

# November Bulletin

**TAHLTAN  
BAND**



# WHAT HAS YOUR CURRENT CHIEF AND COUNCIL BEEN UP TO?

When your Chief and Council were first elected, back in November 27, 2020, there was a huge snow fall that required guys working day and night to remove the snow from the community.

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Our previous Band Manager left with the previous council of 2020, requiring Chief McPhee to step up and fill the Band Manager job until a new Band Manager could be hired.

During the last week of December 2020, Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek were one of the first of ten isolated communities to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. The roll out occurred on December 31, 2020, when we received 300 vaccinations and we made sure we used all vaccinations given, including, providing vaccinations to those on and off reserve.

In January 2021, we hired Shana Dennis as Band Manager. We worked hard with the Emergency Management Committee (EMC) to keep our communities safe and those working in camp safe from COVID-19. We won an award for doing this! In February 2022,

the EMC was recognized with an excellence award from the provincial Association for Mineral Exploration (AME). The EMC committee, headed by its director Freddie Louie was the recipient of the AME David Barr Award for its leadership and innovation in mineral exploration health and safety. The EMC also included: Ann Ball, Peggy Abou, Christine Ball, Natasha Callbreath, Chad Norman Day, Maggie Dennis, Shana Dennis, Tina Etzerza, Gordon Infanti, Carmen McPhee, Jodi Nishima, Annabel Nole, Terrilynn Nole, Jodi Payne, Kim Rowe, Marie Quock, and Melva Quock.

In April 2021 we were hauling snow out because there was so much snow in the community that we did not want it to flood. While hauling snow out, on April 14th the road gave way, and we had no way out of Telegraph Creek. We declared an emergency and for three weeks had to fly people in and out of Telegraph Creek, including flying the doctor in for medical appointments, flying in medication, fuel, mail, and groceries.

Big thanks to Shannon Frank for stepping up and assisting in the logistics and thanks to Newcrest Mining Ltd. + Klee Cho Aviation Inc., a Tahltan-held joint venture with Yellowhead Helicopters. Skeena Resources + Silver King Helicopters and Newmont Corp. + Alkan Air to assist us in our time of need.

When the road finally opened, we had several washouts we had to put in all new culverts along the Telegraph Creek Road. We had 3300 rig mats (one mat is the size of a truck). The road was worked on from April until October 2021 and continued into the summer of 2022. We ended up having to put in a culvert, which is being installed right now. In addition, we had a drainage put in on IR 6, other side of town.

**Below:** Washed out road towards Telegraph Creek.





Photos this page: Mother's Day walk to 6 Mile.

## Final Candidates Notice – Election for the Tahltan Band

Notice is hereby given that an election for the Tahltan Band will be held at the Telegraph Creek Recreation Centre and Dease Lake Indian Reserve 9 Band Office on 27 November 2022 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm for the purpose of electing one (1) candidate for the office of Chief and five (5) candidates for the office of Councillor for the next ensuing term pursuant to the *Indian Act, Indian Band Regulations Act*.

### Office of the Chief

BALLOT NAME	NOMINATOR	SECONDER
C. MCPHEE	A. HAMLIN	L. BOB
G. TASHOOTS	L. BELHAMEUR	D. BROWN

### Office of Councillor

SURNAME	FIRST NAMES	NOMINATOR	SECONDER
CALLBREATH	LORRAINE	F. CAMPBELL	S. CARLICK
CREYKE	DARLA	L. BELHAMEUR	W. QUOCK
DAY	GAYLEEN	L. BELHAMEUR	D. BROWN
FRANK	SHANNON	H. HAWKINS	S. CARLICK
HAWKINS	SCOTT SR.	L. BELHAMEUR	W. QUASH
HENYU	JAMES(JAMIE)	D. BROWN	W. QUASH
INKSTER (SOMBAL)	JESSICA	D. BROWN	W. MCPHEE
JACKSON	RICHARD (ROCKY)	D. BROWN	W. QUASH
MARION	TRENA	V. VANCE	C. MCPHEE
QUOCK	BRIAN JR.	L. BELHAMEUR	L. SORT
QUOCK	DENNIS	V. VANCE	C. MCPHEE
QUOCK	GERALDINE	W. MCPHEE	G. DAY
ROZSAS	LAVERNE	A. HAMLIN	W. MCPHEE
VANCE	KEENAN	J. VANCE	M. INKSTER
VANCE	VERNA	A. HAMLIN	W. MCPHEE

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia,  
this 18th day of October 2022.

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**Lawrence Lewis**, Electoral Officer





Tahltan Band was proud to support Jamie Henryu with the walk for the children and supported him in Kamloops as well.

This past summer, we found remains of our ancestors and brought in an archeology team –with the support of the TCG – and buried the remains with the help of our elders, to make sure we did this traditionally and respectfully.

The Tahltan Band has started clearing IR 13 in Dease Lake and we are working on upgrading our water systems.

Kelly Bapty was hired and is working on a plan for a Cultural Centre; indeed, she has completed a couple of planning meetings in Territory.

**Tahltan Band is really excited about the three new houses that will be built in the Spring of 2023, as well as a new rink (weather and road restrictions changed this to be more prepared in the spring).**

**Right:** Terry Teegee, elected Regional Chief of the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations, with Chief Carmen McPhee.

Chief and Council are proud to have established a new identity for the Tahltan Band, something we have never had, with a new Brand Identity, including a new logo. We also have begun a beautiful bi-annual Newsletter and Bulletins to keep our membership informed. Our website is currently being updated as well.

Finally we had our Tahltan Country Music Jam this past summer, bringing some smiles back to our peoples faces.



**Top-left:** Kamloops walk for children.

**Above:** Feddie Louie was the recipient of the AME David Barr Award for its leadership and innovation in mineral exploration health and safety.

# INAUGURAL AGA TAHLTAN NATION AWARDS

The Inaugural AGA Tahltan Nation Awards featured an award ceremony at this year's TCG AGA, where, for the first time, the various achievements of Tahltans were recognized and celebrated by the Tahltan Band, Iskut Band, and TCG.

Congratulations to the following Tahltan Band award recipients!

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## Community Awards

### Lifetime Achievement Award

Feddie Louie

### Youth Leadership Award

Shaymus Nole

### Leadership Service Award

Rocky Jackson

### Community Champion Award

Darla Creyke

## Employment Awards

### Employee of the Year

Teneal Nole

### Manager of the Year

Tracy Woods-Dennis

### Most Improved Employee

Gerald Quash

### Outstanding Contractor

Norman Day

## Milestone Awards

### 20 years in 2017

Isabel Reid

### 20 years in 2014

Christine Ball

### 20 years in 2015

Glenda Reid

### 30 years in 2021

Richard Jackson

### 40 years in 2016

Sherry Woods

### 40 years in 2019

Lola Etzerza

## Chief and Council Awards

### 2020 to 2022

Curtis Ratray

### 2020 to 2022

Freda Campbell

### 2020 to 2022

Brian Quock Jr

### 2020 to 2022

Richard Jackson

### 2020 to 2022

Lorraine Callbreath

### 2020 to 2022

Carmen McPhee





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