbia Archives

FORMERLY KNOWN AS MST, WE'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE...

KĒHKE

A revitalized pathway for Tahltan Wellness

The stigma of mental health, and the uncertainty of who MST benefits, had made it difficult to reach out to those who needed support the most. It was time for a change in the way the MST communicated with Tahltans, and with stakeholders. A new Tahltan brand was created to better serve the Nation.

Even the name MST seemed a bit clinical and disconnected from the Tahltan community and culture. In order to relate more to the people it serves, and reflecting its way of working, a new name was created, in consultation with the TCG Language Department. The new name, Kēhke, means “*path*” in Tahltan.

Lacey Poltorasky, mental health clinician at Kēhke, confirms that “It was time to create a brand identity that better reflected the organization as being Tahltan and connecting with the Tahltan Nation more widely. We know that Kēhke can make a significant difference in a person’s life because of its dynamic, wide ranging and holistic services where people can feel safe and supported.”

Lacey goes on to say, “Mental health really isn’t much different than say dental health, daily maintenance, regular check-ups. Occasional visits to experts can keep us healthy and functioning well into our elder years. Just like our teeth, if we neglect our hearts and minds, we can create unhealthy patterns of relationships, self image and behaviours that can cause trauma. We believe as important as our stories are to our sense of identity, trauma isn’t what happened to you, its how it affects your life here and now”.

Adam Pratt, therapeutic counsellor for Kēhke, speaks to another goal of the organization: “We want to create better awareness within all three levels of government and the Nation for the need for professional mental health services, to improve capacity and the health and well-being of all Tahltans”. The new brand’s uniquely Tahltan imagery and clean, professional image is designed to create bridges between organizations.



To Discover More:

facebook.com/kehkewellness or email kehke@tahtlan.ca



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– Lacey Poltorasky

The background of the entire page is a teal-colored photograph of two snowshoes. The snowshoes are made of wooden frames with intricate webbing patterns. They are positioned vertically, with the left one slightly behind the right one. The webbing is a mix of light and dark lines, creating a complex geometric pattern. The wooden frames are dark and show some texture.

TAHLTAN BAND

Pictured Right: The Dease Lake School Grade 4/5 class had a blast snowshoeing out to their camp during school hours. There are also similar day trips available on the weekends.

Photo is courtesy of Maria Penner, Grade 4/5 teacher.

MESSAGE FROM THE BAND



Curtis Rattray

Band Council

Tahltan Band Youth Program

The Tahltan Band has started an after-school program in Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek. In Dease Lake there are planned day trips on the weekends and during the weeknights there are movie and sports nights.

Our first snowshoeing trip took place on Saturday March 12. The youth snowshoed a total of 2 km, they learned to keep direction, cut firewood, and make a fire. The weather was warm, and they had a good time. More youth can participate so please reach out if you are interested.

The youth will learn to be on the land in a safe manner and experience cultural practices such as fire making in various seasonal challenges and travelling on the land.

The Tahltan Band and TWILD/Tene Mehodihi has handed out parent waiver forms for children who are interested in participating in our school programs. If you would like your children to participate and have not received a waiver form, please contact Curtis Rattray at curtis.rattray@tahltn.ca.

The youth after school program provides our youth with opportunities for physical and social activities that are important for their growth and maturation. Each activity is organized into ages 10 to 14, and 15 to 18.



Shana Dennis Band Manager

Community wildfire planning coming!

The Tahltan 2022 CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Support Project is intended to focus on the development of the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP). By updating this plan, it will provide a solid base and understanding of where the communities' strengths and weaknesses lie, and will be able to build their wildfire resiliency program based on those findings.

This year's CRI 2022 program will really be the building blocks for our communities to work towards increasing their resiliency by identifying and outlining our strengths and weaknesses and the overall capacity of our communities. As well, this may be a good time to look at lessons learned from the devastating 2018 Alkelai Lake fire.

Not as an applicant partner but as a partner in community preparedness, the Tahltan Band will partner with the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) on wildfire risk reduction, community education, and building local capacity of the Tahltan people.

We have already partnered with RDKS; for example, the Cassiar/Dease Lake Operation Fuel Management Treatment project hired and trained our local Tahltan people for implementing a fuel management project in the area.

2022 to 2023 department budgets and work plans have been my focus coming into the new year and new fiscal year.

Post pandemic planning and employees transitioning back to working in the offices and reopening offices to the public is in the plans. We still strongly encourage COVID-19 safe practices, mask wearing, sanitizing hands, keeping your distance, and home testing if you have symptoms.

In partnership with the Iskut Band and the Tahltan Central Government, the Tahltan Band will be implementing the first ever employee recognition program. Stay tuned for more information.

A Tahltan Band Child and Family Program is being developed and I would like to welcome new employee Jessica Sombal.



Pictured Right: Dhakāle Hayle Gallup
at the Community Visioning Workshop
for the new Cultural Centre

ADVANCING OUR BAND



Christine Ball Health Director

The Tahltan Band health team continues to provide services for the communities and have had to be creative and make modifications because of COVID-19.

Some of our activities are: Wellness Wednesday's, FB Bingo, Community Wood Program, Spring Medicine Harvesting, Meals on Wheels, Trauma Support, Massage Therapist, Home Care Nurse, Good Food Box - for young families, Elder's Medication Program (renewal and remove expired), Rec Centre Youth Program, Literacy Camp, Summit Trail Improvements – and a plan on building a cabin in the summer. What is more, there are a few of us working on moose hide tanning and we hope to see more of you come out and be involved with this - it is so therapeutic and good for the soul.

Throughout COVID-19 we were part of the Tahltan Emergency Management Committee. Among many things, we staffed the gate trailer this past year to monitor traffic in and out of the community. Recently we handed out rapid test kits for residents to self-monitor. Our team also assisted with support for those who had COVID-19 with shopping, mail, etc. We also purchased cold/flu meds and made-up packages for homes that needed support. Sewing packages, games, were also given out during this trying time. We also assisted with organizing and delivering the meat/dry goods packages in community. We continue to hand out travel packages with wipes, sanitizer, and masks for those travelling.

We recently hired for the Sexual Assault Program, which will be providing services, training, and education. We contracted Prince George Sexual Assault Program to assist us with the implementation. We also added a Men's Cultural Support Worker to our team, and I look forward to his work with our men in community. Another position that will soon be filled is a Community Wellness Worker.

We had two staff members complete the End-of-Life Doula training virtually this past year and both have used the skills learned to assist families. We also had our CHR renew her First Responder Certificate; indeed, this is much-needed training, and we hope to have more people trained in our community.

Recently we secured \$43,000.00 for a Women's Retreat. In addition, we secured a snow removal contract for the Health Centre, which means maintenance will be compensated for snow clearing around the Health Centre. In January, we traded in and upgraded our patient transportation vehicle to a 2022 Suburban. We are also in the process of developing our 5-Year Health Plan; our planners will be at the Health Fair for you to meet and to provide your input.

Although the province is decreasing COVID-19 restrictions, we continue to face challenges such as having to cancel planned activities and events. We hope and pray that as we go forward, we can proceed with activities, events, and gatherings.

Some of the events we have planned:

May 19	Health Fair
May 23 – 30	Bear Spirit Healers
April 18 – 23 June 20 – 25	Prince George Sexual Assault Team
June	Youth Arts & Crafts with Huey Carlick
July 11 – 29	Sacred Fire Ceremony & Literacy Camp



LEARNING CENTRE

The Tahltan Band partnered with Contact North to open the Contact North BC Tlégôhîñ/Telegraph Creek Online Learning Centre. Your Community Learning Guide, Natasha Sort, is there to assist you!

Location

Recreation Centre, Floor 2

Open Monday to Friday
9am – 3pm and 7pm – 9pm



Loretta Sort

Language and Culture Director

I enjoyed cutting out button blankets for two of our elders along with headbands for them. I will next be helping them with the borders and their crests. We are holding Regalia Sewing at the Rec Centre and I am looking forward to this very much.

I have started wood burning with our youth from 7 to 9 pm at the Rec Center. I am glad they are enjoying themselves. One of the activities I am looking forward to is playing Na'ah (stick gambling) with our youth and community members.



Our snowshoe making project had nine participants and our instructors were Henry Vance, Janet Vance and Fabian Vance. Thank you to everyone. The classes took place at the Rec Center from 6 to 9 pm Monday to Friday until the snowshoes were completed.

I have ordered lining fabric for octopus bags, fire bags, vests, headbands and sewing pouches. I also have porcupine quills and reindeer hair, which I have dyed, so our members can integrate them into their beading and sewing.

I posted a Document Technician job for Language and Culture. Verna Vance has begun this position and I am looking forward to working closely with Verna and our people doing Language and Culture.





Snowshoe Making Project.
Thank you Andy & Linda
Carlick for coming down from
Whitehorse and thank you
Henry & Fabian Vance.





Heather Hawkins

Social Development Manager

The Social Development Program strives to uphold the Tahltan Band's mandate, to oversee social development matters for Tahltan Band members who live on reserve and provide support for band members who live off the reserve - specifically, to assist them to access programs created by and/or administered by the Band.

The Social Development Program is administered by the Tahltan Band under authority of the Federal Department of Indigenous Services Canada also known as Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

The general principle of the program recognizes that individuals and families are responsible for managing their own affairs and maintaining themselves to the extent that their resources permit. The Social Development Program provides financial support to eligible adults and their dependents who are unable to meet their basic needs.

One part of the program is the Income Assistance Program; this is designed to provide support for eligible individuals who reside on-reserve. The three main objectives for this program include:

- to assist persons living on reserves in maintaining a basic standard of living;
- to prevent dependency by developing individual and family strengths; and
- to assist recipients to access services that will enhance their ability to assume primary responsibility for their own affairs.

Another part of the program is the Assisted Living Program. This program provides funding for non-medical social support services. Homemaker services provide financial assistance for non-medical personal care for adults who need assistance for daily living. Homemaker Services are intended to:

- Assist clients to live in their own homes as long as it is practical and in the best interest of the clients and their families;
- Supplement, but not replace, the care provided by families, other unpaid caregivers, and communities;
- Promote independence and well-being of clients, their families and other unpaid caregivers and communities; and
- Provide respite care to the family member or other caregiver ordinarily caring for the person in the person's home.

Services range from housekeeping, meal preparation and attendant care to community supports such as adult care, Meals on Wheels, psycho-social programs, short-term respite care for caregivers and non-health transportation. Services do not include major home renovations.

ARE YOU IN CRISIS?

That Tahltan Safehouse is here
for you, no matter where you live.
If you are in crisis we can help.

Crisis Line

250-235-3113 or 1-888-413-2836

We are open 24/7

Anyone can call the Safehouse.
The service is for everyone no
matter where you live.
If you just need someone to
talk to, **we are here for you.**

Trena Marion Safehouse Manager

In the beginning of December, the Staff did a takeout turkey dinner – we made 188 plates – and all our community members were able to enjoy a turkey dinner in the comfort of their own home.

In November the Safehouse brought Leslie Louie in to do haircuts, which was a huge success. The staff helped wrap Christmas presents for the kids in the community and we also helped organize the food for the Annual Christmas Concert at the Tahltan School.

The staff also helped organize low income food boxes for some of our families, which we ordered before Christmas. We also did baking for our Elders and single men/women and delivered it before the holidays. There were also meat hampers ordered and delivered for our community members.

We continue to assist when we have members who are in palliative care; for example, we help with cooking meals, and buying groceries and supplies for the family. We are here to support all our community members 24/7.

We have a selection of diamond dots, puzzles, games, books, and quilting material. If you have any other crafts that you are interested in, please stop by or give us a call and we can order it in.

Anti-bullying t-shirts were ordered and passed out to youth attending the Tahltan School.

There were plans to have a ladies' winter camp out at 30 Mile but due to COVID-19 and all the deaths within our three communities we had to cancel it. Hopefully next winter there will be a ladies' camp.

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Melva Quock

Justice Manager

Ku'we gahn Program – Land Base Healing

Land base healing takes place when we return and reconnect to the land; where you can relearn, revitalize, and reclaim our traditional wellness practices.

By revitalizing the old Tahltan trail system, the men in our communities have shared that working on this project has helped their mental wellness and it has revived their spirit. As I was told, so many stories were shared, and many places along the trail triggered a memory of loved ones who once hunted and occupied the area.

What is more, the spiritual connection to the pristine and quiet landscape brought out the best in our younger generation, who hauled material over the winter terrain by snowmobile and skimmer, even when the trail was melting from spring thaw.

Building structures is a part of revitalizing the old Tahltan trail system and this will help breathe life back into the trail system. Having a cabin for everyone – both in the summer and winter months – was a dream of many and with the determination of a few of our men, that dream is becoming a reality. I look forward to the months ahead when the cabin is built and in use.

I am excited to share pictures when the project is completed. Pictures will help show the reconnection to the land, the reclamation of our sacred places, and the further solidification of our Tahltan way of life, that this project is accomplishing.



Feddie Louie

Capital Manager

I have updates on the following projects in various phases of development:



Economic Development:

1. **Tahltan Store:**
New or renovation.
2. **Tahltan Centre:**
The study of the costs and design is complete and will be presented to Council for their decision on next steps.
3. **Year-round Greenhouse:**
Year-round grow-tainers, which will provide fresh produce to stores and to our industry partners, was put on hold as a result of the pandemic. We have completed the feasibility study and are currently working with industry partners to raise capital. Next steps are to obtain Band Council input on whether to proceed.

Capital Projects:

1. **Emergency Drainage Project:**
Emergency drainage on IR6 is almost complete. A drainage ditch has been dug and is connected to a settling pond, which drains over the hill into the creek. The overflow pipe on the pond still needs to be installed.
2. **Emergency Culvert Project:**
The Nellie Quock culvert project will secure and riprap the culvert under the road that crosses the creek and protect the creek bank from erosion to ensure that the pumphouse is not threatened by freshet. The culvert will be replaced after freshet and when the final design is complete.
3. **Fire Damaged Ditches:**
The redoing of drainage ditches and roads, throughout the community, will be designed by engineers by the end of July. Construction of the roads and ditches will be done in the summer. This project is needed due to the fire in the community that changed and backfilled most of the roads and ditches.
4. **Dease Lake IR13:**
The final design on the subdivision in Dease Lake will be completed by mid summer and the plan is to start the construction of roads, lots, wastewater system, water system and electrification no later than fall, dependent on the timing of construction funds.
5. **Water System:**
The Telegraph Creek water system upgrade is still in design phase as engineers need to determine a location for a new water reservoir and to design a filtration system that will remove manganese from the water.

Kim Rowe

Office Manager Dease Lake

The Peoples Haven staff and programs have been quite busy over the past few months:

Keda Yaze Center: Licensed March 22 and is staffed by Nikita Tashoots.

Building Blocks: Tamara Dennis is continuing to support our families with children aged to six years here in Dease Lake and will be assisting in Telegraph Creek.

Family Wellness: Kim Rowe (FDW) continues to support our families navigating through MCFD concerns, both in and out of Territory. She also assists with forms and applications for children and families.

Penny and Carmen provide support and daily cultural teachings to our children grades K-9 on a rotational basis 3x per week, including crafts, story telling, regalia, and emotional support. We have a bus and driver who delivers the kids to and from the school which has made this program very successful. Members of all ages continue to access this program daily.

Ku'Ve Gahn Justice and Victim Services: Andrea Louie, Ku'Ve Gahn Justice Worker and Kim Rowe, interim Victim Services, continue to support all our communities.

DLWWG: Continues to support our community members – youth, elders, children, and families – in a variety of ways, including supporting Keda Yaze Center (daycare), the school breakfast and lunch program – in partnership with School District 87, supporting our vulnerable populations however we can, providing support to families both in and out of the Territory in crises, and supporting our youth with various activities in Dease Lake in partnership with other programs.

In sum, the Peoples Haven and its programs are providing much needed inclusive on-going support, funding, and activities to help meet the needs of our communities.

Penny and Carmen's support, knowledge and teachings are in high demand, and our cultural room downstairs is a safe place for children and adults alike to receive whatever support they need at the time, whether it be to learn to sew, to explore our history and teachings or to just have a cup of tea.

This program is open to all our community members and often we have members from both Iskut and Telegraph Creek drop in.

Teneal Nole

Housing Manager

Policy development and Implementation:

This Quarter I have been working to develop a housing policy for Stikine Housing Authority (SHA).

This policy will provide the SHA, Management, as well as our tenants, clear guidelines on our housing expectation for both tenants and management. I will be doing the same for our on-reserve housing program as well which should be started just before the next quarter or once I have the SHA policy completed. Once our policy is approved community members in Tahltan Band Housing and Stikine Housing will have the opportunity to review the policy. We will then have clear guidelines as to what is expected living in Tahltan Band units as well as Stikine Housing Units. These efforts are to ensure that we are running a program that is supporting our communities with their need for housing.

RENTAL HOUSING

How do you find and apply for rental housing in Dease Lake or Telegraph Creek?

Who do you contact for applications and how to you make a rental payment?

Housing Applications

Teneal Nole
teneal.nole@tahltn.ca

Rent Payments

Tracy Woods
tracy.woods@tahltn.ca

Construction:

- **ISC:** Due to the increase in cost for supplies, we have been having issues in finding contractors for the most recent renovation that was applied for and approved at the end of 2020. We are working to develop a plan in hopes to get this project started in the spring of 2022 and completed end of the year.
- **CMHC:** We were approved for funding and are now 95% done this project. The remaining work will be completed in the spring as this work cannot be done in the winter.
- Tahltan Band was funded for a youth program geared for youth 15-30 years of age. This is the 4th year running that I have been successful in obtaining the funding and every year we are able to work with youth in the area and offer support to the housing program and community and our members.

Issues:

- Regular Housing maintenance, for both communities, has proven to be a challenge and I am working with band management and our Council to develop a plan that supports housing maintenance for both our communities.
- Unpaid or late rent is an issue and not fair to any one in housing. Please be advised that this issue will be going to Council for a decision on how to proceed. Please note that without regular rent payments, other members suffer because of a lack of maintenance and other programs must chip in, which takes away from your programs and services.

What to expect going forward:

- You can expect to see more contractors in the community of Telegraph Creek working on renovations of previously approved homes. (These were approved in 2020 and have not been started yet.)
- You can also expect to see a change in the renovation process.
- There will be written notices sent to membership who are not making regular rent payments with options on how to move forward.

How can you help improve housing service and delivery?

- Regular rent payments.
- Meeting with Housing Manager to resolve arrears issues.
- Create a list of maintenance prioritizing, but not limited to, health and safety. Please submit your lists with photos to teneal.nole@tahltn.ca.
- Those deeming to be health and safety and PAYING RENT will be considered for renovations.
- Submitting requests and concerns regarding housing directly to the Housing Manager. This allows for tracking to run smoothly and efficiently.
- You can make efforts to resolve your maintenance issues that are within your means to fix.
- If you are not paying rent, please don't have unrealistic expectations to have work done in your home. This is not fair to anyone.

There is a higher demand for housing than ever; with so many members wanting to move, housing requests outweigh our inventory. We must all do our part and ensure that housing is being paid for so we can start building on our inventory and preserve the current inventory.

Dennis Quock**Public Works Manager**

My biggest accomplishment this past year was getting the Telegraph Creek Road re-opened. I worked with MOTI, LDM and other contractors to ensure the safety of our little town. The O&M crew was involved in much of what was needed when we were cut off to the outside and helped wherever they could and still did there day to day operations work.

As a new manager, I am looking forward to doing some more training and learning the systems for the infrastructure within our community. Although it is a big learning curve, I am excited and ready for another busy season.

Projected work:

- Ditch work around town to get some of the water issues under control and to help with erosion and sloughing issues that we experienced in 2001.
- Doing more work up the creek at Nellie Quock's culvert to ensure the safety of our water system.

I am looking forward to learning more and getting more education in the field that I work in. Most importantly, I am excited about helping my community and completing as many of the important work projects our community requires.



TAHLTAN BAND



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: A RENEWED IDENTITY

In order to improve the way the Tahltan Band communicates, a brand gap analysis was done, looking at the various applications and brand touchpoints. Working with the Tahltan Chief and Band Manager, and with input from the Band Council, it was determined that there would be value in exploring a new brand identity in order to resolve a number of technical issues while benefiting from the renewed energy of a brand refresh.

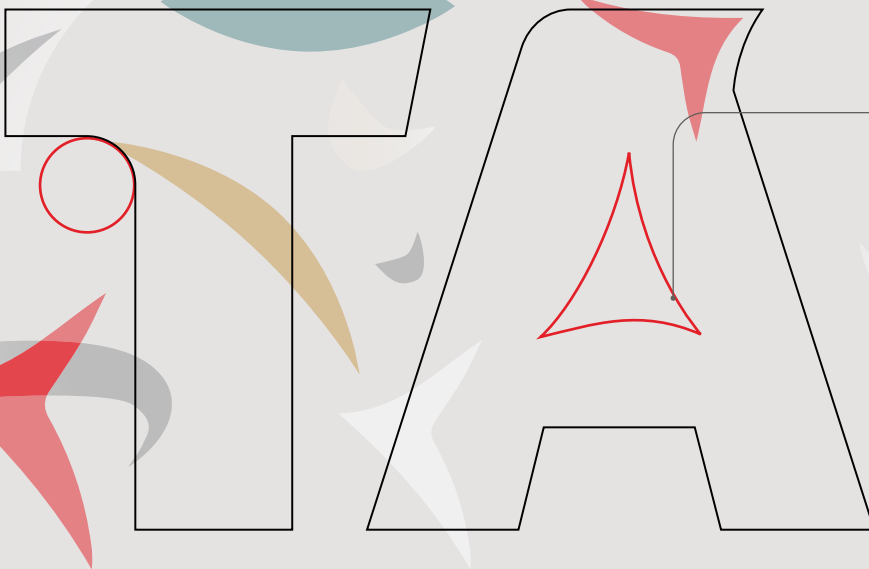
Several options were explored, influenced by Tahltan forms, and looking to more powerful typography, unique to the Tahltan band. This approach is intended to bring greater distinction to the Tahltan Band as an organization, while celebrating Tahltan culture and history.

Some of the iconic visuals that have come to be associated with the Tahltan Band, including those that were already being applied, a new brand identity was created, featuring a custom wordmark working in parallel with Edgar Frank's iconic design (see page 28).

By reflecting on the powerful artistic forms connected with the history of the Band, in combination with new typographic expressions, a unique and forward looking identity has emerged. Various brand elements, colours and treatments help to complete the rebranding and make for an expressive communications package better suited to work within traditional and new media.

“The design process has been carefully considered over a number of months, respecting the work of Tahltan artists, and we are excited with the potential of combining our cultural traditions with contemporary ways of communicating. We want to keep on moving forward, respectfully, while appealing to new generations of Tahltans and we feel that our refreshed brand will help us do that.”

— Chief Carmen



At left, iconic elements are used to literally carve shapes out of the font to create a new and unique typeform. This idea, in a way, pays homage to Edgar Frank as a carver but also serves to unify the typeface with the icon when they are seen in parallel.

Further to the identity program, a comprehensive redesign of the Tahltan Band communication materials has been completed, and these applications will be released as they are needed and produced in a sustainable and practical way.

“The new logo is just one part of the brand. It’s important, but moreover, we want to create publications and improve our outreach so that people know what we are doing and how we are doing the critical work up here in the Territory. We are very busy up here and a lot of work is being done, and we always want to be improving on the way we are communicating it.”

— Band Manager, Shana Dennis

This newsletter will be the first of many newly branded materials to be launched. Other collateral pieces will follow over the months ahead.

A set of colour swatches that are a part of the new brand identity. These colours may be found in existing Tahltan cultural objects. They create an organic yet strong palette that helps to ground the new brand identity.





Above: Edgar Cedrik Frank pictured with one of his carvings.

About the Artist

Throughout his life, Edgar Cedrik Frank worked hard and cared for his family and community—hunting, fishing and working in the mines. A snowmobile accident in 1986 resulted in the paralysis of his left arm. Despite this, Edgar continued to work, and, after a time, he was reunited with high school friends Stan Bevan and Ken McNeill, who were established carvers trained by master carver Dempsey Bob. Edgar was hired by Dempsey to paint several major commissions. The experience encouraged him to further develop his passion for painting and carving. He contributed to several collaborative works showcased all over the world, as well as his own pieces sold to private collectors. He moved from Terrace and continued his art, while fishing and working in the mines. His family lost him this year.

His brother Bob said, "...he was a loving brother who was very bright, kind, sensitive, and always quiet, calm, and collected".

The Tahltan Band was fortunate to work with Edgar's original rendering of the crow and the wolf, developing it into a central element in the identity for the Tahltan Band.



Left and Below: Carving and mask produced by Edgar Cedric Frank.

“...he was a loving brother who was very bright, kind, sensitive, and always quiet, calm, and collected”.
— Bob Frank



IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM TERRITORY

Key Achievements from 2021

Completed **5-Plex Health Professionals Building**

Completed **Nine Newly Rebuilt Homes**

Emergency Flood Remediation on IR6 Completed

Re-Opened **Summit Mountain Trail**

Elders Building Completed

Re-Opening & Response to **Highway 51 Washout**

Flew groceries, mail and people, and kept the essential services going from April 2021 – Sept 2021

Early-Childhood Education Grad

One Person Completed their ECE within the 10-Month Period and is now Graduating

Began Partnership with **School District 87, Dease Lake School to Provide a Daily Breakfast and Lunch Program** with 2 Cooks for all Students

2021 **EMC Award**

Recycle Centre Award

Literacy Camp

Moosehide Tanning
Spring of 2021

Completed **Learning Centre in Telegraph Creek**

Elder's Centre Update

The date has been moved up as the factory is working hard to shorten the production cycle.

The new finish date is:

Summer 2022

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Update on Telegraph Creek Road (Highway 51):

In the spring of 2021, over 130km of Telegraph Creek Road was affected by spring melts and variable conditions resulting in; washouts, slides, and road base failures. As part of the 2021 response over 20 critical culverts were upsized, a temporary bridge installed, 4.6km of road strengthening, and much more completed.

For the 2022 summer construction season, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is planning to continue drainage and road surface improvement works on Telegraph Creek Road.

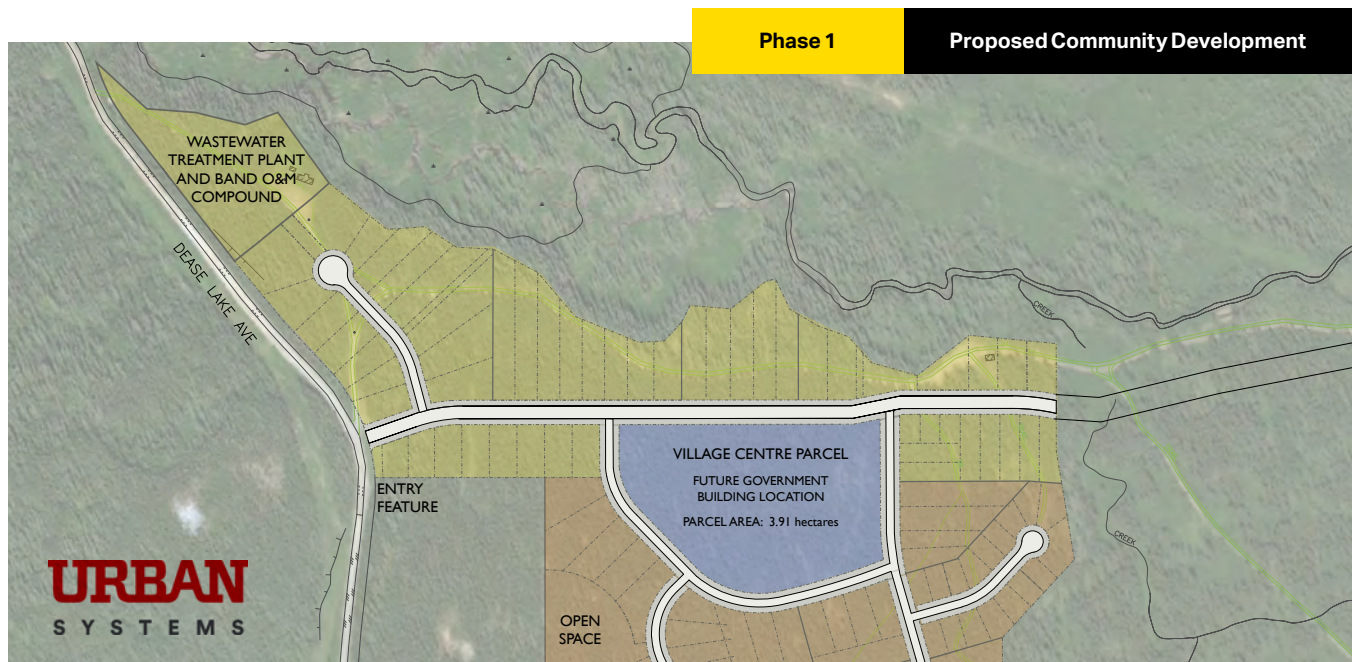
In addition to summer maintenance works, planned projects include:

- 4 culverts along Telegraph Creek Road and Glenora Road
- 4 culverts on the road to downtown Telegraph Creek
- Gravel surfacing, and additional projects with scope to be defined

Additionally, MoTI is nearing the completion of a draft Needs Assessment Report for Telegraph Creek Road.

IR13 Community Development Dease Lake

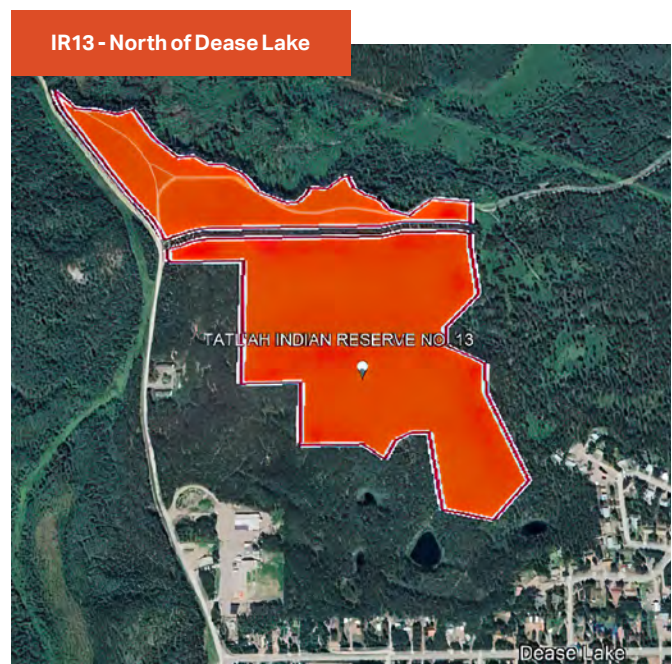
We are excited to announce that the development of IR13 in Dease Lake has received funding for the final stage of design work. **The design phase is anticipated to be fully completed in the fall.**



The proposed IR13 community development will include:

- Single and multi-family homes (approximately 80 lots at buildout)
- The future Tahltan Central Government Building
- Community gathering space and other community building(s) such as daycare, etc
- Wastewater treatment plant and new Tahltan O&M work yard

The current scope of work will involve surveying and site investigations. The site work will inform the design of roads, water, sanitary, drainage, power, and telecommunications. We are excited to work on this critical community project and we look forward to hearing your feedback on the future of IR13.



Congratulations to Gerald Quash, Telegraph Creek Eco Depot Site Supervisor!

Gerald attended the Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group (IZWTAG) conference in Vancouver where he was acknowledged for his work at the Telegraph Creek Eco Depot.

Gerald and our Telegraph Creek Eco Depot was recognized for: "Clean, Well-Kept Transfer Station/Eco-Depot". This conference was hosted by the Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group (IZWTAG) and there were First Nation's from all over the province in attendance.



The conference was hosted by Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory group and there was FN from all over the province in attendance and other service providers etc.



AME ROUNDUP.



2021 David Barr awarded to the Tahltan Emergency Management Committee

Congratulations to Tahltan Band EMC members: Chief Carmen McPhee, Shana Dennis, Kim Rowe, Melva Quock, Christine Ball, Darla Creyke, Katie LaRone and the rest of the Tahltan EMC team for their 2021 AME Award.





TAHLTAN BAND'S TĀŁTĀN TLEGOHINE/TELEGRAPH CREEK CULTURAL CENTRE PROJECT

The Tahltan Band is excited to announce the beginning of the Tāłtān Tlegohine Cultural Centre Project. This project is being developed alongside Kelly Edzerza-Bapty, of Obsidian Architecture and a Tāłtān Building Committee that was formed this winter. The project is presently in the conceptual design stage of visioning a Cultural Centre for the community of Tlegohine/Telegraph Creek, and will take between 3 to 6 years (Capital Funding Dependent), it will also take the work and championing of many people. Over the next eight months, this project will go through the visioning stages to select the building site, design the building concept to site and develop the project budget.

Over the weekend of April 1 to 4, preliminary project introduction presentations and visioning sessions were held in Tlegohine/Telegraph Creek and Tat'ah/Dease Lake, alongside youth and elders workshops, and craft + chat workshops to talk about revitalization efforts underway in textiles and graphic arts, maker culture, and language, to help understand and build out the building programming and use of the facility.

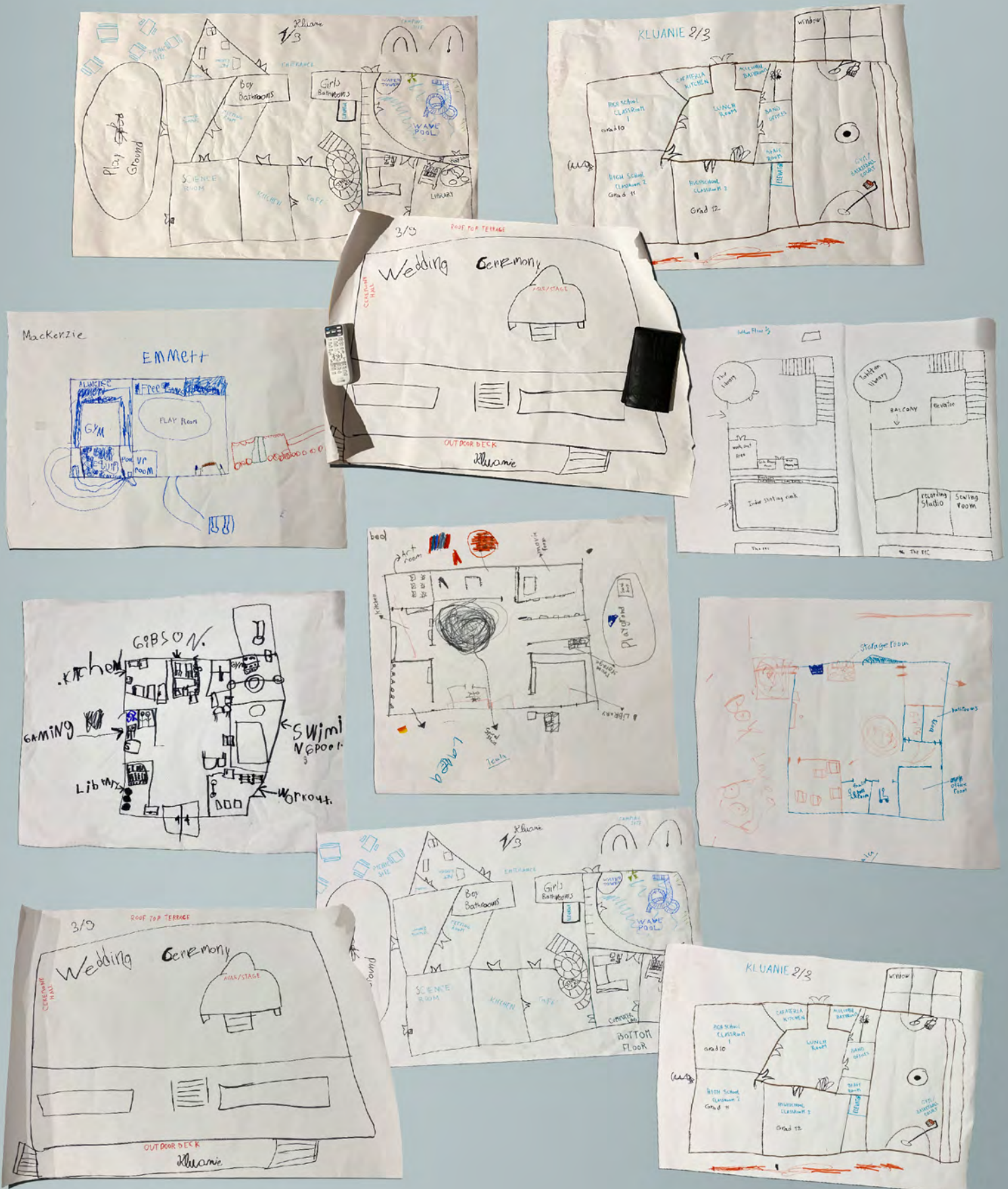
Sighting assessments have been developed for several sites, and will be posted for public review and comment. Further sessions will be held on-line throughout the project, check in on the Tahltan Band Website and Facebook and the project Facebook site [@TahltanTlegohinCulturalCentre](#) to find out more about the project, or connect with one of our project champions in person. The next round of community sessions will take place to align in community with Potlatch school programming at the end of May and again at the end of June.

We will be hiring a project intern and summer student to work alongside the design team this summer to facilitate the development of our funding applications and project coordination and communications (see employment call for more information).

**We look forward to connecting with all that have
an interest in helping us develop this project.**







Floorplans from the Children's Visioning Workshop for the Cultural Centre Project.

INDUSTRY PARTNERS UPDATE



THANK YOU NEWCREST/RED CHRIS MINE



Photos courtesy Newcrest/Red Chris
and are from the hamper drive in
Dease Lake, Iskut, and Telegraph Creek.





Pictured Above: Top Row from Left to Right: Marina, Trinity, Kai, Andie. Bottom Row from Left to Right: Paisley, Georgina, Aurora, Melody.

THANK YOU TO OUR VERY OWN FREDA CAMPBELL AND SKEENA RESOURCES

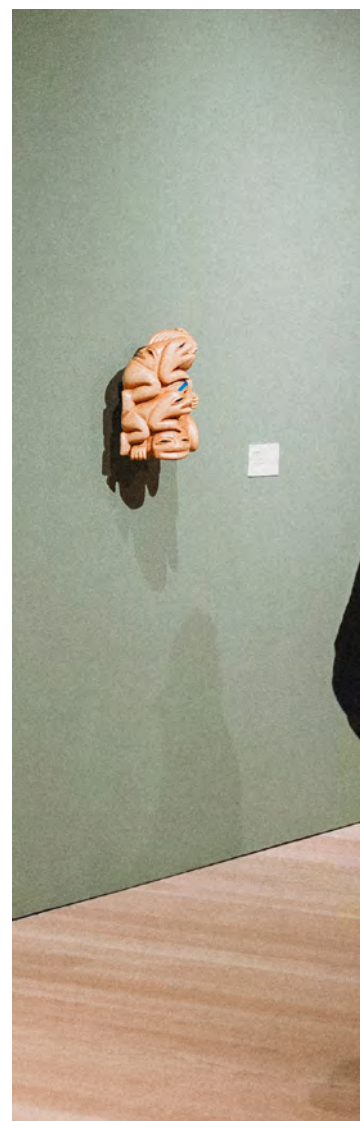
Tahltan School Students attending the Audain Art Museum in Whistler Village, British Columbia.

All photos credited to: Whistler Wedding Collective (@whistlerweddingcollective)

























In Loving Memory

Connie Marie Quash

November 27, 1966 – March 19, 2022

Save the Date

May

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- 17 – 18 Structure Protection Training
Workshop: Dease Lake Wildfire
Base (Airport)
- 19 Health Fair
- 23 Victoria Day (Tahltan Band Closed)
- 23 – 30 Bear Spirit Healers

June

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- TBD Youth Arts & Crafts with
Huey Carlick
- 20 – 25 Prince George Sexual Assault Team
- 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
(Tahltan Band Closed)

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- 1 Canada Day (Tahltan Band Closed)
- 1 – 3 TCG AGA in Dease Lake
- 4 TNDC AGM in Dease Lake
- 11 – 29 Sacred Fire Ceremony,
Literacy Camp

August

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- 1 BC Day (Tahltan Band Closed)

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- 5 Labour Day (Tahltan Band Closed)
- 30 National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation – Orange Shirt Day
(Tahltan Band Closed)

October

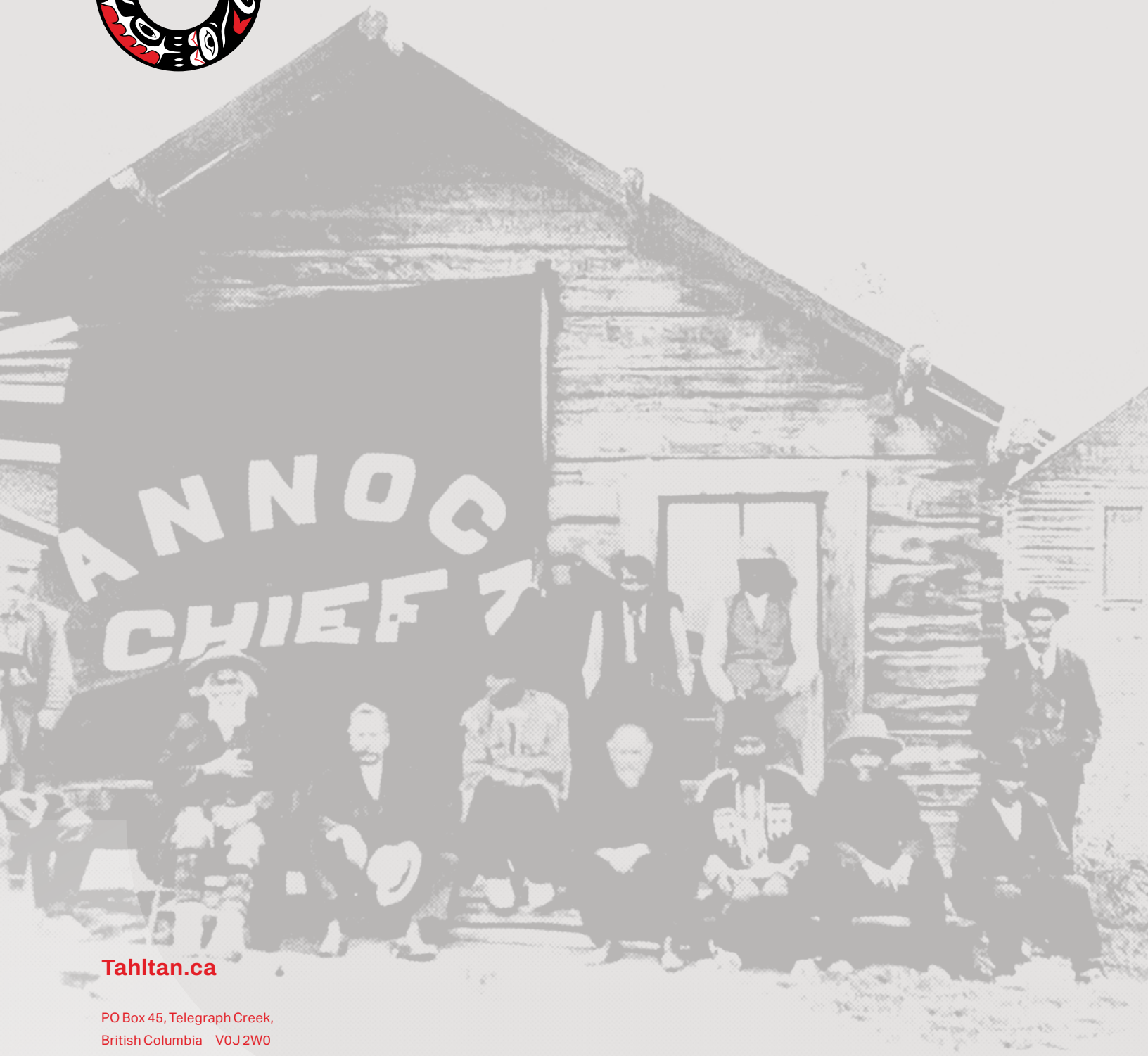
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- 10 Thanksgiving Day
(Tahltan Band Closed)

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- 11 Remembrance Day
(Tahltan Band Closed)
- 28 Tahltan Band Elections



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